

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Wednesday 5th March to Sun 13th April praying outside St Josph and St Helen's Church, Northfield Road, Kings Norton B30 1JG. Kick-off event Sunday 2nd March at 3pm at the same Church "Turning grief into action". Talk by Adam Smith-Connor (convicted for silent prayer) and Theo Wilmot (Life volunteer) who will share their personal stories of abortion and journey into pro-life activism. For more information please contact Isabel on 07773 501712 or izzyvs@gmail.com. Many mothers have changed their mind after talking to volunteers. Please continue to pray for the unborn children, their parents and all the volunteers.

Discernment to the Priesthood - A discernment event for boys in years 9 to 13, will take place on Saturday 5th April at St Mary's College Oscott. Please see poster for more details or contact Fr Craig Szmids (fr.craig.szmids@rcaob.org.uk) or Deacon Owen Gresty (deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk)

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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.

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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@racob.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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

23RD FEBRUARY 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 22nd/23rd 7th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	John Berry People of the Parish
Monday to Thurs- day	NO MASS	—————
Friday 28th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Sylvia Skelding Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 1st St David	5pm Mass KF	Dec'd Wallace family
Sunday 1st/2nd 8th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Dec'd Wallace family People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Melina Simpson, those on our February and March 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 Beryl Backler, 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 £198.00 Loose £219.78 Racial Justice £104.81 Teas £39.63 Hall hire £50.00
KF GA £109.00 Loose £143.35 Racial Justice £74.91 Hall hire £220.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Church Maintenance next week for Cathedral Maintenance.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 24th February 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am **Foodbank** .

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.

FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations as the need is growing.

Today Saturday, we welcome Fr Stephen to offer Mass at KF we are grateful for his continued support.

Palm leaves

Please bring any palms you have from last year back to Church next weekend 22nd/23rd Feb so that they can be made into ashes for Ash Wednesday

Lent

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday** 5th March. There will be Mass in school at 9am, at Kingswinford at 11am and at Brierley Hill at 7pm all with imposition of ashes.

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

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.

First Holy Communion If there are any children not at Catholic primary schools who wish to make their First Holy Communion, please give the name and contact details to Fr Shanju as soon as possible. We plan to start the sessions for them in March.

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.

Church cleaning at KF Tuesday 4th March at 9.30am. Any help appreciated.

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.

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. Please add your name to the list in the narthex if you are staying for pancakes to help with catering. Thanks.