

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

**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.



Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

## 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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

**11TH FEBRUARY 2024**

### **PSALM RESPONSE**

You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
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 B1	Psalter week 4	Intention/Info
Sunday 10th/11th 6th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Canon Lamb People of the parish
Monday 12th	10am Mass KF	Holy Souls
Tuesday 13th	7pm KF	Novena
ASH WEDNESDAY 14th	10am Mass KF 7pm Mass BH	Private Intention CS Sr Edith
Thursday 15th	NO MASS	—————
Friday 16th	10am Mass KF 10.30am –11am KF	Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 17th	5pm Mass KF	Maureen Southall
Sunday 17th/18th 1st Sunday of Lent	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Maureen Southall 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 £13.00 Loose £213.59 Maintenance £86.20 Teas £23.61 Books £12.42  
KF GA £1200.00 Loose £210.01 Maintenance £78.65

**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.

Confessions on request after Mass.

**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.

**Novena** - the Novena will be said on Tuesday at 7pm at KF . 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. Parent's meeting will be on Saturday 24th Feb at 3pm at the Convent at BH. 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.

**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.

**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.

**Choir practice at KF** - will recommence at 4pm on Saturday 17th February in preparation for Easter. New members always welcome.

**KF Church cleaning** -Tues 20th Feb at 9.30am. All volunteers very welcome.

**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.