

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) are undertaking a thematic inspection of survivor engagement and support, and the Archdiocese of Birmingham has been chosen as one of the Dioceses to be involved in this project.

As such, all Dioceses and Religious Life Groups (RLGs) have been asked by the CSSA to share a public survey inviting survivors to contribute their experiences. The purpose of this public call is to gather information from anyone who has had recent contact with the Archdiocese of Birmingham, or any other Diocese or RLG. This includes experiences that are new or ongoing, as well as those connected to non-recent abuse, both in a faith context and outside of faith. While the primary focus is the period from July 2024 onwards, the CSSA do not wish to limit what survivors choose to share.

Information regarding this survey can be found via:

www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information/

The direct link to the survey is:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2ft0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzILTEdTWkUySjhaTlU0QURaOU05SC4u

If you haven't previously engaged with the Archdiocese of Birmingham Safeguarding team but feel that it would be helpful to do so, please don't hesitate to contact the Safeguarding office on 0121-230-6240, or by emailing safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk.

The survey is an important step in ensuring that survivor voices are heard, valued, and used to shape future safeguarding practice. We are committed to supporting survivors with compassion and sensitivity and are grateful to all those who have already shared their experience and work in partnership with us to improve support for survivors"

Pope's prayer intention for September - For our relationship with all of creation.
Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures, which are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. Amen.



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 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.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS YEAR C

14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When I am lifted from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 13th/14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Harold Geach People of the Parish
Monday 15th	NO MASS	_____
Tuesday 16th	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 17th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Sr Margaret Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 18th	NO MASS	_____
Friday 19th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF 2.45pm Funeral BH	Patrick Murphy Adoration, Confessions and Divine Mercy Chaplet Anne Medlicott
Saturday 20th	5pm Mass KF	Sandra Fitzpatrick
Sunday 20th/21st 25th Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Sandra Fitzpatrick Tess and Paddy Healy

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Anne Medlicott, those on our September 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 £36.00 Loose £236.40 Maintenance £98.31 Teas £18.01 Piety £102.00 KF GA £87.00 Loose £195.81 Maintenance £98.31 Teas £13.10 Jam and beans sale £32.00

COLLECTIONS - Second collection this week for Catholic Education, next week for Catholic Evangelisation.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Monday 22nd Sept 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.

Saturday we welcome Fr Stefan to offer Mass at Kingswinford and Sunday Fr Philip at Brierley Hill. We are grateful for their support, please make them welcome.

Today is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"Find comfort in the Cross of the Lord Jesus, who continues His work of redemption in the life of every man." Pope Francis



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.

Appeal for cakes! As part of heritage day we sell cakes to visitors to raise money for our church repairs. If you can donate any homemade cakes or shop bought ones please bring them next Saturday morning to St Mary's. Thanks

Early British Christianity Prof Brian Ferry will be giving a series of three talks on early British Christianity on Fridays 12th, 19th, & 26th September at 7pm in the Community Centre at Our Lady and All Saints in Stourbridge (entrance from Union Street). Please make a note of these dates and pass on the information to anyone you think may be interested. All are welcome. For further information contact fr.stephen.pimlott@rcaob.org.uk

Heritage open day part of National Heritage week St Mary's will be opening its doors to the public on Saturday 20th September from 10.0am -2.30pm with tours and information on the history of our beautiful Church. There are activities for children and a chance to listen to, and play, our Church organ. Everyone is welcome to come along but we really need someone to act as a **first aider** in case of any minor injuries. If anyone can help even for an hour please speak to Julie Bate or Stephanie as soon as possible. Thank you

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.

Marriage support - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille.org.uk offer courses designed to help. Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: +44 7887 296 983