

**To the Parishioners of Kingswinford, Brierley Hill, Old Hill,
Halesowen and Stourbridge,**

Discussions are currently taking place to restructure the deaneries across the archdiocese, when the deanery of Dudley will be closed. This will be followed by consultations in preparation for parish reorganisation in 2022/2023.

We, your priests, all of whom are new to our responsibilities, have consulted with Bishop Stephen, our area bishop, and will be forming a “cluster”, drawing our five parishes together as we look to the future.

This will, we hope, offer significant benefits to us all

- To improve spiritual and pastoral support
- To increase cooperation and interaction across our parishes
- To develop our strengths, and share them across the cluster
- To draw in the talents and gifts of our parishes, and welcome involvement from a wider

For example,

On a practical level, we will be able to offer priestly support to one another, when one of us is away on holiday, pilgrimage etc. This will require a few changes to Sunday Mass times.

We, your parish priests are committing ourselves to working collaboratively and constructively with one another to secure the long-term future of our parish communities. We are confident that this will be a positive experience for everyone. We hope you can support us in this.

Fr Philip Griffin
Fr Shanju John
Fr Stefan Laszczyk

Pope’s prayer intention for September:

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this. Amen.

**Catholic Parishes of St Mary, Lady
of Lourdes**



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Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford and
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23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

5TH SEPTEMBER 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is thirsting for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Listen...Our faith will never grow if we don't learn how to listen to the voice of the Lord. In to grow in faith, we need to learn how to tune into his voice. That means doing two things. First, we have to make the time to listen to the Lord. Second, we have to learn how to be quiet in front of the Lord and listen for his voice. We have to stop talking and listen, so that he can speak to us in this quiet and whisper to us from within. (Fr Roger Landry)

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY - FOR THE SISTERS

Heritage open day this Saturday 11th September - St Mary's our grade 11 listed Church will be open to the public from 11am to 3pm. All welcome to join us for tea, coffee and homemade cakes. There will also be harp and organ recitals more details at www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/events/st-marys-church-tour-harp-and-organ-music. Donations of cakes are very welcome!

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Sunday 12th September - Mass at 3pm please take own chairs and any refreshments as these will not be available this year. There will also not be any guided tours of the hall itself.

House blessings - If you would like a blessing for your home please speak to Fr Shanju as he is very happy to come and do this now

Raffle a young autistic girl has kindly donated a new cuddly dog as a raffle prize for our Foodshare. Tickets for this and other prizes will be available after Mass at KF on Sat 4th, BH on Sun 12th and OH Sun 19th. The dog will also be there! Please support this worthwhile cause.

Diocesan Climate Action Meeting 16th Sept 7pm -9pm online please see the website birminghamdiocese.org.uk for details

40 days for life - Sept 22nd to Oct 31st - Please see poster at back of Church for more details about the "kick-off event" The pro-life movement vs Satan

Holy Communion Preparation starts on Sunday 26th September at Old Hill Church 10.15am to 11.15am with Nadine Hancox. Please ensure you attend if you want your child to receive their First Holy Communion next year.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is? We are starting our Journey in Faith course on Wednesday 29th September at St Mary's Parish centre from 7.15pm to 9pm. These sessions would also be of interest to Catholics who would like to deepen the knowledge and understanding of their faith. If you are interested please speak to Fr Shanju as soon as possible. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage - The annual diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will take place on Saturday 9th October, 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1st up to 60th (every 5 years), and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet. You can also send in 'then & now' photos to be part of the video compilation. We are looking to find the longest married couple in the diocese, so if you think you, your parents or grandparents could be it then let Lianne know! The Mass is open to all married couples, as well as those preparing to marry in 2021 but you will need to register a place via email – marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk Closing date to register for the Mass is 1st October.

Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
Sunday 4th/5th 23rd Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	People of the Parish John Floyd Vera Roberts
Monday 6th		
Tuesday 7th	10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH 7.30pm KF	Nung family Adoration and Confessions Novena
Wednesday 8th Nativity of Mary	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Agodi's Family Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 9th	9am Mass School	Children of the School
Friday 10th	10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass KF	Adoration and confessions Holy Souls
Saturday 11th		
Sunday 11th/12th 24th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Pauline Bant People of the Parish Paul Hancox

Please pray for all those whose have died recently, especially Filomina Ricci, those on our September deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections: BH GA £304.00, Loose £495.15, Hall hire £60.00, Baptism £25.00

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 13th September 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
OLD HILL FOODSHARE Tuesday mornings
KINGSWINFOR: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am **Foodbank** .

Please pray for all those who are sick including Jeanette Amphlett, Garry Partridge, Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Jess Shaw, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, 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, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, 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