

### CAR PARKING AT KF

Please note that we do not have any agreement to park on Summerhill Surgery car park and parishioners must not park there. If the front car park is full please try around the back of Church as these spaces are usually empty on a Saturday evening. Thank you .

### Transfiguration of Our Lord

Today, the liturgy invites us to focus our gaze on this mystery of light. On the transfigured face of Jesus, a ray of light which he held within shines forth. This same light was to shine on Christ's face on the day of the resurrection. In this sense, the Transfiguration appears as a foretaste of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration invites us to open the eyes of our hearts to the mystery of God's light, present throughout salvation history. At the beginning of creation, the Almighty had already said: "Fiat lux' -- let there be light!" (Genesis 1:2), and the light was separated from the darkness. Like the other created things, light is a sign that reveals something of God: It is, as it were, a reflection of his glory which accompanies its manifestations. When God appears, "his brightness was like the light, rays flashed from his hand" (Hebrews 3:3ff.).

Light, it is said in the psalms, is the mantle with which God covers himself (cf. Psalm 104:2). In the New Testament, it is Christ who constitutes the full manifestation of God's light. His Resurrection defeated the power of the darkness of evil forever. With the Risen Christ, truth and love triumph over deceit and sin. In him, God's light henceforth illumines definitively human life and the course of history: "I am the light of the world," he says in the Gospel, "he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).



In our time too, we urgently need to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the children of light! (*Pope Benedict*)

### **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 Miss Lilli Pace. They can be contacted at [sg.lol.kingswinford@racob.org.uk](mailto:sg.lol.kingswinford@racob.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.

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B**

**25TH FEBRUARY 2024**

#### **PSALM RESPONSE**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:  
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
Listen to him.

Lent B1	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
Sunday 24th/25th 2nd Sunday of Lent	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Alan McCormack People of the Parish
Monday 26th	NO MASS	_____
Tuesday 27th	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 28th	10am Mass BH 10.30am –11am BH	Sylvia Skelding Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 29th	9am Mass School	School intention
Friday 1st March	10am Mass KF 10.30am KF 12.30pm BH 6.30pm BH 7pm BH	Sadie Murphy Group Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross Adoration Keralan Mass
Saturday 2nd	5pm Mass KF	Dec'd Wallace Family
Sunday 2nd/3rd 3rd Sunday of Lent	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Dec'd Wallace Family People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Frances D'Aubrey, those on our February and 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 Irene Brown, Christine Holding, Brian Saunders, Christine, Marlene and Tony Lyons, Deacon John Brindley, 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 £25.00 Loose £143.65 Sisters £96.62 Teas £17.34 Papers £8.50 Hall hire £30.00  
KF 11/2 GA £138.00 Loose £283.71 Life £75.38 Baptism £80.00  
18/2 GA £115.00 Loose £227.55 Sisters £74.10 Scarves £210.00

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 4th Mar 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

**Each Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at KF at 10.30am and at BH at 12.30pm**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for CAFOD next week for Cathedral Maintenance**

**NB: NO MASS ON MONDAY AT KF**

**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. No teas at KF until further notice.

**Easter egg raffle**— for funds at BH to replace a wall that is in danger of collapse. Tickets £1 a strip with lots of Easter eggs to be won. Please buy some if you can. The wall will cost over £4000 so every little bit helps.

**Lent Course** - run by Churches together begins on Friday 23rd February 2024 at 6pm at Brierley Hill Methodist Church, and will run for five weeks. The topic is The Gift of Christ. Everybody is welcome.

**Neck scarves for sale** Teresa from KF has knitted some beautiful woollen continuous neck scarves, ideal for the cold weather. These are being sold for Church funds at £5.

**Thank you** to those who bought scarves at KF, this has raised £210 for Church funds.

**Choir practice at KF** - will recommence at 4pm each Saturday in preparation for Easter. New members always welcome.

**Job Vacancy** - Safeguarding advisor -the Diocese are looking to appoint a Safeguarding advisor. Please see poster for more information.

**School Admission Appeal panel members** The Diocesan Education Service is looking to recruit admission appeal panel members to meet demand for this Diocesan service. Appeal panel members are volunteers and can be anyone from any background, with or without any experience of education. When a child is refused admission to a school then the parents have an absolute right to appeal that decision and their appeal is heard by a panel of independent people. For more information please see the poster at the back of Church.

**Pope's prayer intention for February** For the terminally ill Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment. Amen.