

Today is World Mission Sunday

Missionaries of Hope among all Peoples' World Mission Sunday: 19 October 2025

On World Mission Sunday, the whole Church unites in prayer and generosity to support Catholic communities across the world facing poverty, conflict, and hardship.

Pope Francis chose 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples' as this year's theme, reminding us of our call to be messengers and builders of hope in this Jubilee Year. Rooted in Christ's resurrection, this hope has the power to transform lives and heal our world.

Prayers and donations on this day directly sustain young and struggling faith communities, support vocations, and enable missionaries to bring the Gospel to remote and often dangerous places. Together, we help communities grow in faith, dignity, and self-reliance.

This day of prayer and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love for all peoples. Thank you for your continued support of Missio.

Please do all that you can to celebrate this special day in solidarity with the whole Church with prayer and by donating to Missio.

For more information, please visit missio.org.uk/wms.

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.

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19TH OCTOBER 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of God is living and active,
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Alleluia.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 4

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
Who hope in his merciful love to rescue their souls from death,
To keep them alive in famine.

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 18th/19th 29th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Leonard Brazier RIP Margaret Shipley RIP
Monday 20th	10am Mass KF	Kathleen & Con Hunter & Julie Finnigan
Tuesday 21st	NO MASS	—
Wednesday 22nd	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	People of the Parish Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 23rd	9am Mass School	
Friday 24th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Tommy Caffrey Adoration, Confessions and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday 25th	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
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

Please pray for all those whose have died recently, those on our October 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 £58.00 Loose £247.80 CAFOD £20.00 Sisters £155.98 Hall hire £105.00 Teas £20.10 DD for Sept £656.66
KF GA £103.00 Loose £244.71 Sisters £93.68 CAFOD £20.00

COLLECTIONS - Second collection this week for world Missions, next week for Church maintenance.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Monday 20th Oct 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.

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.

Missio Red Boxes KF: If any parishioner would like to have a Missio Red Box to put aside some spare change for the Missions please contact Richard Turner on 07974-824251. Thank you.

Christmas fayre and fundraising meeting at St Mary's - NB DATE CHANGE Monday 20th October at 5pm in the Parish centre.

Quiz night 11th October Thank you to everyone who took part in the quiz. It was a very enjoyable night and people have asked that there is another one. Big thanks to the quiz master Kurt Jacob and his assistant Phoebe Jacob.

St Mary's SVP would like to thank everyone who took part in this years SVP National Raffle. The raffle has raised more than £92,000 nationally and £150 for St Mary's SVP Conference.

NOW IS THE TIME OF MERCY' (Part 1) 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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