

HE IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord!

Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward!
Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful, celebrate the day.

Those who have kept the fast and those who have not, rejoice today, for the table is richly spread. Fare royally upon it-the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. All of you, enjoy the banquet of faith!
All enjoy the riches of His goodness. Let no one cry over his poverty, for the universal Kingdom has appeared!

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let none fear death, for the death of our Saviour has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it.
He spoiled the power of hell when he descended thereto.

Isaiah foretold this when he cried, 'Death has been frustrated in meeting him below!' It is frustrated, for it is destroyed.

It is frustrated, for it is annihilated. It is frustrated, for now it is made captive.

For it grabbed a body and discovered God. It took earth and behold! It encountered Heaven. It took what was visible, and was overcome by what was invisible.

O Death, where is your sting?
O Death, where is your victory?
Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down.
Christ is risen, and life is set free.
Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead.

For Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits for those who sleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!" *(St John Chrysostom)*



Happy and Blessed Easter to you all. *Fr Shanju*

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EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A

9TH APRIL 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



| Easter A2 | Psalter week Easter | Intention/Info |
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| Easter Sunday 8th/9th | 9.45am Mass BH 10am Mass KF | Paddy and Tess Healy Brian and Beryl Curran |
| Monday 10th | NO | SERVICE |
| Tuesday 11th | NO | SERVICE |
| Wednesday 12th | NO | SERVICE |
| Thursday 13th | | |
| Friday 14th | 10am Mass KF 10.30 KF | Bridie Maher Adoration |
| Saturday 15th | 5pm Mass KF | John While |
| Sunday 15th/16th 2nd of Easter | 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH | John While People of the Parish |

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially 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 £48.00 Loose £172.78 Easter Flowers £123.05 150th £230.00
KF GA £92.00 Loose £162.98 Easter Flowers £106.18

SECOND COLLECTIONS - None this week, next week for Church Maintenance

Pope's prayer intention for April For a culture of peace and non-violence We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

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.

Christ, having risen from the dead, dies no more; death will no longer have dominion over him, alleluia. May the blessings of our risen Lord be with us all this Easter.



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.

Easter services - A big thank you to all those who helped prepare our churches for Easter and those who took part. The cleaners, florists, readers, musicians, altar servers, wardens and all the faithful .

Gift Aid - do you pay tax? Do you know we can claim the tax you have already paid back from the tax office at no cost to you at all? The Parish receives 25p back for every £1 you put it the collection. You do not need to commit to a certain amount every week we just claim from what you have paid in the year whether it's £1, £100 or £1000. Please do think about it as it is a big help to both Parishes. For more information please see Sheila Jelf at BH or Elaine Gill at KF. Thank you..

Easter egg raffle at BH Thank you to all those who supported our raffle. All winners will be contacted directly. Thank you.

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

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.

150 years of St Mary's donations to the fund to pay for our celebrations, especially our Celebration Mass and free buffet reception, are now being greatly accepted. Please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked. Thank you.

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. **We will remove the lists after Masses next weekend so please ensure you have signed up.**

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