

Education Sunday – Following last week's pastoral letter

An Invitation from Archbishop Bernard Longley

Today we give thanks for the gift of Catholic education. Our schools have a mission to form *Christ-centred pilgrims of hope*, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

We urgently need more **Foundation Directors and Governors** to help guide our schools and keep Christ at the heart of their mission. This is not simply an administrative role, it is a true vocation and a way to serve Christ and His Church.

If you are a practising Catholic, committed to our mission, and willing to share your time, skills, and faith, you can make a lasting difference for thousands of children and young people. No prior experience is required as full training and support are given.

The Holy Cross teaches us that service is not always easy, but it is always fruitful when rooted in love.

Please speak to your Parish Priest or visit the Diocesan Education Service's website for further details: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/could-you-be-a-foundation-governor-or-director-at-your-local-catholic-school> and <https://www.bdes.org.uk/governor-online-application-forms.html> to complete an online application form.



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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.

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21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.
Alleluia.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 20th/21st 25th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Sandra Fitzpatrick Tess and Paddy Healy
Monday 22nd	10am Mass KF	Jill Skelding
Tuesday 23rd St Pio	NO MASS	—————
Wednesday 24th Our Lady of Walsingham	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Christopher Wieckowski Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 25th	9am Mass School	
Friday 26th Ss Cosmos and Damien	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	People of the Parish Adoration, Confessions and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday 27th St Vincent de Paul	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 27th/28th 26th Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Denis and Gladys Lovekin

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our September 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 £46.00 Loose £239.640 Catholic Education £103.66 teas £18.30
KF GA £90.00 Loose £182.25 Catholic Education £204.38 Candles £98.63 Teas £4.50

COLLECTIONS - Second collection this week for Catholic Evangelisation, next week for our Fr Hudson's.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Monday 22nd 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.

Welcome back to Fr Shanju from his trip to Medjugorje with Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge

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.

Heritage open day - Thank you to everyone who helped in any way at our Heritage open day, stewards, cleaners, cakes makers and tea servers. It is very rewarding to see our Church through the eyes of a stranger sometimes. All our visitors are very complimentary and some come back every year!

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

Quiz night and social evening - Saturday 11th October at 7pm at Kingswinford Church hall. Please do try to come along for this social evening and quiz night. There is no entrance fee and teams can be made up on the day so if you feel you don't have anyone to go with there will be others in the same position. It's fun for all the family, there will prizes and a raffle and tea/coffee available. Feel free to bring your own alcoholic drinks and snacks.

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.

Marriage support - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille.org.uk offer courses designed to help. Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: +44 7887 296 983

Pope's prayer intention for September - For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures, which are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. Amen.