

SPUC FIGHTBACK CAMPAIGN. As you probably know, in the last few months, both the assisted suicide bill and an amendment to the abortion decriminalisation bill were each passed by the House of Commons which is a devastating defeat for us. They are now with the House of Lords to be debated in either September or October. The SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN is urging us to write to the Lords explaining how horrific each Bill is and asking them to reject these Bills. Information and paper work explaining how to approach the Lords will be available in our newsletter for 6th/7th September. It is vital that we let the Lords know how we feel about these horrific Bills becoming law as they have the power to reject these Bills.

JUBILEE WALK Jubilee Walk - 13th September On Saturday 13th September there will be a 14 mile pilgrimage walk from St Chad's Cathedral to the Shrine of Blessed (soon to be saint) Carlo Acutis at St Michaels Church, Penn. With moments of prayer, reflection and conversation, join us for our pilgrimage walk as we journey together as Pilgrims of Hope. Anyone sign up to be a part of this day. On arrival at St Michael's Church there will be the celebration of Mass with Bishop Timothy so, even if you are not able to join for the walk you are more than welcome to join for Mass to celebrate this Jubilee year together. If 14 miles is a little too far, you are able to join us at our half way point in Tipton. For more information contact Kenelm Youth trust.

St Gregory the Great, Pope
Feast day 5th September

Born 504 he was a prefect of Rome and later a monk. He unified the Liturgy of the Church and compiled the Gregorian Chant, named after him. He sent missionaries to England, said to have been inspired by the sight of fair haired Anglo-Saxon youths on sale as slaves in the Roman market place. He wrote many works on morals and Dogma and died in 604.

St Gregory, pray for us.



**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.

22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

31ST AUGUST 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord
that you keep for those who fear you.

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 30th/31st 22nd Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Beryl Curran Mneuter Sinobichukwu
Monday 1st	10am Mass KF	People of the Parish
Tuesday 2nd	7pm KF	Novena
Wednesday 3rd	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Mike and Sylvia Skelding Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 4th	NO MASS	—————
Friday 5th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF 6.30pm BH 7pm Keralan Mass BH	Private Intention (CS) Adoration, Confessions and Divine Mercy Chaplet Adoration
Saturday 6th	5pm Mass KF	McCloskey family
Sunday 6th/7th 23rd Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	McCloskey family People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Ann Medicott, 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 £58.00 Loose £241.57 Maintenance £133.33 Teas £16.75 Donation for roof £150.00
KF GA £131.00 Loose £274.41 Maintenance £179.58 Donation £100.00 Teas £9.20

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Monday 8th 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.

COLLECTIONS - Second collection this week for our Sisters, next week for maintenance.

NB Novena on Tuesday at 7pm at Kingswinford Church all welcome

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.

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

Church cleaning at KF Tuesday 2nd September at 9.30am all volunteers very welcome.

The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall takes place on Sunday 7 September. This year the principal celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Longley. Confessions will be available from 1.45pm-2pm and Mass will be at 3pm. There is free parking and fee timed tours of the hall and can be booked at the table in the courtyard on arrival. It is essential you bring your own chairs and own packed lunch.

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.

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.