

St Winefride's Chapel and Holy Well Pilgrimage



On the 17th of June, thirty nine pilgrims from the combined parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, Old Hill, Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford and St Marys, Brierley Hill journeyed to St Winefrede's Chapel in Holywell. St Winefride was the daughter of a local prince named Tewyth and his wife Gwenlo. Her uncle was St. Beuno. In the year 630 AD, Caradoc, a chieftain from Hawarden attempted to seduce Winefride. She refused him, and sheltered in a church built by her uncle. Caradoc pursued her and cut off her head. In the place where her head fell, a spring of water came up. St. Beuno came out from the church, took up her head and placed it back on her body. He then prayed and raised her to life. A white scar encircled her neck, witness to her martyrdom. Winefride spent the rest of her life as a nun. The site is the oldest continually visited pilgrim site in Britain and over the past 1300 years, hundred of testimonies attest to the healing powers of the spring water.

We enjoyed Veneration of the Relic of St. Winefride's beside the sanctuary pool followed by a delicious lunch provided by the Bridgettine sisters at St Winefrede's guest house. We had the special opportunity to celebrate Mass led by Fr Shanju in the beautiful 15th century chapel on site. Finally, pilgrims were encouraged to enter the exterior pool, which was very cold!

We then journeyed on to the beautiful Pantasaph Monastery. The friary was founded in 1852 and was previously home to a Franciscan community. The site was taken over by the Vincentian Congregation last year who have continued to maintain the site as well has operating a retreat centre on site. We spent a peaceful afternoon enjoying the hospitality of the team, relaxing in the picturesque Padrio Pio garden and enjoying the beautiful stations of the cross on Calvary Hill. Everyone really enjoyed their prayerful day; it was good to spend time together and meet with friends from other parishes. We hope that Fr Shanju will organise more pilgrimages for us all.

(Olivia Kirk)



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12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

25TH JUNE 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

In your great love, answer me, O God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
And you give them their food in due season.

In today's Gospel - we hear how God takes care of us no matter who we are. We are reminded that God is with us in every part of our lives so we should not be afraid : God of all, you watch over us all with so much care. Remind us that you are near in all that we do and each of us is precious in your sight. Amen.
(CAFOD)

| Ordinary A2 | Psalter week 2 | Intention/Info |
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| Sunday 24th/25th 12th Sunday of the Year | 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH | People of the Parish Danny Wright (B/day) |
| Monday 26th | 10am Mass KF 4.30pm BH | Fr John Darley Reception of body |
| Tuesday 27th | 12 Noon Funeral Mass BH | Ilona Bryan |
| Wednesday 28th | 7pm Vigil Mass BH | Ilona Bryan |
| Thursday 29th Ss Peter and Paul Holyday of Obligation | 9am Mass School 10.30am Mass KF | School Intention Dn John (Jubilee) |
| Friday 30th | 10am Mass KF 10.30 KF 7pm Confirmation Mass BH | Sr Margaret Ibekwe Adoration and Confessions Candidates |
| Saturday 1st | 5pm Mass KF | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 1st /2nd 13th Sunday of the year | 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH | People of the Parish Danny and Maria Wright |

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Ilona Bryan, those on our June and July 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 Fr John Darley, 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 £50.00 Loose £214.45 Life £135.46 CTF £25.00
KF GA £50.00 Loose £94.23 Life £48.12 Hall hire £850.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for our Sisters next week for Peter's pence

FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations as the need is growing.

Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation for the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul
NB Vigil Mss 7pm on Wednesday at BH (no morning Mass) and 10.30am on Thursday at KF

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.

Friday 30th June at 7pm St Mary's will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for all our candidates, their catechists, teachers and families.

Craft group - new members wanted! Next meeting 26th June at 2pm at St Mary's. Please contact Hazel on 07709 967192 or email manley433@btinternet.com for more information. Thank you.

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. Donations for our fayre needed please:
Bottles - wine, water, squash, beer, shower gel **Homemade cakes**
Unwanted gifts of toiletries and jewellery **Good quality bric-a-brac.**

Healing Mass and Buffet Wednesday 12th July at 11am at St Mary's - all are welcome to this lovely event to offer healing of any kind. Please put your name on the list at the back of Church, just for catering purposes. Thank you.

Universe Catholic Paper please let Fr Shanju know if you would like to order one.

Church cleaning KF - Tues 11th July at 9.30am. All volunteers very welcome.

Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibition - 20th June to 2nd July at Ss Peter and Paul, Wolverhampton. Please see poster at back of Church for more information.

Holywell trip - Thank you to everyone who joined in the trip. A special thanks to all those who helped on the day and arranged the trip, especially Stephanie. *Fr Shanju.*

Deacon John would like to express his thanks to everyone for sharing in the Mass Fr. Shanju arranged to mark the 25th Anniversary of his ordination the Diaconate, also it was good to see Fr. Stephen concelebrating. He was overwhelmed by your kind words, cards, gifts and flowers for Carol and continues to

Pope's prayer intention for July - For a Eucharistic life - We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brother and sisters.