

Fr Shanju

is finally able to go home for a well earned holiday! He will be leaving us on the 5th October and will return in time to say Masses on the weekend of the 13th/14th November. While he is away Fr Philip from Stourbridge and Fr Stefan from Halesowen will be looking after us and offering our Masses. There will be weekday Masses but please check the newsletter and notice board weekly for days and times. There will be no adoration but Confession will be available on request after weekday Masses only. We wish Fr Shanju a safe journey and a safe return to us.

Memorial of the Guardian Angels; Saturday 2nd October

Dear Angel at my side, my good and loyal friend, you have been with me since the moment I was born. You are my own personal guardian, given me by God as my guide and protector, and you will stay with me till I die.

He who created you and me gave me to you as your particular charge.

You saw the dangers that beset my path, and, if I sinned, it was in spite of you.

You envied me when Christ came to me in Holy Communion.

O, help me to appreciate these gifts! Help me to realize, as you do, with every fibre of my being, that to serve Christ is to be a King! Help me steadfastly to avoid evil and do good and always guard my soul from sin. Protect me as well from physical evils as I go about my daily work. You will be with me all my life, and at the hour of my death.

Help me to face death bravely, patiently, with great love of God, knowing that it is only through death that I can come to Him in heaven! Amen.

Pope's prayer intention for September:

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this. Amen.

Pope's prayer intention for October:

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witness to a life that has the flavour of the Gospel. Amen.

Catholic Parishes of St Mary, Lady of Lourdes



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26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Today is a day of prayer of thanksgiving for the harvest - We give you thanks, O Lord, for the fruits that the earth has given to benefit the human family and we pray that, as the working of your supreme providence has produced them, so you may cause the seed of justice and the fruits of charity to spring up in our hearts. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen (*Roman Missal*)

Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
Sunday 25th/26th 26th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Mgr Moses Lui Jack Doherty People of the Parish
Monday 27th St Vincent de Paul		
Tuesday 28th	10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH	Adoration and Confessions
Wednesday 29th Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 30th St Jerome	9am Mass School	Children of the School
Friday 1st St Therese of the Child Jesus	10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass KF	Adoration and confessions Paulette
Saturday 2nd Guardian Angels		
Sunday 2nd/3rd 27th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Personal Intention People of the Parish Barry, Rita, Deborah Nott

Please pray for all those whose have died recently, those on our September and October deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 11th October 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
OLD HILL FOODSHARE Tuesday mornings
KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am Foodbank .

Please pray for all those who are sick including Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Jess Shaw, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob and Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations. The need is growing so donations are much needed and gratefully received.

Collections: KF 29/8 GA £53.00, Loose £183.20, Other £160.00, 5/9 GA £43.00, Loose £112.75, 12/9 GA £113.00, Loose £175.80, Sisters £112.27 BH GA £295.00, Loose £350.50, Catholic Education £38.13, Catholic Evangelisation, Sisters £102.11, Heritage day £88.11, Hall hire £60.00, Books £22.94

SECOND COLLECTIONS - THIS WEEK FOR HOME MISSION (Not BH), NEXT WEEK FOR CAFOD, 10th OCTOBER FATHER HUDSON'S

IMPORTANT KF - Volunteers needed for your parish! In recent weeks the Gift Aid coordinator has resigned, the Red box coordinator has too and we still need a health and safety representative. Gift Aid makes a big financial difference to the Parish and without a volunteer that money will remain uncollected. The red boxes need some one to empty them twice yearly and pay the money into the bank. Without a health and safety rep the Diocese are not fulfilling their obligations worst case scenario we could be forced to close. You would not be responsible for doing the work but checking and advising Fr Shanju what needs to be done and receiving communications etc. All these roles come with training and are not difficult or too time consuming but need doing. Please seriously think if you can help and let Father know. If you want to speak to someone who is doing that role we can easily sort that!

Novena - Please note the novena prayers will be offered on Monday 4th October at 7pm and not on the Tuesday

House blessings - If you would like a blessing for your home please speak to Fr Shanju as he is very happy to come and do this now

40 days for life - Sept 22nd to Oct 31st - Please see poster at back of Church for more details about the "kick-off event" The pro-life movement vs Satan

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is? We are starting our Journey in Faith course on Wednesday 29th September at St Mary's Parish centre from 7.15pm to 9pm. These sessions would also be of interest to Catholics who would like to deepen the knowledge and understanding of their faith. If you are interested please speak to Fr Shanju as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dog raffle - thanks to all those who bought tickets £142 was raised to help those in need. Bernie Townsend at KF won the dog, Ellen Kelly at OH won the wine and Phil Bishop at BH won the chocolates.

School Harvest donations - we are very grateful to St Mary's school who are once again donating all their school Harvest festival donations to our foodshare.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage - 9th October, 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral. Last call to sign up for attending. The Mass is open to all married couples, but you will need to register a place via email – marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk by 1st October