

## October - Month of the Holy Rosary

The Rosary, St John Paul II said, is a compendium of the Gospel and it's intended to help us grow in our faith as we come to understand more and more about the life, the death, the resurrection and the Ascension of Jesus Christ, and about the Church and who we are in the Lord. The way to view the Rosary is as a time of meditation. We meditate on the great mysteries of the faith. Our Lady has 117 titles. She selected this title at Fatima: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." St. Francis de Sales said the greatest method of praying IS- Pray the Rosary. St. John Vianney, patron of priests, was seldom seen without a rosary in his hand. "The rosary is the scourge of the devil" -- Pope Adrian VI while Padre Pio the stigmatic priest said: "The Rosary is THE WEAPON".



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### Friday 6th October

#### Harvest fast Day

Next Friday is CAFOD's Family Fast Day, a day when we can pray, give and eat simply to stand alongside our global family. Please give what you can to help support CAFOD in their work.

Generous God,  
your Spirit hovered over the waters,  
you breathed life into the earth  
and created a world of plenty.  
Look on us here as we break bread together,  
and guide us to take only what we need  
so that all your people may have enough.

Father of all,  
there are many among us who go hungry.  
Help us to listen and respond as one family,  
so that, as we break bread together,  
we may glimpse your Kingdom here on earth -  
a Kingdom of welcome and plenty for all. Amen.

## **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](mailto:sg.olol.kingswinford@racob.org.uk) or [sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

## 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

### **1ST OCTOBER 2023**

#### **PSALM RESPONSE**

Remember your mercy, Lord.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word.  
And my Father will love him and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Ordinary A2	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 30th /1st 26th Sunday of the year</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH</b>	People of the Parish Margaret Shipley
Monday 2nd	<b>10am Mass KF</b>	MSP Society
Tuesday 3rd	<b>7pm KF</b>	Novena
Wednesday 4th	<b>10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH</b>	Sr Edith Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 5th	<b>9am Mass School</b>	School intention
Friday 6th	<b>10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF</b>	Keenan Family Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 7th	<b>5pm Mass KF</b>	Caroline Smith
<b>Sunday 7th/8th 27th Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH</b>	Caroline Smith People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Roy Davies, 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 £92.00 Loose £200.52 CTF £10.00 Fr Hudson's £125.70  
KF GA £89.00 Loose £107.00 FR Hudson's £69.49

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

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 2nd 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 Bri-erley Hill. So we can ensure seating and catering please sign the sheet at the back of Church if you wish to attend.

**Team clean at St Mary's** - Saturday 7th October at 10am. WE want to really give the Church a good clean before its 150th birthday. Please come along and help if you can even just for an hour. Thank you.

**Church cleaning KF** - Tuesday 10th October at 9.30am All volunteers very welcome.

**Bishop Stephen Wright** will be returning to the Cathedral for his return Mass on Fri-day 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 September - For people living on the margins** - We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.