

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

There are two special opportunities to pray for vocations with others from our deanery:

Wednesday 12th February 11.30 am: Mass for Vocations with schools from the deanery at St Michael's Penn.

Friday 28th February 7.00pm – 8.00pm: Youth Prayer Vigil at SS Mary & John's. All Welcome!

During this month we are asked to pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, Consecrated and Religious life.

Dudley and Wolverhampton Deanery Vocations Prayer

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love,
impart your knowledge, understanding, and counsel
to our young people,
that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God.
Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will.
O Mary, Mother of all vocations, PRAY FOR US.

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

O Lord, my God, You renew the Church in every age by raising up priests outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of Your unchanging Love. In Your Plan for our salvation You provide shepherds for Your people.

Fill the hearts of young men with the spirit of courage and love that they may answer Your call generously. Give parents the grace to encourage vocations in their family by prayer and good example.

Raise up worthy priests for Your Altars and ardent, but gentle servants of the Gospel. Give the Church more priests and keep them faithful in their love and service. May many young men choose to serve You by devoting themselves to the service of Your people. Amen.

Pope's prayer intention for February For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life. Amen.



Catholic Parishes of St Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes

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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 Mrs Lilli Brice-Bateman. They can be contacted at sg.olol.kingswinford@rcaob.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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

9TH FEBRUARY 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of men.
Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 8th/9th 5th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Sutton family People of the Parish
Monday 10th	10am Mass KF	Paul Wakeman
Tuesday 11th Our Lady of Lourdes	NO MASS	————
Wednesday 12th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Jaison Josphe Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 13th	9am Mass School	School intention
Friday 14th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Jaison Joseph Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 15th	5pm Mass KF	George & Nancy Brownsword
Sunday 15th/16th 6th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	George & Nancy Brownsword People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our February 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 Sheila Jelf, Beryl Backler, Ed Benedict, Melina Simpson, Joyce Southall, Fr Cecil, 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, Betty Storey and Connie Birch May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections

BH GA £35.00 Loose £172.94 Life £75.11 Teas £19.31 Candles £106.08
KF GA £85.00 Loose £229.10 Life £104.53 Hall hire £330.00 Santo Nino Mass £317.70

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

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 10th February 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.

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.

20th Anniversary of the Consecration of Our Lady of Lourdes Kingswinford is on 11th February. Please pray for the former Priests and the Parishioners.

Walsingham Pilgrimage There will be a meeting at 4pm on Saturday 1st March at Kingswinford for all those who would like to join the Walsingham Pilgrimage.

Parish Council - The Archdiocese has instructed that each Parish has a Parish council There will be a separate council for both Our Lady of Lourdes and St Mary's. Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you are willing to help.

Visit from Bishop Timothy Menezes - Bishop Timothy will be coming to visit the Parish on the weekend of the **8th and 9th of March**. It is an official Parish visit by the Bishop so it is necessary to attend the Mass and the meeting that will take place after. Kindly try to be present on those days.

After the Mass at Kingswinford on Saturday 8th the Parish would like to offer tea, coffee and snacks for all those at the meeting. If you able to donate some food please add your name to the list at the back of Church next to the item you will be bringing. Thank you.

St David's Day Pancakes - Saturday 1st March after 5pm Mass at Kingswinford along with tea and coffee. Lemon, sugar and jam will be provided but if you want another filling please feel free to bring your own.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 7 - 15th September 2025 for Jubilee Year of Hope Organised by Deacon Tom Tranter. Priest Fr. Shanju
Flying British Airways from London Heathrow to Split, Croatia. Group Block Booking Coach transfers organised from Stourbridge and Split to Medjugorje. Guest House - 300 yds from church. All rooms en-suite with air conditioning. Bed, breakfast and evening meal incl. wine. Full liturgical parish program daily. Excursion to nearby ancient Turkish quarter in Mostar (optional). Cost: Flight: approx. £260 Total Transfers: approx £ 100 Accommodation: 8 nights: Single: 320 euros per person Shared (twin and triple) 240 euros per person . If interested please text Deacon Tom : 07415 211098 for more information by next Wednesday 12th. February as there are limited places and air fares are increasing each week .

Old Hill Foodshare - want to thank everyone for their generosity over the Christmas Season. The donations mean they will be able to carry on for some time. Thank you and God bless.

Non-gift aid envelopes if you would like to use envelopes for the collection and do not pay tax there are some plain brown envelopes available for to use.