

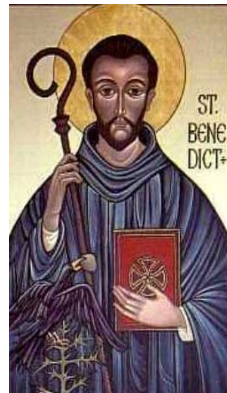
St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe
Feast day 11th July

St. Benedict is believed to have been born around 480, as the son to a Roman noble of Norcia and the twin to his sister, Scholastica.

In Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church's monastic system. Instead of founding small separate communities he gathered his disciples into one whole community. His own sister, Saint Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life. In one story of Benedict's life, a poor man came to the monastery begging for a little oil. Although Benedict commanded that the oil be given, the cellarer refused -- because there was only a tiny bit of oil left. If the cellarer gave any oil as alms there would be none for the monastery. Angry at this distrust of God's providence, Benedict knelt down to pray. As he prayed a bubbling sound came from inside the oil jar. The monks watched in fascination as oil from God filled the vessel so completely that it overflowed, leaked out beneath the lid and finally pushed the cover off, cascading out on to the floor.

In Benedictine prayer, our hearts are the vessel empty of thoughts and intellectual striving. All that remains is the trust in God's providence to fill us. Emptying ourselves this way brings God's abundant goodness bubbling up in our hearts, first with an inspiration or two, and finally overflowing our heart with contemplative love.

St. Benedict is often pictured with a bell, a broken tray, a raven, or a crosier.



Pope's prayer intention for July For the pastoral care of the sick. We pray that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all. 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 Representatives are Mrs Epi Pfunde and Miss Lilli Pace. They can be contacted at sg.lol.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.

14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

7TH JULY 2024

PSALM RESPONSE

Our eyes are on the Lord
till he show us his mercy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him
He gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Ordinary B1	Ordinary	Intention/Info
Sunday 6th/7th 14th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Private Intention (VC) People of the Parish
Monday 8th	10am Mass KF	
Tuesday 9th	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 10th	NO MASS	_____
Thursday 11th	11am Healing Mass BH	For the sick
Friday 12th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 13th	5pm Mass KF	Private Intention (VC)
Sunday 13th/14th 15th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Private Intention (VC) People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our July 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 Fr Brendan Carrick, Becky Lodge, Fr Cecil, Irene Brown, Christine Holding, Brian Saunders, 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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for maintenance next week for Apostleship of the Sea.

Collections BH GA £36.00 Loose £245.55 Peters Pence £123.95 Donation £50.00 Teas £83.84 Bank donations for June £465.00
KF GA £129.00 Loose £214.35 Peter's Pence £86.50 Hall hire £120.00 Bank donations for June £ 283.00

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 15th July June 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.

NB. NEW LECTIONARIES AND MISSALS

From Advent the Church will be using New Lectionaries which we have to buy at a cost of £759.00 each Church. If anyone would like to make a **donation towards these costs it would be much appreciated.** Anyone using personal Missals will need to buy a new one. They are available from the Catholic Truth Society at £9.95 each.

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.

New Lectionaries we are very grateful to a Parishioner from BH who has donated £500.00 towards the cost of the Lectionaries for St Mary's. Any other donation will be very welcome.

Volunteer needed at KF is there anyone who can help maintain the grounds at KF by cutting the grass etc? Is there anyone you can recommend to have a contract to maintain the grounds? Please speak to Fr Shanju as soon as possible. Thank you.

VP Annual Raffle - Tickets will be on sale from Sunday 7th July after Mass at Brierley Hill at £1 each. Prizes are £5,000, £1,000 and many more'

Healing Mass with lunch - Thursday 11th July 11am at St Mary's. We will be having our annual Healing Mass for all those are ill, infirm or in need of God's healing followed by lunch. Please sign the sheet if you are coming to help with catering. Everyone is welcome to attend along with the mini-Vinnies and faith leaders from our Parish school. We are grateful to the SVP for organising this Mass.

Annual Harvington Pilgrimage Mass - Sunday 1st September 2024 Mass will be at 3pm and it is essential you bring your own chair and packed lunch. For more information please see the poster at the back of Church.

March for Life: Sat 7th Sept 24. Come to London to meet and walk alongside thousands of others - old and young - who joyfully profess the preciousness of all life. The issues around this political hot potato are complex but we are called to be courageous and to be witnesses to the truth. God gives us life and it is only He who can take it away. The mother's womb is one of the most dangerous places to be in our modern world and we have to fight to change that. The coach will be picking up from Our Lady and All Saints Church in Stourbridge this year at 6.45am and we are hoping that more local people will feel able to join us. Seats £25.00 pp contact Alice on 07845 706362. Check out the website for pics and videos of previous years. <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/the-annual-march/>