

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Old Hill

Dear Parishioners, may we wish you all a very joyful and blessed Easter Season. Together we have been reflecting on the best way to serve the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes, Old Hill. We wish to put before you our firm proposals. At present Fr. Shanju serves the linked parishes of Old Hill, Kingswinford and Brierley Hill. In addition he serves two Syro- Malabar communities. His weekend routine is unsustainable. We are aware that the Mass time change to 5pm Saturday at Old Hill has not been popular and that travel time between Kingswinford and Old Hill can be problematic at times. Given these issues, we firmly propose that Old Hill will be better served by linking it to the much closer Our Lady and St. Kenelm Parish, Halesowen and so be served by Fr. Stefan. This will reinstate the historical connection between these two neighbouring parishes. It will also allow the return of the 11.30am Sunday Mass at Old Hill. There will be no changes to school admissions for those living in the Old Hill Parish. Please do talk about these proposals with Fr. Shanju and Fr. Stefan and share your responses with them. It is hoped to make these changes soon with due notice given. In summary we firmly propose that Old Hill Parish be linked with Halesowen Parish and so served by Fr. Stefan and that the Mass time at Old Hill returns to 11.30am on Sunday. With assurances of prayers,

Fr. Shanju, Fr. Stefan and Bishop Stephen.

Pope's prayer intention for April: For health care workers *We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities. Amen.*

Catholic Parishes of St Mary, Lady of Lourdes



St. Mary's Brierley Hill,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford and
Our Lady of Lourdes, Cradley Heath.

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

24TH APRIL 2022

PSALM RESPONSE

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

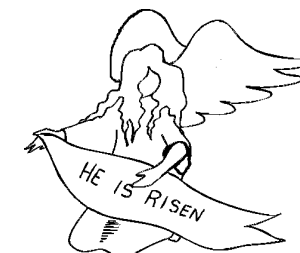
Jesus said: "you believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

***Receive the joy of your glory,
giving thanks to God, who has
called you into the heavenly
kingdom, alleluia! (Roman Missal)***



Easter (C2)	Psalter week 1	Intention/Info
Sunday 23rd/24th 2nd Sunday of Easter	Sat 5pm Mass OH 9.45am Mass BH 11.15am Mass KF	Mary Gumley Sylvia Skelding People of the Parish
Monday 25th	10am Mass KF	Dec'd Fernandez family
Tuesday 26th	10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH	Maxine Guy Adoration and Confessions
Wednesday 27th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH 4.30pm BH	Agodi's family Adoration and Confessions Reception of body
Thursday 28th	9am Mass 12.15am Funeral Mass BH	School Margaret Shipley
Friday 29th	10.15am Funeral Mass BH 6.30pm-7pm KF 7pm Mass KF	Patricia Webb Adoration and Confessions Gracie
Saturday 30th	5pm Vigil Mass OH	People of the Parish
Sunday 30th/1st 3rd Sunday of Easter	Sat 5pm Mass OH 9.45am Mass BH 11.15am Mass KF	People of the Parish Sylvia Skelding Cecelia Aquino

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Margaret Shipley and Patricia Webb, those on our April deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 9th May 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
OLD HILL FOODSHARE Tuesday mornings 11am -1pm
KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am **Foodbank** .

Please pray for all those who are sick including Gary Buckley, Audrey Berry, Roger Ward, Fr George Grynowski, Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob and Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

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.

Collections BH GA £125.00, Loose £161.70, Parish debt £97.81, Flowers £10.00 KF 10/4 GA £155.00, Loose £215.08, Hall hire £90.00, Flowers £10.00, Donation £8.00 19/4 Candles £97.08, St Anthony's bread £6.00, Holy Souls £0.10, Holy Places £35.00, Pamphlets £1.30, Altar flowers £27.80

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Sisters, at all Churches, next week Parish debt at BH and OH

CONFESSIONS

It is your duty to go to Confession between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost - please do not delay in receiving the Sacrament. Confessions are normally available on Tuesday 10.30am to 11am, Wednesday 10.30am to 11am and Friday 6.30pm to 7pm. I will be pleased to hear your confession at any other suitable time if you cannot make these times. Please just ask.

Fr Shanju

Online Rosary on Wednesdays at 7pm These are via zoom each week - meeting ID: 784 3490 6257 Passcode 1111.

Jumble sale OH 7th May 11am Volunteers to help will be much appreciated and any donations will be welcome. Please leave in the hall at OH. Thank you

Gift Aid new envelopes are at the back of Church. Please note some of the numbers have been changed so please check your name.

Collection Counters all three of our Churches are suffering lack of collection counter volunteers but especially at OH where there is only one person! Please consider if you can spare some time to help in this vital role. Thank you.

Readers at Mass anyone who is interested in reading at Mass please see Fr Shanju

Foodshare Lent donations "The OLOLOH foodshare gang would like to say a huge thanks for the generosity and support of all three parishes during our Lenten tin appeal. We rely on your help even more in these uncertain times, so thank you and God bless you all" Joan Rees

Walsingham Pilgrimage - Saturday 14th May 2022 7am - Coach departs from Our Lady and All Saints, 13 New Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1PQ

12 noon Arrival at the Shrine, 1pm Mass, 3pm Procession to the ruins and prayers at the Holy House. 5pm Depart.

Cost £25 adults, £10 school age children. Please contact Fr Philip on 01384 395308 or email olas.stourbridge.rcaob.org.uk to book a seat on the coach.