

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This is a Feast of profound meaning and promise, if we understand the message proclaimed by the Christian Church about who Jesus is - and who we are empowered to become in Him.

On this Feast of the Ascension we should ask ourselves this question, "How are we doing?" The Feast presents us with an invitation to examine the relationship between the faith we profess every Sunday in the Creed we recite at Mass and its manifestation in the stuff of our daily lives.

St. Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth in his second letter to take such an examination regularly: "Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless, of course, you fail the test. I hope you will discover that we have not failed" (2 Cor. 13:5)

When we went down into the Font of Baptism we were incorporated into Jesus Christ, made members of His Body, the Church. Therefore, as Augustine also wrote, "Where the Head is, there is the Body, where I am, there is my Church, we too are one; the Church is in me and I in her and we two are your Beloved and your Lover."

In other words, we have ascended with the Lord! He is the Head and we are members of His Body. We cannot be separated. Augustine, reflecting the clear teaching of the early Church Fathers reminds us that the Head and the Body are the "One Christ." So, this is our Feast as well! We now live in Christ by living in His Body, the Church, of which we are members. We are invited to live in the heart of the Church for the sake of the world.
(Deacon Keith Fournier)



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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

14TH MAY 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him."

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

In Today's Gospel Jesus tells us that if we love him, we must keep his commandments. Jesus asked us to love God and to love one another. How do you show your love for others? How do others show their love for you? How will you show your love for others in the coming week? *(CAFOD)*

Easter A2	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
Sunday 13th/14th 6th Sunday of Easter	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Francis and Olwen Borg People of the Parish
Monday 15th	10am Mass KF	Aborted children
Tuesday 16th		
Wednesday 17th	7pm Vigil Mass BH	Bob and Ilona Bryan
Thursday 18th ASCENSION OF THE LORD	9am Mass School 10.30am Mass KF	Holy Souls
Friday 19th	10am Mass KF 10.30 KF	MSP Society Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 20th	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 20th/21st 7th Sunday of Easter	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Ellen Teresa Davies

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Brian Sable, Michael Skelding, those on our May 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 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 and Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Connie Birch and Stella Jones. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections BH GA £88.00 Loose £222.49 Maintenance £112.26 150th Donation £5.00
KF GA £117.00 Loose £168.40 Church Maintenance £86.33 Holy Places £10.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Church Maintenance, next week for Catholic Communications

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 15th May 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.

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - it is Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass at BH Wednesday 17th at 7pm and KF on Thursday 18th at 10.30am

CONFESSIONS- It is your Easter duty to make your confession before Pentecost. Please see Fr Shanju if you need confession and cannot make the normal times .

THANK YOU. I would like to say a special thank you to all who made last Sunday such a special day for me with their good wishes and cards. Love from, Mary Saunders.

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.

Mike Skelding RIP - Advance notice Funeral will be on Thursday 1st June at 11am at St Mary's.

Clergy Training Fund the total collected for the last six months via the new envelopes is £109.50. The envelopes, which can be placed on either collection plate in St. Mary's on Sundays, are always available at the back of Church . Thank you.

Multi-cultural Mass Sunday 21st May at BH followed by a cake sale Please see Fr Shanju or Stephanie if you can offer part of the mass in your language. Thanks

Holywell trip 17th June - there are still some places available. If anyone is interested please see Fr Shanju. Cost is £35.00 please pay as soon as you can..

Craft group - The craft group will be restarting on Monday 15th May at 2pm in the Parish centre. New members very welcome to join.

SVP has new Cost Of Living Fund for those who are experiencing difficulty . Applications of up to £500 can be made. Please see Aidan Tompkins for more details.

Foodshare would like to thank all those who donated 40 tins for 40 days of lent. Your continued support is much appreciated and donations are always welcome.

Poppy appeal -belated thank you to the craft group who raised £230.00 for the

Pope's prayer intention for May For Church movements and groups - We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.