

PANTASAPH TRIP FOR PADRE PIO DAY

On the 23rd of September, over twenty pilgrims from the combined parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, Old Hill, Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford, St Marys, Brierley Hill, Our Lady and St Kenelm, Halesowen and Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge, journeyed to Pantasaph Franciscan Friary in Northern Wales to celebrate the combined feast days of Padre Pio and St. Vincent de Paul.

The Pantasaph Franciscan Friary founded in 1852 and was home to a Franciscan community encompassed by the beautiful St. David's Church and St. Pio Peace Centre.

We celebrated mass outside in the beautiful Padre Pio gardens alongside hundreds of other dedicated Christians from across the UK, as well as enjoying a Novena to St. Padre Pio and St. Vincent de Paul and finally a veneration of the relics held there.

We were provided with a delicious hot lunch prepared by volunteers from the Vincentian Congregation, who took over running the Franciscan Retreat Centre, Padre Pio Shrine and Calvary Hill Stations of the Cross in April of last year. The atmosphere was joyous and celebratory and the weather was beautiful. A truly blessed day for all.

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 continue to organise more pilgrimages for us all. *Olivia*



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Catholic Parishes of St Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes



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SAFEGUARDING - The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Epi Pfunde and Miss Lilli Pace. They can be contacted at sg.olol.kingswinford@racob.org.uk or sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

8TH OCTOBER 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
To the soul that seeks him.

Ordinary A2	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
Sunday 7th/8th 27th Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Caroline Smith People of the Parish
Monday 9th St John Henry Newman	10am Mass KF	MSP Society
Tuesday 10th	10.30am Funeral KF	Roy Michael Davis
Wednesday 11th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Sr Edith Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 12th	9am Mass School	School intention
Friday 13th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Aborted Children Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 14th	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th/15th 28th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Past Priests of St Mary's

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Roy Davis, those on our October 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 Marlene and Tony Lyons, Deacon John Brindley, Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Kutz, Martha Jones, Mavis Geach, Sheila Rowley, Roger Ward, Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, 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 £54.00 Loose £196.19 Church Maintenance £99.25
KF GA £194.00 Loose £156.30 Church Maintenance £78.40 Funeral £60.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for CAFOD, next week for Maintenance.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 9th October 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
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.

Silence....Silence....Silence

Church is a place of silence and prayer.

So let us try to maintain the silence inside the Church , especially for 10 minutes before and after the Holy Mass. Consider others who wish to pray silently. Friendly chats can be in the porch and official talks in the Sacristy. Thank you for doing this. Fr Shanju

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.

St Mary's 150th Celebration Tuesday 17th October Mass at 7pm with His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley followed by a Civic reception at the Civic centre in Brierley Hill. So we can ensure seating and catering please sign the sheet at the back of Church if you wish to attend.

Church cleaning KF - amended date Tuesday 17th October at 9.30am All volunteers very welcome.

Bishop Stephen Wright will be returning to the Cathedral for his return Mass on Friday 17th November at 12 Noon. All are invited to attend to make this special occasion for Bishop Wright.

Junior Liturgy at St Mary's. We are now able to restart our Junior Liturgy at Sunday Mass providing there are enough volunteers. Please let Fr Shanju or Stephanie know by 30th September if you are willing to go on a rota to help with this. DBS checks will be required and will be done by the Parish.

40 days for Life - From 27th September to 5th November prayers will be said outside St Joseph and St Helen's Church in King's Norton not far from the abortion clinic. Since 40 days for Life started over 100 mothers in Birmingham have changed their minds and chosen life after talking to volunteers. Kick-off event is "The Importance of praying in public" Sunday 24th September 4pm at St Joseph and St Helen's Church Hall. 84 Northfield Rd, Birmingham B30 1JG. Rev Calvin Robinson of the Free Church of England will be giving the talk about the importance of praying and witnessing to our faith and pro-life beliefs. All very welcome.

Pope's prayer intention for October - For the Synod - We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by he Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. Amen.