

An Extraordinary Opportunity with KYT's Mission Team!

Are you (or someone you know) aged 18–25 and ready to make a difference? KYT's Mission Team invites you to embark on a journey of impact and transformation! This is your chance to be part of something truly meaningful. *Please see the notice board to get more information*

A big thanks to Philippine community: A group of the *Couple's for Christ* community cleaned the surroundings of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kingswinford on March 15, 2025 as an immersion in preparation for their Mission With the Poor Retreat. **We, the parishioners appreciate your effort to clean the church premises and grateful to you for your support. God bless.**

YES TO HOSPICES; NO TO ASSISTED SUICIDE

The postcards from SPUC will be available after Mass. They give us another chance to fight the very dangerous End of Life Bill promoted by Kim Leadbetter. In countries where assisted suicide has been legalised, funding for palliative care has been greatly reduced and world class hospices in our country will be deprived of their urgently needed funds. The postcards, which you need to sign and return to SPUC, will be presented to the Prime Minister by SPUC.

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.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

16TH MARCH 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
"This is my beloved Son, listen to him."
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
Listen to him.

Lent C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 15th/16th 2nd Sunday of Lent	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Sarah May Priest People of the Parish
Monday 17 th (Feast of St. Patrick)	10am Mass KF	Gilly Wallace RIP
Tuesday 18th	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 19th (Solemnity of St. Joseph)	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Sandi Boyd Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 20th	9am Mass School	School Intention
Friday 21st	10am Mass KF 10.30am KF 12.30pm BH	Joke De Wit Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
Saturday 22nd	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd/23rd 3rd Sunday of Lent	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Eric Ogden

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Melina Simpson and Beryl Backler, those on our 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 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

Collections

BH GA £48.00 Loose £ 274.73 Church Maintenance £ 109.53 Teas £ 22.00
KF GA £70.00 Loose £.425.91 Church Maintenance £87.15

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 24th March 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.

Thank you all for welcoming Bishop Timothy Menezes last weekend in our both parishes. I would like to thank all the parishioners of both parishes to make it a beautiful, useful and a memorable day with your efforts, suggestions, comments and presence. It is very much appreciated by the Bishop.

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

Family fast day was on Friday 14th March with offerings for CAFOD. Please take an envelope and return it next week.

Programme of Events For Churches Together - Lent Talks on Women In the Church, at Brierley Hill Methodist Church, Bank Street, and Brierley Hill on 14th March 2025, 4th April 2025 and 11th April. All 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.

Walsingham - There will be a special collection on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of March for the National Shrine at Walsingham. Please be as generous as you can.

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

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

Missio Red Boxes KF: These are due to be emptied during March and the Spring Newsletter is available. Could OLOL KF Missio Red Box holders please return their Red Box to Richard Turner in the Narthex at KF Saturday mass (15th, 22nd or 29th March). If you need to contact me directly I'm on 07974-824251 (Richard). Thank you.

Walk with Me booklets of lent 2025 is available at the door of both the parishes. Take your copies.

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 me if any.

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)