

150 years of St Mary's donations to the fund to pay for our celebrations, including a three day flower festival, summer fayre, summer evening social and Celebration Mass and free buffet reception, are now being greatly accepted. Please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked. Thank you.

Annual Mass for marriage 29th April at St Chad's, please see poster for details.

Parish trip to Holywell - Saturday 17th June 2023 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.

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.

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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PALM SUNDAY YEAR A

2ND APRIL 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(NO ALLELUIA DURING LENT)

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.

**The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches,
went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying:
Hosanna in the highest. *(Roman Missal)***



Lent A2	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
Sunday 1st/2nd Palm Sunday	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Viv Clark Margaret Shipley
Monday 3rd	10am Mass KF 10.30am KF 12.30pm Funeral Service BH	People of the Parish Confessions Sonja Langford
Tuesday 4th	6pm Mass BH 6.30pm BH	Christopher Payne Confessions
<u>TRIDUUM</u>		
Maundy Thursday 6th	7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper KF	Eric and Pauline Bant
Good Friday 7th	3pm Passion of the Lord BH 7pm KF	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 8th	7.30pm Vigil Mass KF 8.30pm Vigil Mass BH	Joe Higgins People of the Parish
Sunday 8th/9th Easter Sunday	9.45am Mass BH 10am Mass KF	Paddy and Tess Healy Beryl and Brian Curran

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Bishop David McGough, those on our April 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 Karen Gibson, 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 £94.00 Loose £143.80 Sisters £117.30 teas £109.66
KF GA £125.00 Loose £133.22 Sisters £99.85

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group tbc Mon 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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Easter Flowers none next weekend

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7pm at KF

Easter Triduum Services

Maundy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm KF

Good Friday Passion of the Lord 3pm BH
Stations of the Cross 7pm KF

Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm KF
Mass 8.30pm BH

Easter Sunday Mass 9.45am BH
Mass 10am KF

Today our Mass will start in the Church hall at both Churches.

Maundy Thursday - Can volunteers for the washing of the feet please let Fr Shanju know after Mass today, we need 12 people men or ladies. Thanks.

Confessions - Monday and Tuesday after Mass or please ask Fr Shanju if you can't make either of those.

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.

Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year are now available at the back of each Church .

Novena will be offered on 18th April as this is Holy Week.

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

Easter egg raffle at BH Tickets now on sale £1 for 5. Several Easter eggs available to win! Draw will take place after the Vigil at St Mary's. Thank you.

Church cleaning KF - Tues 4th April 9.30am, any volunteers very welcome. Thanks.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 13th May organised by Fr Philip Griffin. Please see poster at the back of Church for more details.