

Summer fayre - Thank you to all those who donated items for our fayre, bought raffle tickets and turned up to support us. A huge thank you to the team that set up the fayre and worked so hard beforehand and on the day itself and those who sold the raffle tickets. God bless you all .

St Mary's school Summer fayre - Change of date -The Friends of St Mary's PTA invite all parishioners to join us at St Mary's Catholic School for our Summer Fair on our new date, Wednesday the 19th of July. Entry is now FREE for everyone, though we do welcome donations on the day. There will be music/games, food/drinks, and even a performance by our own St Mary's Irish Dancers. For details, suggestions or to register interest in volunteering (face painting, anyone?), please see Megan Bennett or Amber Richards after Mass or email us at FOSM.enquiry@gmail.com We could really use your support to help us raise money towards activities & learning support for our pupils at St Mary's!

St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe
Tuesday 11th July

St Benedict (480-547) was born in Norcia, Italy and was sent to Rome to be educated. He chose to live a solitary life and eventually organised a form of Monastic life in twelve Monasteries. The monks who joined St Benedict devoted themselves to work and prayer. He was the founder of the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino and father of Western monasticism; the Rule that he established became the norm for monastic living throughout Europe. In 1964, in view of the work of monks following the Benedictine Rule in the evangelization and civilization of so many European countries in the Middle Ages, Pope Paul VI proclaimed him the patron saint of all Europe. St. Benedict is often pictured with a bell, a broken tray, a raven, or a crosier.



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14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

9TH JULY 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

I will bless your name forever,
O God, my King.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Today is Sea Sunday - *In times of loneliness, show them that You are never far away; in times of peril be their protection; in times of temptation be their strength, and when they stumble and fall give them penitence and pardon, peace and hope. Through Jesus Christ our lord. AMEN.*



Ordinary A2	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
Sunday 8th/9th 14th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Mike Skelding
Monday 10th	10am Mass KF	MSP Society
Tuesday 11th <i>St Benedict</i>	NO MASS	—
Wednesday 12th	11am Healing Mass BH	For all those sick or suffering
Thursday 13th	9am Mass School	School Intention
Friday 14th	10am Mass KF 10.30 KF	Ray Jacob Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 15th	5pm Mass KF	Catherine Conroy
Sunday 15th/16th 15th Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Catherine Conroy People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Bernie Townsend, Fr John Darley, those on our July deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Deacon John Brindley, Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Kutz, Martha Jones, Mavis Geach, Sheila Rowley, Audrey Berry, Roger Ward, Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, 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 £91.00 Loose £192.78 Peter's Pence £85.29
KF GA £87.00 Loose £110.90 Peter's Pence £82.70

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Apostleship of the Sea next week for Church Maintenance

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 10th July 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
KINGSWINFORD choir practice Wednesday 7pm
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.

Today we welcome Fr Louis le Van Hong for our Masses

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

Funeral of Bernie Townsend RIP - will take place on Friday 21st July at 10.15am at KF. Her body will be received into Church on Thursday 20th at 4.15pm.

Healing Mass and Buffet Wednesday 12th July at 11am at St Mary's - as in previous years the SVP and year 6 from our school will host a healing Mass at Church followed by a buffet in the parish centre. Please put your name on the list at the back of Church, just for catering purposes. Thank you.

Universe Catholic Paper we can order these to be delivered to Church if you would like to receive a copy. Please let Fr Shanju or Stephanie know. Thank you.

House blessing - Fr Shanju would like to visit and bless all the Parishioners houses. If you would like his visit please add your details to the list at the back of Church and Fr Shanju will arrange a convenient time with you to bless your home.

Pantasaph Retreat Centre After the success of our last pilgrimage many have asked if we can go again on **September 23rd for Padre Pio day** where there is a grand celebration and free lunch. If you are interested please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of Church by the end of July. If there is enough interest we will organise this.

Stella Maris - Apostleship of the Sea Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure on board. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

Pope's prayer intention for July - For a Eucharistic life - We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brother and sisters.