

St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori - 1st August

Bishop, Doctor of the Church, and the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. Visiting the local Hospital for Incurables on August 28, 1723, he had a vision and was told to consecrate his life solely to God. In response, Alphonsus dedicated himself to the religious life. He was ordained on December 21, 1726, and he spent six years giving missions throughout Naples. In April 1729, With the aid of Bishop Thomas Falcoia, and the mystic, Sister Mary Celeste he founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer on November 9, 1732. His austerities were rigorous, and he suffered daily the pain from rheumatism that was beginning to deform his body. He spent several years having to drink from tubes because his head was so bent forward. An attack of rheumatic fever, from May 1768 to June 1769, left him paralyzed. He experienced visions, performed miracles, and gave prophecies. He died peacefully on August 1, 1787, at Nocera di Pagani, near Naples as the Angelus was ringing. He was beatified in 1816 and canonized in 1839. In 1871, Alphonsus was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX. His writings on moral, theological, and ascetic matters had great impact and have survived through the years, especially his Moral Theology and his Glories of Mary. He is the patron of confessors, moral theologians, and the lay apostolate. In liturgical art he is depicted as bent over with rheumatism or as a young priest.

Prayer of St Alphonsus

Mother of beautiful love, my advocate and refuge, Mary, who art of all creatures the most beautiful, the most loving, and the most beloved of God, and whose only desire it is to see him loved! ah, by the love thou barest to Jesus Christ, pray for me, and obtain for me the grace to love him always, and with all my heart! This I ask and hope for from thee. Amen.

Pope's prayer intention for August For political leaders - We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those that have lost their jobs. Amen.

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SAFEGUARDING - The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Epi Pfunde and Miss Lilli Pace. They can be contacted at sg.olol.kingswinford@racob.org.uk or sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

28TH JULY 2024

PSALM RESPONSE

You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul
and never forget all his benefits.

Ordinary B1	Ordinary	Intention/Info
Sunday 27th/28th 17th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Nigel Richards
Monday 29th Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus	NO MASS	_____
Tuesday 30th St Peter Chrysologus	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 31st St Ignatius Loyola	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Margaret Shipley Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 1st St Alphonsus Liguori	NO MASS	_____
Friday 2nd St Eusebius	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Patricia Gray Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 3rd	5pm Mass KF	Private Intention (VC)
Sunday 3rd/4th 18th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Private Intention (VC) People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Fr Brendan Carrick, those on our July and August deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Fr Cecil, Irene Brown, Christine Holding, Brian Saunders, Christine, Marlene and Tony Lyons, Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Czuk, Martha Jones, Mavis Geach, Sheila Rowley, Roger Ward, Pauline Bant, Dorothy West, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Rob Bryan, Betty Storey and Connie Birch May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections BH GA £148.00 Loose £220.70 Maintenance £115.26

KF GA £95.00 Loose £261.22 Stella Maris £20.00 Maintenance £64.05 Donation for Lectionaries £120.00 Candles £65.14 Holy Souls £4.00

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 9th September 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am Foodbank .

FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations as the need is growing.

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for our Sisters, next week for Church maintenance.

NB. NEW LECTIONARIES AND MISSALS

Thank you to the Parishioners who have donated £500.00 to KF and £500.00 plus two £50.00 donations to BH for the New Lectionaries which we have to buy at a cost of £759.00 each Church. If anyone else would like to make a **donation towards these costs it would be much appreciated.** Anyone using personal Missals will need to buy a new one. They are available from the Catholic Truth Society at £9.95 each.

Tea/coffee after Mass - Please join Fr Shanju and stay for tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday morning at BH for a chat and a catch up.

Sound system at BH The sound system at St Mary's has now been replaced . It will cost £3500 - £4000 but will be much better for everyone. If anyone who like to make a donation, however small, towards this cost it will be greatly appreciated. There is a box at the back of Church for any donations. Thank you.

VP Annual Raffle - Tickets will be on sale after Mass at both Churches at £1 each. Prizes are £5,000, £1,000 and many more.

Annual Harvington Pilgrimage Mass - Sunday 1st September 2024 Mass will be at 3pm and it is essential you bring your own chair and packed lunch. For more information please see the poster at the back of Church.

Flame of love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement are holding their annual conference on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of August at Ampleforth Abbey. Please see poster at back of Church for more details.

March for Life: Sat 7th Sept 24. Come to London to meet and walk alongside thousands of others - old and young - who joyfully profess the preciousness of all life. The issues around this political hot potato are complex but we are called to be courageous and to be witnesses to the truth. God gives us life and it is only He who can take it away. The mother's womb is one of the most dangerous places to be in our modern world and we have to fight to change that. The coach will be picking up from Our Lady and All Saints Church in Stourbridge this year at 6.45am and we are hoping that more local people will feel able to join us. Seats £25.00 pp contact Alice on 07845 706362. Check out the website for pics and videos of previous years. <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/the-annual-march/>