

Mothering Sunday

The origin of Mother's Day goes back to the time of the ancient Greeks and Romans. The earliest known history of Mother's Day dates back to the ancient annual spring festival that the Greeks dedicated to maternal goddesses. The occasion was to honour Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many gods of Greek mythology. Ancient Romans also celebrated a spring festival, called Hilaria, dedicated to Cybele, a mother goddess. Ceremonies in honour of Cybele began approximately 250 years before Jesus Christ was born. Celebrated on the Ides of March, offerings in the Temple of Cybele lasted for three days and included parades and games.

Early Christians celebrated a day to honour mothers during a festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent. During the 16th century, people continued to return to their local mother churches for a service held on Laetare Sunday. In this context, one's mother church was either the church where one was baptized, the local parish church, or the nearest cathedral (the latter being the mother church of all the parish churches in a diocese). Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone 'mothering', a term recorded by 1644. A Mothering Sunday was celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday of Lent to honour every mother. Children brought gifts and flowers for their mothers after a prayer service in church, to honour Virgin Mary. Servants, apprentices, and other employees who were away from home were actually encouraged by their employers to visit and honour their mothers.

Whatever you do today give thanks for your own Mother and for Mary, Mother of Christ and Mother of us all. Pray for our Parish named in her honour.



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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY

14TH MARCH 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of the Lord.

Prayer for Mothers

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you. Amen.



Lent (B1)	Psalter week 4	Intention/Info
Sunday 13th /14th 4th Sunday of Lent Mother's Day	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Dec'd Wallace Family James and Theresa Gough People of the Parish
Monday 15th		
Tuesday 16th	10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH	Paul Hancox Adoration
Wednesday 17th St Patrick	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Gerald and Winnie Price Adoration
Thursday 18th		
Friday 19th St Joseph	10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass 2.30pm BH	Adoration Chacko Stations of the Cross
Saturday 20th		
Sunday 20th /21st 5th Sunday of Lent	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Placidia People of the Parish Vera Roberts

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

Collections: KF 14/2 GA £15.00, Loose £78.38, Donation £50.00, 21/2 GA £25.00, Loose £100.00, Loan Repayment £500, 28/2 GA £41.00, Loose £62.00, Donations £350.00, CAFOD £155.00

Please pray for all those who are sick including Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Catherine Greenaway, 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, Barry Simner, 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

Stations of the Cross

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be observed each Friday as follows, thank you to Fr Shanju for doing this. Everyone is very welcome at any of the Churches.

19/3 2.30pm Brierley Hill

26/3 6.30pm Old Hill

Git Aid Envelopes - Envelopes for Kingswinford and Brierley Hill are now available at the back of Church. If you have any questions or want to Gift Aid at Brierley Hill please contact Sheila Jelf on 07753 106343. Thank you.

Diocesan Directories - (sometimes known as the nosy book!) there are a few of these available priced £3. Please contact the office if you would like one or let Fr Shanju know. Thank you.

EASTER TIDUUM

Thank you to those who have booked tickets already - if you haven't please contact Stephanie on 07950 832070 , email the Parish at ourladyoldhill@gmail.com or give the details to Fr Shanju.

As you expect Easter will be different this year (more details over the page) but we are very grateful to Fr George Grynowski who has kindly agreed to celebrate the Easter Triduum with us this year.

As in previous years there will only be one service on each day across our three Churches. To reassure those present, admission will be by **ticket only - please do not turn up unless you have booked in advance.** You do not need tickets to attend Mass on Easter Sunday only. The arrangements at the moment are as follows:

Maundy Thursday Old Hill 7.30pm

Good Friday Kingswinford 3pm

Easter Vigil Brierley Hill 8pm

Easter Sunday Kingswinford 9.30am (Fr Shanju)

Old Hill 11am (Fr Shanju)