

St Ignatius Loyola Feast day 31st July

Dearest Lord,
teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve You as You deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward
save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.



St. Martha Feast day 29th July

St Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus,. She is mentioned in the Gospels of Luke and John. Jesus rebuked Martha's task-minded behaviour while He was in her home and the other mention of her in the Gospel shows that she grew greatly in faith and love of Jesus. St. Martha is the patron saint of cooks, homemakers, and domestic workers. St. Martha is also the patron saint of single laywomen and travellers.

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Martha as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the love of You she showed in her desire to be hospitable towards You while You were in her home. St. Martha, the Gospel tells us that you and your sister Mary hosted Jesus in your home. You were anxious to be as hospitable as you could towards Jesus, and you tried to serve Him well. Please bring my petitions before Christ Whom you served! While you tended to household matters, your sister sat at the feet of Jesus. When Jesus gently rebuked you, you came to see that closeness to Jesus was even more important than actively serving Him. Pray for me, that I may always strive to have a deep relationship with Christ. Pray that I may imitate your desire to serve God well in my life. Amen

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17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

25TH JULY 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

"God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people" (Roman Missal)



Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 1	Intention/Info
Sunday 24th/25th 17th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Patrick Sutton & Millie Pearce Tom Wright Mary Edwards
Monday 26th Ss Joachim & Anne		
Tuesday 27th	10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH	Valerie Kelly Adoration
Wednesday 28th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Jim Stergiopoulos Adoration
Thursday 29th		
Friday 30th	10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass KF	Adoration People of the Parish
Saturday 31st St Ignatius of Loyola		
Sunday 31st/1st 18th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Patricia Gray People of the Parish Leslie Hancox

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

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 2nd August 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am Foodbank .

Please pray for all those who are sick including Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, 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 Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, 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 - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEK IN ALL CHURCHES FOR THE SISTERS

Natalie Johnson, Yr 8 head at Bishop Milner and one of our parishioners, arranged an end of year food collection in that year group for our foodshare. A huge amount of food was donated by the generous families so a big thank you to Yr 8 and their families and also Natalie for organising it.

Stephanie is celebrating 40 years of singing and playing at St Mary's - there will be refreshments after Mass today in the Parish Centre to mark the occasion, everyone is warmly invited to join us.

Eucharistic ministers - if you are, are or were, taking Communion to any house-bound parishioner can you please speak to Fr Shanju after Mass. He wants to check what is happening and see when he needs to visit the sick. Thankyou

Ava - from KF Parish is making her first confession this weekend and her First communion on Saturday 7th August at the 5pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend on the 7th and join her for tea and coffee in the Parish hall after Mass to celebrate. Please keep Ava in your prayers.

Parish centre cleaner - thank you to those who kindly volunteered to join a rota (interestingly all ladies, not a single male volunteer!) Rota and more details will be given to you after Mass hopefully.

Fr Stephen -If you would like to donate to a leaving gift please put it in an envelope clearly marked and give it to Fr Shanju. Thank you. More details when we have them!

Sacramental Preparation - thank you for the names of all those needing to be prepared. Nadine Hancox will hopefully start the classes in mid-September and you will be contacted before then with the arrangements.

Pope's prayer intention for July:

We pray that, in social economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship. Amen.