

Receiving The Blessed Sacrament

The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life. In receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, we are united more deeply with our Lord and with one another as the Body of Christ.

The following guidelines are provided to ensure that Holy Communion is received with due reverence and proper understanding:

Reception by Catholics Only

The Holy Communion is a sacred sacrament reserved for baptized Catholics who are properly disposed—that is, in a state of grace. Catholics should approach the Sacrament with faith and reverence, prepared by prayer and, if necessary, by the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Non-Catholics

While those who are not members of the Catholic Church are not permitted to receive Holy Communion, they are warmly invited to come forward during Communion to receive a blessing. As a sign, they should cross their arms over their chest in the form of an "X" to indicate this intention.

Manner of Receiving Holy Communion

Communicants may receive Holy Communion either:

On the tongue, directly from the priest or Eucharistic minister; or

In the hand, placing the left hand over the right to receive the Sacred Host, and then consuming it reverently using the right hand. So make sure your both hands are free to receive communion.

Immediate Consumption of the Sacred Host

Those receiving in the hand must consume the Blessed Host immediately, in the presence of the priest or Eucharistic minister. The Host should not be taken away or carried off. This ensures the respect and protection due to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Receiving a Blessing (and little children)

Those coming forward for a blessing should approach the **priest**, not the Eucharistic ministers, and indicate their intention by crossing their arms over their chest.

Parents bringing small children who are not yet of age to receive Communion are encouraged to bring them to the **priest** for a blessing as well. Please have the child in front of you so you can help them prepare.

Let us always approach the Holy Eucharist with the utmost reverence, recognizing the profound mystery we receive in faith.

Fr Shanju John



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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.

19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

10TH AUGUST 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 9th/10th 19th Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Nigel Richards
Monday 11th St Clare	10am Mass KF	Paul Wakeman
Tuesday 12th	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 13th	NO MASS	_____
Thursday 14th	7.30pm Mass of Assumption BH	Baby Harry Brice-Bateman
ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION		
Friday 15th Assumption of Our Blessed Lady	10am Mass KF (No Adoration or confessions)	Joanna Mathew (1st birthday)
Saturday 16th	5pm Mass KF	Sandra Fitzpatrick
Sunday 16th/17th 20th Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Sandra Fitzpatrick People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Joyce Southall, Fr Paul Johnson - Hall Green Parish, those on our August 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 £98.00 Loose £244.98 Maintenance £141.32 Teas £40.59
KF GA £87.00 Loose £240.75 Maintenance £94.69

COLLECTIONS - Second collection this week and next for Church Maintenance

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Monday 11th August 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.

Friday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady and is a Holyday of obligation. Mass will be at St Mary's on Thursday evening at 7.30pm and on Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes at 10am.

Fr Stephen Plimlott will be saying Mass at KF on Saturday and we are grateful for his support.

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.

Quiz/social evening at KF sat 11th October we are thinking of having a joint quiz and social evening for both Parishes on the 11th October at 7pm with proceeds being split between both Churches. If you are interested please add your name to the list at the back of Church by this weekend so we can see if it is a good idea. Thanks

Joy and celebration for the Archdiocese as St John Henry Newman to be declared a Doctor of the Church Oratorian, Cardinal, Scholar, Teacher, Pastor, Prophet, Saint - now Doctor. The Archdiocese of Birmingham is rejoicing following the news St John Henry Newman will be declared a Doctor of the Church. Pope Leo made the official announcement – Conferral of the Title of Doctor of the Church - today, Thursday 31 July, during an audience with His Most Reverend Eminence Cardinal Marcello Sermaro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints. The title of Doctor of the Church is given to Saints who have made a significant contribution to theology or doctrine through their research, study or writing. We celebrate St John Henry Newman's Feast Day on 9 October. The much-loved educationalist has significant links to the Archdiocese and has many followers. Newman (1801-1890) was ordained as a Church of England priest and soon became the leader of the Oxford Movement but converted to Catholicism in 1845. He is widely considered to be one of the most significant figures of the 19th century. Archbishop Bernard Longley said: "Together with the Fathers of the Birmingham and Oxford Oratories, I am immensely grateful to Pope Leo for declaring St John Henry Newman as a Doctor of the Church. Cardinal Newman is only the third Englishman to be afforded this title, after St Bede the Venerable and St Anselm of Canterbury, for the historic and abiding impact of his teaching on the universal Church.

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.

Pope's prayer intention for August - For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult may not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons. Amen.