

## St Mary's Summer Fayre and raffle

Our summer fayre and raffle will take place on Saturday 8th July. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass and prizes are: A Hamper, Bottle of Whisky, Afternoon Tea plus others. We are looking for the following donations for our fayre:

Bottles - wine, water, squash, beer, shower gel anything!

**Unwanted gifts of toiletries and jewellery**

**Good quality bric-a-brac.**

**Homemade cakes**

All proceeds to our 150th celebrations so please support us as much as you can and especially on the day. Thank you.



## NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST - 24TH June

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was sceptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfilment of God's will. When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you." Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

## **Catholic Parishes of St Mary's and**

### **Our Lady of Lourdes**

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## 11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

**18TH JUNE 2023**

**PSALM RESPONSE**

We are his people:  
the sheep of his flock.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that know me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord.

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



Ordinary A2	Psalter week 1	Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 17th/18th</b> <b>11th Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b>	People of the Parish Dec'd Agodi Family
Monday 19th	<b>10am Mass KF</b>	Private intention
Tuesday 20th	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Wednesday 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga	<b>10am Mass BH</b> <b>10.30 BH</b> <b>7pm Mass KF</b>	Fr Shanju (B/day) Adoration and Confessions Deacon John (Jubilee)
Thursday 22nd Ss John Fisher and Thomas More	<b>9am Mass School</b> <b>2pm Funeral Service</b> <b>BH</b>	School Intention Stella Jones
Friday 23rd	<b>10am Mass KF</b> <b>10.30 KF</b>	Paul Doran and Family Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 24th Nativity of St John the Baptist	<b>5pm Mass KF</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 24th /25th</b> <b>12th Sunday of the year</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b>	People of the Parish Danny Wright

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Ilona Bryan, Stella Jones, George Bott, those on our June 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, Bernie Townsend, 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 £123.00 Loose £159.64 Church Maintenance £113.09 Teas £120.34  
KF GA £92.00 Loose £93.79 Church Maintenance £57.35 Hall hire £40.00

### **SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Life next week for our Sisters**

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 26th June 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.**

**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.

**Deacon John Brindley** - will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee as a Deacon on Wednesday 21st June with Mass at 7pm followed by a celebration in the hall. Please add your name to the list if you are going to join him on that day. Thank you.

**Mike Skelding RIP** - the family would like to thank all those who attended Mike's funeral. A total of £254.00 was raised for Prostate Cancer in Mike's name.

**Friday 30th June** St Mary's will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for all our candidates, their catechists, teachers and families.

**Craft group** - Are looking for new members, next meeting Monday 26th June at 2pm at St Mary's parish centre. If you have any crafts you enjoy such as knitting or sewing and like to spend one afternoon every two weeks having a natter over tea and biscuits, then please join our craft group. Please contact Hazel on 07709 967192 or email manley433@btinternet.com for more information. Thank you.

**Healing Mass and Buffet Wednesday 12th July at 11am at St Mary's** - the SVP and year 6 from our school will host a healing Mass at Church followed by a buffet in the parish centre. This is a lovely event and you are all welcome to attend. Please put your name on the list at the back of Church, just for catering purposes. Thank you.

**Heritage workshop** in St. Mary's Parish Centre on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information and to book, please contact John Barley asap on 07801 630261 or by email at [johnbarley13@btinternet.com](mailto:johnbarley13@btinternet.com)

**Bishop Stephen Wright , our auxiliary Bishop**, has been appointed by the Holy Father as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. Please pray for him as he prepares to take up these new responsibilities and our congratulations to him on being entrusted with the leadership of his new diocese and the care of its clergy and people.

**The Friends of St Mary's PTA** invite our parishioners & families to join in a fun day to celebrate the return of our Summer Fair on Saturday the 1st of July from 11-3 at St Mary's Catholic Primary on Mill St. Adult entry is £1 and children enter FREE. There will be music/games, food/drinks, face-painting traditional stalls and even performances by our own St Mary's Irish Dancers & more! For details, suggestions or to register interest in volunteering, please see Megan Bennett or Amber Richards after mass or email us at [FOSM.enquiry@gmail.com](mailto:FOSM.enquiry@gmail.com) We look forward to seeing you there to help us raise money to support our hard-working pupils at St Mary's!

**Pope's prayer intention for June for the abolition of torture** - We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.