

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

There are two special opportunities to pray for vocations with others from our deanery:

Wednesday 12th February 11.30 am: Mass for Vocations with schools from the deanery at St Michael's Penn. Friday 28th February 7.00pm – 8.00pm: Youth Prayer Vigil at SS Mary & John's. All Welcome! During this month we are asked to pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, Consecrated and Religious life.

Dudley and Wolverhampton Deanery Vocations Prayer:

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love,
impart your knowledge, understanding, and counsel
to our young people,
that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God.
Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will.
O Mary, Mother of all vocations, PRAY FOR US.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Wednesday 5th March to Sun 13th April praying outside St Josphe and St Helen's Church, Northfield Road, Kings Norton B30 1JG. Kick-off event Sunday 2nd March at 3pm at the same Church "Turning grief into action". Talk by Adam Smith-Connor (convicted for silent prayer) and Theo Wilmot (Life volunteer) who will share their personal stories of abortion and journey into pro-life activism. For more information please contact Isabel on 07773 501712 or izzyvs@gmail.com. Many mothers have changed their mind after talking to volunteers. Please continue to pray for the unborn children, their parents and all the volunteers.

Pope's prayer intention for February For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life. 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 Representatives are Mrs Epi Pfunde and Mrs Lilli Brice-Bateman. They can be contacted at sg.olol.kingswinford@rcaob.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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

16TH FEBRUARY 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,
for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 15th/16th 6th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	George & Nancy Brownsword People of the Parish
Monday 17th	10am Mass KF 1.30pm Funeral BH	Jaison Joseph Barkat Ali
Tuesday 18th	NO MASS	—————
Wednesday 19th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Betty Storey Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 20th	NO MASS	—————
Friday 21st St Peter Damian	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Brian Curran RIP Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 22nd Chair of St Peter	5pm Mass KF	John Berry
Sunday 22nd/23rd 7th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	John Berry People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our February 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 Beryl Backler, Ed Benedict, Melina Simpson, 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 £56.00 Loose £165.27 Sisters £146.53 Bank payments for Jan £261.25
KF GA £130.00 Loose £214.75 Sisters £95.00 Hall hire £200.00 Bank payments for Jan £323.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Racial Justice next week for Church Maintenance.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 24th February 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.

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

Walsingham Pilgrimage There will be a meeting at 4pm on Saturday 1st March at Kingswinford for all those who would like to join the Walsingham Pilgrimage.

Parish Council - The Archdiocese has instructed that each Parish has a Parish council There will be a separate council for both Our Lady of Lourdes and St Mary's. Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you are willing to help.

Visit from Bishop Timothy Menezes - Bishop Timothy will be coming to visit the Parish on the weekend of the **8th and 9th of March**. It is an official Parish visit by the Bishop so it is necessary to attend the Mass and the meeting that will take place after. Kindly try to be present on those days.

After the Mass at Kingswinford on Saturday 8th the Parish would like to offer tea, coffee and snacks for all those at the meeting. If you able to donate some food please add your name to the list at the back of Church next to the item you will be bringing. Thank you.

St David's Day Pancakes - Saturday 1st March after 5pm Mass at Kingswinford along with tea and coffee. Lemon, sugar and jam will be provided but if you want another filling please feel free to bring your own. Please add your name to the list in the narthex if you are staying for pancakes to help with catering. Thanks.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 7 - 15th September 2025 for Jubilee Year of Hope Organised by Deacon Tom Tranter. Priest Fr. Shanju

Flying British Airways from London Heathrow to Split, Croatia. Group Block Booking Coach transfers organised from Stourbridge and Split to Medjugorje. Guest House - 300 yds from church. All rooms en-suite with air conditioning. Bed, breakfast and evening meal incl. wine. Full liturgical parish program daily. Excursion to nearby ancient Turkish quarter in Mostar (optional). Cost: Flight: approx. £260 Total Transfers: approx £ 100 Accommodation: 8 nights: Single: 320 euros per person Shared (twin and triple) 240 euros per person . If interested please text Deacon Tom : 07415 211098 for more information by next Wednesday 12th. February as there are limited places and air fares are increasing each week .

Non-gift aid envelopes if you would like to use envelopes for the collection and do not pay tax there are some plain brown envelopes available for to use.

Discernment to the Priesthood - A discernment event for boys in years 9 to 13, will take place on Saturday 5th April at St Mary's College Oscott. Please see poster for more details or contact Fr Craig Szmids (fr.craig.szmids@rcaob.org.uk) or Deacon Owen Gresty (deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk)