

**Gift Aid envelopes** - The boxes for the new financial year re now available at the back of Church. Please check that the address we have for you is the most up to date. Thank you.

**Job vacancy for Deputy Diocesan Solicitor** Please see poster at the back of Church for more information.

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## Palm Sunday

"Today's celebration can be said to be bittersweet. It is joyful and sorrowful at the same time. We celebrate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem to the cries of his disciples who acclaim him as king. Yet we also solemnly proclaim the Gospel account of his Passion. In this poignant contrast, our hearts experience in some small measure what Jesus himself must have felt in his own heart that day, as he rejoiced with his friends and wept over Jerusalem.

A we joyfully acclaim our King, let us also think of the sufferings that he will have to endure in this week. Let us think of the slanders and insults, the snares and betrayals, the abandonment to an unjust judgment, the blows, the lashes and the crown of thorns...And lastly, the way of the cross leading to the crucifixion. It is not some other Jesus, but the same Jesus who entered Jerusalem amid the waving of palm branches.

It is the same Jesus who was nailed to the cross and died between two criminals. We have no other Lord but him: Jesus, the humble King of justice, mercy and peace." *(Pope Francis)*



## **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.

## **PALM SUNDAY YEAR B**

**24TH MARCH 2024**

### **PSALM RESPONSE**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done.

Lent B1	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 23rd/24th Palm Sunday</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH</b>	Private Intention (CS) People of the Parish
Monday 25th	<b>10am Mass KF 10.30am KF</b>	Ed Benedict Confessions after Mass
Tuesday 26th	<b>6.30pm Mass BH 7pm BH</b>	MSP Society Confessions after Mass
Wednesday 27th	<b>NO MASS</b>	Chrim Mass at Cathedral at 11.30am
<b><u>TRIDUUM</u></b>		
Maundy Thursday 28th	<b>7.30pm Mass BH</b>	Sr Edith
Good Friday 29th	<b>3pm Solemn Liturgy KF 7pm Stations of the Cross BH</b>	
Holy Saturday 30th	<b>6pm Vigil Mass KF</b>	Viv Clark
	<b>7.30pm Vigil Mass BH</b>	Pat & David Horner
<b>Sunday 31st Easter Sunday</b>	<b>9.45am Mass BH 10.30am Mass KF</b>	Fr Cecil People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our March deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Fr Cecil, Irene Brown, Christine Holding, Brian Saunders, Christine, Marlene and Tony Lyons, 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.

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 15th April 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.**

### DO YOU LIVE ALONE?

If so, please complete the form at the back of Church with your contact number and if possible, the contact name and number of a relative. These will be kept securely in the safe. We can then ensure that you are ok if you are missing unexpectedly from Mass. Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Church maintenance no second collection next week. Easter offerings are for Fr Shanju.**

**Collections** BH GA £106.00 Loose £144.60 Sisters £82.20 Teas £15.76  
KF GA £105.00 Loose £193.90 Sisters £46.08 Funeral £120.00

**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.

**Easter egg raffle**— thank you to all those who have bought tickets. Draw will take place after Mass at BH on Sunday

**KF Church spring clean** - Tuesday 26th March at 9.30am. All volunteers very welcome.

**Maundy Thursday** - Please add your name to the list at the back of Church, or let Fr Shanju know, if you are willing to take part in the memorial of the foot washing on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm at BH. Ladies or gentlemen can take part. Thank you.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage - Saturday 11th May** organised by Fr Philip Griffin. Please see poster at the back of Church and the website [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) for more information. Fr Philip needs to know by the end of April if you will be attending. Thank you.

**Message received from Fr Cecil following visit by two of our Parishioners:** *“Thank you for your good wishes and the assurances of prayer from both communities was so wonderful to receive. Please convey my deep appreciation to both communities and to Fr Shanju - I am deeply moved and grateful, and the necessary graces for this time are already being received. I have never asked for healing in my diagnosis, but a deep and faithful trust in God’s will for me, no matter what the outcome. I am grateful and blessed - thank you both for being the bearers of such blessings today”.*

**Pope’s prayer intention for March** For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. Amen.