

**Contact for Parish matters** All requests, questions, problems or suggestions should be reported to Fr Shanju first. Our Parish Secretary, Stephanie, works in the office Wednesday and Friday 11am to 2pm. Outside of these times please use the Parish email address [stmaryolol.blackcountry@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmaryolol.blackcountry@rcaob.org.uk) or 01384 274520.

**Diocesan Walsingham pilgrimage** is on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025. If you are interested to join, please see the notice board.

**Programme of Events For Churches Together -**

Lent Talks on Women In the Church, at Brierley Hill Methodist Church, Bank Street, Brierley Hill on 4th April 2025 and 11th April. Talks start at 18.00hrs and finish at 19.00hrs. All welcome, tea and coffee provided. Good Friday 18th April 2025 walk of witness, through Brierley Hill High Street, to start at Brierley Hill Methodist Church, Bank Street, Brierley Hill at 10.30 hrs, and will finish at St Michaels .

**Kenelm Youth Trust** are seeking committed Catholics for senior leadership positions at out retreat centres based at Alton, ST 10 4TT Please visit the website to apply: [www.kenelm.youth.trust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies](http://www.kenelm.youth.trust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies) or call 01538 703224.

**Prayer for Lent**

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You.

Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of

**Pope's prayer intention for March** For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families may discover a cure for their wounds through forgiveness , rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



**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](mailto:sg.olol.kingswinford@rcaob.org.uk) or [sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C**

**30TH MARCH 2025**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**PSALM RESPONSE**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you."

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

You must rejoice, my son,  
for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
he was lost and is found.

Lent C1		Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 29th/30th 4th Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH</b>	Viv Clark People of the Parish
Monday 31st	<b>10am Mass KF</b>	Beryl Backler
Tuesday 1st	<b>7pm KF</b>	Novena
Wednesday 2nd	<b>10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH</b>	Margaret Shipley Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 3rd	<b>9am Mass School</b>	
Friday 4th	<b>10am Mass KF 10.30am KF 12.30pm BH</b>	Epi Pfunde (B/day) Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5th	<b>5pm Mass KF</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 5th/6th 4th Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH</b>	Tess and Paddy Healy People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently, those on our March and April 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 Ed Benedict, Joyce Southall, 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 £43.00 Loose £225.85 Walsingham £118.27 Teas £18.22 CAFOD £3.00  
KF GA £139.00 Loose £273.80 CAFOD £181.07

**SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for our Sisters next week for Easter flowers.**

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 7th April 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.**

#### Lent

**Stations of the cross** will take place every Friday during Lent at 10.30am at Kingswinford after Mass and 12.30pm at Brierley Hill.

**Confessions** - There will be an opportunity for Confession on Monday the 14th April at Kingswinford after Mass at 10am and on Tuesday 15th April at St Mary's following Mass at 6.30pm.

**Novena - This Tuesday 1st April at 7pm in Kingswinford Church. All welcome.**

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

**Sunday refreshments** - We are very much in need of some more volunteers to help serve tea and coffee after Sunday Mass. The more teams we have, the less often your turn comes around. Could you help? This is a very sociable time and enjoyed by lots of us. Please contact Mary Saunders 01384 832053.

**Closing Deanery Visitation meeting: Wednesday 9th April at Kingswinford** with Archbishop Longley, Bishop Timothy and priests from the Deanery. There will be adoration at 7pm followed by the meeting with tea and coffee in the hall afterwards. All parishioners welcome.

**Parish Walsingham pilgrimage:** Our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham is on **31<sup>st</sup> May Saturday**, which is fixed in the meeting. *Please sign up on the sheet before 29/30 March to confirm your availability.*

**Easter egg raffle** - tickets on sale after Mass for St Mary's funds. Lots of lovely chocolate to be won!

**Hot cross buns** -after Mass today (Saturday) at Kingswinford.

**Deanery confessions** Confession will also be heard in other Deanery Churches on Tuesday 15th April 6.30pm to 8pm. Please see poster for details.

**Gift Aid** - envelopes are now available at the back of Church for the next tax year. If you would like to know more about Gift Aid please speak to Sheila Jelf at BH or Elain Gill at KF.

**Walk with Me** booklets of lent 2025 is available at the door of both the parishes.

**House bound Confession and Communion:** During the lent, Fr Shanju is happy to visit the house of those in need of confession and Communion. Please let him know if you know of anyone.