

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ST MARY'S

SAT 6TH DECEMBER 10AM -2PM

Over the next few weeks we need you to bring items for our Christmas fayre and raffle that will help raise much needed funds for our Parish. The Convent is desperately in need of some major repairs which we will need to pay for as the building belongs to us. The cost could be anywhere between £50,000.00 to £100,000 or more.

Please bring:

Bottles - wine, water, squash, pop anything!

New toiletries - shampoo, soap, hand cream ,make up , gift sets etc

Chocolates

Cakes - on the day or the day before

Home made items, if you knit, crochet etc or make jams and chutneys please consider donating some of those too

Any other suggestions will be very welcome. We do really need all the help we can get to take care of our buildings.



Pope's prayer intention for October - For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions may work together to defend and promote, peace, justice and human fraternity. 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 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.

30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

26TH OCTOBER 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 25th/26th 30th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Srs Cosmos, Idika and Maureen Njoku
NO MASSES MONDAY TO FRIDAY		
Saturday 1st	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 1st/2nd All Saints' Day	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Gemma Wright RIP

Please pray for all those whose have died recently, those on our October and November deceased lists and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Michael Drew, 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 £53.00 Loose £221.01 Missions £102.77 Teas £25.05 Quiz night £65.50
KF GA £140.00 Loose £276.01 Missions £143.4 Teas £6.73 Quiz night £65.50 Baptism
donation £50.00

COLLECTIONS - Second collection this week for Church maintenance, next week for the Johnson Fund for retired Clergy.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Monday 3rd Nov 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.

Baptism preparation - If you are planning to have your child Baptised in the next few months please see Fr Shanju as soon as possible so that he can arrange Baptism classes for the parents and God parents.

All Saint's day will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd November this year and All Souls' Day will move to Monday 3rd.

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

Johnson Fund - Second collection next week for the John son fund who help the retired and infirm clergy of the Diocese. There are 190 priests:

59 over 75

65 between 65 and 75

24 under 65

Please help to look after the Priests who have given their lives in service to Our Lord and his people.

NOW IS THE TIME OF MERCY' (Part 1) Thursday 6, 13, 20,27 Nov and 4 Dec the repeated Sundays 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov & 7 Dec (7pm to 8.15pm) at Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge, Parish centre. A series of films which explore the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as it is interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the Miraculous Appearance of Mary at Fatima, the Witness of St Maximilian Kolbe, and the World-Changing Papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. **(Part 1 - 5 films) (1) God's School of Trust; (2) Behold this Heart; (3) The Suffering Servant; (4) The Spread of Divine Mercy; (5) Proclaim this Message.**

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Men's retreat, 4 & 11 February 2026

A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), who were founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a particular apostolate to men. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

Be Still and Know that I am God, 14 - 17 November 2025

A three-day retreat led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment.

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