

**From Bishop Timothy:** "I would like to express my gratitude to you and to the parishioners of Brierley Hill and Kingswinford, for the kind welcome I received on my recent Parish Visitation. I was grateful for the participation in the weekend Visitation of so many dedicated parishioners. It was good to celebrate Mass in both parishes, to pray with the People of God and to meet and speak with so many people in the two parish meetings and socially after Mass. I look forward to returning to Kingswinford for the Closing Event of the Parish Visitation on the evening of Wednesday 9th April. With best wishes and prayers, Bishop Timothy "

**Closing Deanery Visitation meeting:** Wednesday 9th April at Kingswinford with Archbishop Longley, Bishop Timothy and priests from the Deanery. There will be adoration at 7pm followed by the meeting with tea and coffee in the hall afterwards.

**Kenelm Youth Trust** are seeking committed Catholics for senior leadership positions at our retreat centres based at Alton, ST 10 4TT

Please visit our website to apply: [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies.html](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies.html) or call to discuss with us on 01538 703 224.

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

### Contact for Parish matters

All requests, questions, problems or suggestions should be reported to Fr Shanju first. Our Parish Secretary, Stephanie, works in the office Wednesday and Friday 11am to 2pm. Outside of these times please use the Parish email address [stmarylol.blackcountry@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmarylol.blackcountry@rcaob.org.uk) thank you

**Pope's prayer intention for March** For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families may discover a cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



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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@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.olol.kingswinford@rcaob.org.uk) or [sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

### 23RD MARCH 2025

#### PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God.

Repent, says the Lord

For the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks, it says the Lord, the water I shall give shall become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Lent C1		Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 22nd/23rd</b> <b>3rd Sunday of</b> <b>Lent</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b>	People of the Parish Eric Ogden
Monday 24th	<b>12.45pm Funeral Mass</b> <b>KF</b>	Melina Simpson
Tuesday 25th Annunciation of the Lord	<b>2pm Funeral Mass KF</b>	Beryl Backler
Wednesday 26th	<b>10am Mass BH</b> <b>10.30am-11am BH</b>	Madge Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 27th	<b>9am Mass School</b>	
Friday 28th	<b>10am Mass KF</b> <b>10.30am KF</b> <b>12.30pm BH</b>	The Lees family Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
Saturday 29th	<b>5pm Mass KF</b>	Viv Clark
<b>Sunday 29th/28th</b> <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b>	Viv Clark People of the Parish

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 grant them hope and healing.

#### Collections

BH GA £43.00 Loose £277.75 CAFOD £120.87 Teas £21.46 Hall hire £50.00  
KF GA £139.00 Loose £273.80 CAFOD £181.07

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Walsingham next week for our Sisters.

**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.**

#### Lent

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

**Tea/coffee after Mass** - Please join Fr Shanju and stay for tea and coffee after Mass on Saturday evening at KF and on Sunday morning at BH for a chat and a catch up.

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

**Confirmation Commitment Mass last Sunday 16th March** thank you and congratulations to the children, parents and their teachers for attending this Mass as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers

**Easter egg raffle** - tickets on sale after Mass for St Mary's funds. Lots of lovely chocolate to be won!

**Walsingham** - There will be a special collection this weekend for the National Shrine at Walsingham. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

**Hot cross buns** -after Mass on Saturday 29th March at Kingswinford. Please add your name to the list in the Narthex if you will be staying to help with catering. Thank you

**Missio Red Boxes KF:** These are due to be emptied during March and the Spring Newsletter is available. Could Missio Red Box holders please return their Red Box to Richard Turner in the Narthex at KF Saturday mass (15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 him know if you know of anyone.

#### **Programme of Events For Churches Together** -

Lent Talks on Women In the Church, at Brierley Hill Methodist Church, Bank Street, Brierley Hill on 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 .