

A Gentle Reminder: Reverence in the Church and involvement in the Parish

Dear Parishioners,

1. As we come together in worship, we kindly ask everyone to **observe silence inside the church**, especially before and after the service. This time is sacred for personal prayer and reflection, and your quiet presence allows others to have the space to connect with God. Let's be mindful of each other and create a peaceful atmosphere for all. All friendly chat and other matters can be done in the narthex.
2. I kindly ask that you please enter the church and **occupy the available seats** rather than sitting or standing in the narthex. This not only enhances your experience and participation in the service but also helps maintain a safe and comfortable environment for all, in line with health and safety guidelines. By sitting inside, you will be able to engage more fully in the prayers and worship, while also supporting our efforts to ensure a safe and orderly space for everyone. **Coming before the service starts** will help you to find suitable seats for you.
- 3. We are **seeking volunteers** to help with various church activities. Your time and talents are deeply appreciated and vital in supporting our community. We invite you to consider volunteering in the following areas:
 - **Church Cleaning** – Help maintain the beauty and cleanliness of our sacred space.
 - **Money Collection** – Assist with the collection during services.
 - **Tea Serving** – Join us in serving tea and refreshments after the service.
 - **Readers** – Lend your voice by reading Scripture during Mass.
 - **Choir** – Share your musical gifts by joining the choir and enriching our worship.
 - **Flower arranging** - Decorate the Church with flowers as simple as a vase

If you are interested in volunteering, **please reach out to me**. Your involvement makes a meaningful difference!

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Fr Shanju John

Parish Priest.



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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

6TH APRIL 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

What great deeds the Lord worked for us!

Indeed, we were glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart,
for I am gracious and merciful.

Glory, to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you, From now on, sin no more.

Lent C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 5th/6th 5th Sunday of Lent	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Tess and Paddy Healy
Monday 7th	10am Mass KF	Melina Simpson (B/day)
Tuesday 8th	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 9th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Sandi Gorten Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 10th	9am Mass School	
Friday 11th	10am Mass KF 10.30am KF 12.30pm BH	Dr Jane Houghton Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
Saturday 12th	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 12th/13th Palm Sunday	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Mike Skelding

Please pray for all those whose have died recently, those on our April 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 £38.00 Loose £226.50 Sisters £137.12 Hall hire £60.00 Candles £108.80
 KF 22/3 GA £77.00 Loose £305.80 Walsingham £102.32 CAFOD £32.00 Hall hire £80.00
 Donation £30.00
 31/3 GA £104.00 Loose £292.95 Sisters £80.04 CAFOD £20.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Easter flowers., net week for Church Maintenance.

Mass for Married Couples - St Chad's Cathedral Sat 3rd May - see poster for details and register by 13th April

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 7th April 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.

Confessions - There will be an opportunity for Confession on Monday the 14th April at Kingswinford after Mass at 10am and on Tuesday 15th April at St Mary's following Mass at 6.30pm. Confession will also be heard in other **Deanery Churches** on this day please see poster for details.

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.

Today at St Mary's we welcome the children from our school who will make their commitment promises to prepare for their First Holy Communion. Please make them and their families welcome and keep them in your prayers

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

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.

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Please take a copy and pray the Chaplet for nine days. Divine mercy Sunday is the 27th April

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday 12th/13th April - Both Masses will start in the Parish hall and we will process into Church with our palms.

Sat 5pm Kingswinford

Sunday 9.45am Brierley Hill

Monday 14th April 10am Mass KF followed by confessions

Tuesday 15th April 6.30pm Mass BH with Adoration and confessions until 8pm

Wednesday 16th April - No Mass

Triduum

Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Last supper 7.30pm Kingswinford

Good Friday - Solemn Liturgy 3pm Brierley Hill

Stations of the Cross 7pm Kingswinford

Easter Vigil 6pm Kingswinford

7.30pm Brierley Hill

Easter Sunday 9am Mass at Kingswinford

10.30am Mass at Brierley Hill