

My parents are going back to India on 26th September. They would like to thank you all for your welcome to them. They really enjoyed the time with you. They appreciate your kindness, support and your friendship. Thank you very much everyone and my parents say goodbye to you.

Fr Shanju

Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

29th September

The Bible and the Church recognizes seven archangels, although just three are known by name, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. The name Michael means "one who is like God." His will is focused, immovable, and entirely driven toward accomplishing goodness; he is the protector of souls and wields his powerful sword against the poisonous and vindictive aspirations of the devil who Jesus calls a "murderer from the beginning" and the "father of lies" (John 8:44).

Gabriel means "God is my strength". He was sent from God to Nazareth, "to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, . . . and the virgin's name was Mary. Raphael means "God is my health". He is one of seven angels "who enter and serve before the Glory of the Lord" (Tobit 12:15). The meaning of Raphael's name reflects the fact that he touched Tobit's eyes in order to heal them of blindness.

God has commended to each of us an angel for our very own. What love has God for his children, for those he has created in the image of his incarnate Son!

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25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord is close to all who call him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,
In the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
May my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Today there is a collection for Fr Hudson's homes across the Diocese. We pray for the work and mission of everyone involved in Father Hudson's Care. May they continue to show forth the works of Mercy by providing services for all who are isolated, vulnerable or in need. Amen.



Ordinary A2	Psalter week 1	Intention/Info
Sunday 23rd/24th 25th Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Edie and Robert Portch Gladys and Denis Lovekin
Monday 25th	10am Mass KF	People of the Parish
Tuesday 26th	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 27th	10am Mass BH	Christopher Wieckowski
Thursday 28th	9am Mass School	
Friday 29th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Charlie Smith Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 30th	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 30th/1st 26th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Margaret Shipley

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Roy Davies, those on our September and 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 £53.00 Loose £182.93 Catholic Evangelisation £85.34 Heritage day £57.25 CTF 5.00
KF GA £70.00 Loose £122.60 Catholic Evangelisation £71.27 Hall hire £1945.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Fr Hudson's Society, next week for Church Maintenance.

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.

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.

Fr Stefan will be saying Mass at KF this Saturday as Fr Shanju is with the |Parish trip to Pantasaph We are grateful for his continued help and support. Please make him welcome as always.

St Mary's 150th Celebration Tuesday 17th October Mass at 7pm with His Grace the Archbishop 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.

Pantasaph trip 23rd September. Please pay your £25.00 as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

Old hill foodshare would like to thank all those who supported their grant application. It has been successful and the work can now go ahead.

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.

Holy Communion and Confirmation if you have children not attending a Catholic School who are due to receive their Sacraments, please see Fr Shanju as soon as possible before the end of September.

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.