

SYRIA-TURKEY EMERGENCY APPEAL

In the wake of the terrible earthquakes in Syria and Turkey on 6 February, CAFOD's local experts are already on the ground in Syria and responding to the needs of those affected. Because of the generosity of your parish in recent Fast Days and other donations, we were able to make an initial allocation of £100,000 to provide urgent humanitarian support – food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits – in the worst affected areas. We also set up a Syria-Turkey Emergency Appeal. Our prayers are with all our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please pray for everyone affected and consider donating to CAFOD's Syria -Turkey Earthquake Appeal online. <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

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RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION

Live Simply Low Energy Sundays. Swap activities for lower energy alternatives, swap TV for reading books and shopping for walks or spending time outside.

Live Sustainably Reduce your transport carbon footprint. Try to walk, cycle, use public transport or car share where possible. Perhaps combine this challenge with fundraising and join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!

Live in Solidarity Find more ethical alternatives for three items from your weekly shop. Take a look at your regular shopping list to see if you can find a greener and/or more ethical alternative for three of your regular items.

News, Events and Opportunities Join the Green Heart Campaign. Wear a green heart on Valentine's Day to promote conversations. Write to your MP asking them to champion action on the climate, nature and cost of living crises. For more information go to <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-thelove> or to get involved in climate action in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, please contact climate-action@rcaob.org.uk (*Diocese information*)

Pope's prayer intention for February - For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.. Amen

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



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

12TH FEBRUARY 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

They are happy who follow God's law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

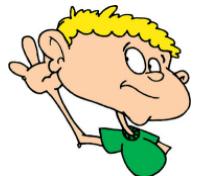
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this:
Everyone should be quick to listen. Do not merely
listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do
what it says. (*James 1 v 19 and 20*)



Ordinary Time A2	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
Sunday 11th/12th Our Lady of Lourdes 6th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Choi Family People of the Parish
Monday 13th	10am Mass KF	Aborted children
Tuesday 14th		
Wednesday 15th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	MSP Society Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 16th	9am Mass School	School intention
Friday 17th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Sr Anne Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 18th	5pm Mass KF	Tony Boyd
Sunday 18th/19th 7th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Tony Boyd People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our February 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 Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Kutz, Mike Skelding, Martha Jones, Mavis Geach, Sheila Rowley, Audrey Berry, Roger Ward, Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Rob and Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Connie Birch and Stella Jones. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections BH GA £48.00 Loose £182.67 Racial Justice £112.60
KF GA £60.00 Loose £102.96 Racial Justice £77.00 Hall hire £140.00 Survive Miva £20.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Church Maintenance next week for Life

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group tbc Mon 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. The need is growing so donations are much needed and gratefully received.

"Be still and know that I am God"

Please try to remain in silent prayer in Church before Mass begins. There is plenty of time to chat over tea and coffee after Mass. Please note the signs on the door as you come in, thank you.

CONFESSIONS - Please note there is the opportunity for Confession on **Wednesday and Friday morning after Mass**

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.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - Thank you to all those who decorated the Church (Saturday) and to Sue Beardsmore, Margaret Beckett and Theresa Gray for the lovely cakes after Mass as KF celebrated the Patronal Feast of the Church.

Ava Garbett will be received in to the Guild of Stephen at Mass today (Saturday). At Kingswinford. Please pray for Ava and all our Altar servers.

St Mary's Children - those who are being confirmed this year will be at Mass today (Sunday) to make their commitment promises. Please make them and their families welcome.

Health and Safety rep KF once again we need a rep for KF as this is a Diocesan requirement. It is not time consuming or hard work, you just need to be computer literate and above all willing to help the Parish.

Lenten Day of Recollection at St Mary's Convent Handsworth Tuesday 7th March and at St Mary and St John, Wolverhampton on Saturday 25th March. Please see posters at the back of Church for more information.

OH Foodshare a huge thank you from them for the recent donations from both parishes, they are greatly appreciated. you can, please continue to support the foodshare.

40 days for life - When the law takes sides - Kick off event 19th Feb 3.30pm in the hall of St Joseph's and St Helen's Church, Kings Norton. A talk by a layer about the exclusion zones etc. Please contact Isobel for more information on 07773 501721.

Mass offerings - please note one Mass at the weekend has to be offered for the People of the Parish. If you would line a particular date please give as much notice as possible. Thanks