

SPUC FIGHTBACK CAMPAIGN.

As you probably know, in the last few months, both the assisted suicide bill and an amendment to the abortion decriminalisation bill were each passed by the House of Commons which is a devastating defeat for us. They are now with the House of Lords to be debated in either September or October. The SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN is urging us to write to the Lords explaining how horrific each Bill is and asking them to reject these Bills. Information and paper work explaining how to approach the Lords will be available in our newsletter for 6th/7th September. It is vital that we let the Lords know how we feel about these horrific Bills becoming law as they have the power to reject these Bills.

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Passion of St John the Baptist 29th August

John the Baptist spoke what was true, and died for having spoken it. Some might think his decision was extreme, radical even. Extreme? No. Wise is the better word; saintly the better description. Everyone has an obligation to live according to the commandments of God and a duty to speak what is true. That is something often viewed with heedless indifference in today's highly relativistic age, but it is nevertheless incumbent on everyone who claims to bear the name of Christ, who is Truth himself, as perfectly God and perfectly man. We are to speak "not as trying to please men, but rather God, who judges our hearts" (1 Thes. 2:4) John the Baptist understood that truth very well. He was willing to risk--and offer up--his life for what is true and thereby gain eternal life. On this feast of the Church, we recognize that our life should be consumed for the sake of the Gospel. We don't even have to lose our heads, only join our hearts to His and live out our lives as devoted men and women to our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Catholic online)*



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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 Representative is Mrs Epi Pfunde. She can be contacted at sg.olol.kingswinford@racob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

24TH AUGUST 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord
No one comes to the Father except through me.
Alleluia.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 23rd/24th 21st Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Viv Clark Sr Doris (B/day)
Monday 25th	9.30am Mass KF	Thomas Jeavons
Tuesday 26th Blessed Dominic	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 27th St Monica	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Bridie Gardiner Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 28th St Augustine	NO MASS	_____
Friday 29th Passion of St John the Baptist	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	People of the Parish Adoration, Confessions and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday 30th	5pm Mass KF	Beryl Curran
Sunday 30th/31st 22nd Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Beryl Curran Mneuter Sinobichukwu

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Ann Medlicott, those on our 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 Bridie Gardiner, Harry Brice-Bateman, Ed Benedict, Irene Brown, Christine Holding, 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, and Connie Birch May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections BH GA £68.00 Loose £221.23 Maintenance £123.59 Teas £12.78 Donation £150.00
KF GA £123.00 Loose £251.50 Maintenance £117.92 Repository £120.00 Donation £10.00 Teas £7.30

COLLECTIONS - Second collection this week for Church Maintenance, next week for our Sisters.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Monday 8th Sept 2pm-4pm all welcome.
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.

NB Mass on Monday at KF at 9.30am not 10am

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

Early British Christianity Prof Brian Ferry will be giving a series of three talks on early British Christianity on Fridays 12th, 19th, & 26th September at 7pm in the Community Centre at Our Lady and All Saints in Stourbridge (entrance from Union Street). Please make a note of these dates and pass on the information to anyone you think may be interested. All are welcome. For further information contact fr.stephen.pimlott@rcaob.org.uk

Church cleaning at KF Tuesday 2nd September at 9.30am all volunteers very welcome.

The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall takes place on Sunday 7 September. This year the principal celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Longley. Confessions will be available from 1.45pm-2pm and Mass will be at 3pm. There is free parking and fee timed tours of the hall and can be booked at the table in the courtyard on arrival. It is essential you bring your own chairs and own packed lunch.

Heritage open day part of National Heritage week St Mary's will be opening its doors to the public on Saturday 20th September from 10.0am -2.30pm with tours and information on the history of our beautiful Church. There are activities for children and a chance to listen to, and play, our Church organ. Everyone is welcome to come along but we really need someone to act as a **first aider** in case of any minor injuries. If anyone can help even for an hour please speak to Julie Bate or Stephanie as soon as possible. Thank you

Organ recital at Oscott college on Saturday 4th October, also dates for tours of the seminary at Oscott have been announced. Please see the posters at the back of church for more details.

Rooms for rent at BH - the offices on the left hand side of Church at Brierley Hill belong to us and are currently empty which is costing us around £550 per month. If anyone knows anybody who would be interested in renting these please speak to Fr Shanju as soon as possible. Rent is open to discussion and as the landlord, Fr Shanju is very friendly!

Pope's prayer intention for August - For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult may not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons. Amen.