



*If these walls could talk...
what tales of PERSECUTION
and DEATH would they tell...?*

Book a Parish PILGRIMAGE

Harvington Hall gives us the chance to revitalise our faith as we remember the persecution, and often martyrdom, of Catholics during the English Reformation.

This beautiful Elizabethan moated Hall could be the setting of your next parish pilgrimage.

Pilgrimages for up to 30 people can be booked for the second Sunday and Thursday of each month.

Pilgrimage structure

- **A tour of Harvington Hall and its' priest hides**
(2:30pm on Thursdays, 3pm on Sundays)
- **Tea break** 4.00-4.30
(The Malthouse can be booked separately)
- **Mass in the Georgian Chapel** at 4.30pm
(Bring your own priest)



HARVINGTON
HALL

Booking

To book your pilgrimage please call **01562 777846**

or email

harvingtonhall@rcaob.org.uk

Groups must be booked at least one week in advance.

Accessibility

Both the Hall and Chapel can only be reached by stairs.

DISCOVER *the*
HOUSE of SECRETS



A SHINING example of *the* POWER of CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION

During the reigns of Queen Elizabeth 1 and King James 1 the Catholic faith was outlawed with harsh penalties including imprisonment for those who defied the call to attend Anglican ceremonies. Even worse was the death penalty for a captured Catholic priest (with over 100 being put to death during the 1580s).

Faced with a country-wide ban on Mass, Catholics needed to hide a priest in their house so that they could worship in secret.

At Harvington Hall, in around 1590, devout Humphrey Pakington instigated the building of seven priest hides, secret chambers where recusant clergy could take refuge from the pursuivants who might be hunting them.

As a place of recusant defiance to the realm, the people who lived here demonstrated through their commitment to the Mass and their acceptance of the draconian fine system, that they witnessed their love of Christ.

They evangelised through their defiance and kept the faith alive in this country so that it could grow in later times. Their deep faith and their love of the Mass meant that they would be prepared to harbour priests which was a criminal act.

The moated property, which was gifted to the Archdiocese in 1923, has the greatest number of priest hides of any house in the country. Master builder St Nicholas Owen, believed to have been the creator of four of them, is remembered during the Archdiocese's annual pilgrimage to commemorate the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall.

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