

Friday is the Memorial of the Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.

“O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. Thou knowest our misery and our weakness. O Thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.



Jesus has confided to thee the treasure of His Grace, and through Thee He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, thy children come to Thee as their hope.

We recognize thy Queenship and ardently desire thy triumph. We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart. Thou art for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life. In thy clemency obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need.



Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, Thou Who didst crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Saviour, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen. Amen.”



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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.

20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

17TH AUGUST 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

Lord, make haste to help me!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 16th/17th 19th Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Nigel Richards
Monday 18th	10am Mass KF	Tony Rylands
Tuesday 19th	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 20th St Bernard, Abbot	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Dec'd Saunders family Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 21st St Pius, X	NO MASS	_____
Friday 22nd Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Private Intention (CS) Adoration, Confessions and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday 23rd St John Wall	5pm Mass KF	Viv Clark
Sunday 23rd/24th 21st Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Viv Clark People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Ann Medlicote, Fr Tony Rohan - Redditch Parish, those on our August 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 £216.00 Maintenance £130.58 Teas £14.45
KF GA £120.00 Loose £275.17 Maintenance £77.43 Hall hire £40.00 Teas £11.50

COLLECTIONS - Second collection this week and next for Church Maintenance

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.

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.

Summer fayre and raffle - a big thank you to everyone who supported our summer fayre and raffle at St Mary's. We raised £1300 a big help towards ongoing repair costs and bills

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

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. A perfect opportunity to share in the Pilgrims of hope journey as that we are marking this year across the world.

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.

Rooms for rent at BH - the offices on the left hand side of Church at Brierley Hill belong to us and are currently empty which is costing us around £550 per month. If anyone knows anybody who would be interested in renting these please speak to Fr Shanju as soon as possible. Rent is open to discussion and as the landlord, Fr Shanju is very friendly!

Pope's prayer intention for August - For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult may not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons. Amen.