

Parish trip to Holywell - Saturday 17th June 2023

The trip has now been arranged for 17th June and the coach will leave KF Church at 8.30am. We will travel to Holywell where there will be Mass offered by Fr Shanju and then lunch provided by the Bridgettine Sisters. Onward travel to Pantasaph Monastery with the opportunity to walk the Way of the Cross for those who are able. Tea and coffee will be available here. Finally we will travel to Rhyl beach for people to enjoy sometime there as they wish. The coach will leave at 7pm for the return journey. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can work out the final cost. Hopefully it will be less than £40 per person to include a hot three course lunch at Holywell.

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SYRIA-TURKEY EMERGENCY APPEAL

In the wake of the terrible earthquakes in Syria and Turkey on 6 February, CAFOD's local experts are already on the ground in Syria and responding to the needs of those affected. Because of the generosity of your parish in recent Fast Days and other donations, we were able to make an initial allocation of £100,000 to provide urgent humanitarian support – food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits – in the worst affected areas. We have also set up a Syria -Turkey Emergency Appeal. Our prayers are with all our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please pray for everyone affected and consider donating to CAFOD's Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal online. <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

Pope's prayer intention for February - For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.. Amen

Pope's prayer intention for March - For Victims of Abuse: WE pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Catholic Parishes of St Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT A

26TH FEBRUARY 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(NO ALLELUIA DURING LENT)

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone

but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Just as a parent knows what their child needs, be it food or medicine, our Father in heaven also knows what we need. The problem arrives when we think we know better than God does for our lives. (*Catholic online*)



Lent A2	Psalter week 1	Intention/Info
Sunday 25th/26th 1st Sunday of Lent	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Sylvia Skelding
Monday 27th	10am Mass KF	Madge Hill and family
Tuesday 28th		
Wednesday 1st St David	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Jackie Galway Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 2nd St Chad	9am Mass School	School Intention
Friday 3rd	10am Mass KF 10.30 KF 7pm BH	MSP Society Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
Saturday 4th	4.30pm KF 5pm Mass KF	Confessions Dec'd Wallace Family
Sunday 4th/5th 2nd Sunday of Lent	5pm Mass KF 9.30am BH 9.45am Mass BH	Dec'd Wallace Family Confessions People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Margaret Butcher, those on our February and March 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 Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Kutz, Mike Skelding, 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 £143.02 Life £98.14 Candles £115.55 Teas £102.60
KF GA £75.00 Loose £78.15 Life £71.55 Donation £7.00 Hall Hire £1170.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for our Sisters, next week for Church Maintenance.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group tbc Mon 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. The need is growing so donations are much needed and gratefully received.

"Be still and know that I am God"

Please try to remain in silent prayer in Church before Mass begins. There is plenty of time to chat over tea and coffee after Mass. Please note the signs on the door as you come in, thank you.

Stations of the Cross will be on every Friday throughout Lent, 10.30am at KF and 7pm at BH

CONFESSIONS - During Lent Fr Shanju will hear your confession on request. Next weekend there will be confession before both Masses.

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.

Housebound Confession and Communion - Please let Fr Shanju know if anyone needs to receive these Sacraments at home during Lent.

Car parking KF There is on going problem with unauthorized parking meaning Parishioners cannot park when attending services. Signs will be put up but can all parishioners obtain a pass from Fr Shanju to display on the dashboard. Thank you.

Health and Safety rep KF once again we need a rep for KF as this is a Diocesan requirement. It is not onerous you just need to be computer literate and above all willing to help the Parish.

150 Years of St Mary's planning and fundraising meeting on **Tuesday 14th March** at 7pm at BH parish centre. All volunteers very welcome. **NB Change of date.**

Church cleaning KF - Tuesday 7th March 9.30am and Tuesday 4th April 9.30am. All volunteers very welcome. Thank you

Walk with me books and Day by Day for Lent books are now available at the back of Church along with a calendar for any children not at Catholic schools.

The annual World Day of Prayer Service in Kingswinford and Wall Heath at the **Church of the Ascension, Dudley Road, Wall Heath DY6 9AH** on **Friday 3rd March** at **2pm**. Any queries, please contact Bernie on 07753 292670.

Lenten Day of Recollection at St Mary's Convent Handsworth Tuesday 7th March and at St Mary and St John, Wolverhampton on Saturday 25th March. Please see posters at the back of Church for more information.