

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

Year of Prayer -As we begin the Year of Prayer called for by Pope Francis, the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst would like to invite you and your parish communities to follow us throughout 2024 as we explore the depths of prayer with the help of key figures and saints from the Church's tradition. The CHC will publish twice-monthly reflections, in both text and podcast form, on the different aspects of prayer. These will be made available through our Year of Prayer page at christianheritagecentre.com/year-of-prayer. We hope these resources will be helpful to and to the faithful in the parishes.

Catholic Directories - We have some Directories available price £3 each. These are available on the Piety stall at each Church. Thank you

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 for the single loop scarves and £8 for the double loop scarves.

The SVP has two disability aids which are available for free extended loan to anyone who may need them. The SVP helps anyone of all faiths or none so if you or any one you know may benefit from the two items then please contact Peter Tompkins on 07551 923 482.

Non Gift aid envelopes - if you do not pay income tax but would like to use a set of envelopes for the offertory collection, these are now available at the back of each Church. Please help yourself.

Men's Rosary in the City

This is an event at which men publicly pray the Rosary and witness their Christian faith. They will be praying for the conversion of the city and the nation and for family life and values.. The last two went really well with at least two hundred attending. The next will be on the 17th February Birmingham City centre at Victoria Square at 12.00 mid day.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Ben on 07885 505116 for more information.



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@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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

4TH FEBRUARY 2024

PSALM RESPONSE

Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted..

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Ordinary B1	Psalter week 4	Intention/Info
Sunday 3rd/4th 5th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Bronwsord family John Berry
Monday 5th - Thursday 8th	Fr Shanju is on retreat from Monday to Thursday. Please keep him in your prayers	
Friday 9th	10am Mass KF	People of the Parish
Saturday 10th	5pm Mass KF	Canon Lamb
Sunday 10th/11th 6th Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Canon Lamb 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 this month. 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 £33.00 Loose £159.61 St Patricks Mission £189.76 Teas £15.04
KF GA £77.00 Loose £133.59 St Patricks Missions £263.03 Funeral £120.00 Hall hire
£160.00 CAFOD £5.04

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Church maintenance , next week for Life.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 19th Feb 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

Lent begins on Wednesday 14th Feb There will be Mass with imposition of Ashes at KF at 10am (no Adoration or confessions) and BH at 7pm.

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.

Today at St Mary's the children who will be Confirmed this year will be making their commitment promises. Please make them and their families welcome and pray for their continued growth in faith.

Novena - the Novena will be said on Tuesday 13th Feb at 7pm at KF instead of this week. All welcome

First Holy Communion for children at non-Catholic schools. Please contact Fr Shanju if you want your child to make their First Holy Communion this year. Meetings will start at the end of this month. If you have already asked for this please keep in touch with Fr Shanju.

Volunteers needed - thank you to those who offered to help. We can still use more of you! Please consider if you can help with cleaning or flowers at either Church. If you can please speak to Fr Shanju, ring the office on 01384 274520 or email the parish office. Thanks.

Walk with me Lent books are available at the back of Church.

Palms - If you have any palms from last year please let Fr Shanju have them to make ashes for this year. Thanks

Mass for Vocations—Tuesday 20th Feb at Sacred Heart Church, Tipton at 7pm with refreshments afterwards. Please attend if possible to pray for much needed vocations.

Prayer to Our Lady for Ukraine - cards are available at the back of Church, please take one.

Thank you to everyone for their kind messages, prayers and flowers. I am finally on the road to recovery. God bless you all. Love Stephanie.

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.