

COVID 19 - Restrictions changing

As you know, the government has announced the lifting of the remainder of the restrictions on Monday 19th. The full guidance is available on the Diocesan website. What it means for us is:

1. No longer a reduced capacity for Mass attendance
2. Communal singing at Mass can begin again
3. The offertory can resume during Mass with the baskets/bags but its up to the individual Churches
4. Face masks are strongly recommended to be worn but are not compulsory
5. The water stoops will remain empty for now
6. Communion will continue under one kind only.
7. Social events such as tea and coffee after Mass can resume
8. People should be encouraged to use the QR codes to sign in but it is not compulsory to keep lists of those attending
9. No limits on attendance for Baptisms, Weddings or funerals or any other service additional to Mass

As we move forward please consider the following:

Even when all restrictions are lifted on 19th, we all need to be sensitive to other's preference for space. If someone wants a space beside them let them have room if we can. Having said that, we all also need to be aware of the psychological barriers we may have in getting back to normal - and think through ways we can gradually overcome them. We also need to get as many back to church as possible, so we also need to think of others whom we can help - practically or psychologically - in returning. Being careful has been, and is, important, but Mass is the most healing event there is. Rather than simply doing something because that's what we did last week, we now have a chance to revisit the reason for why we do things, and to re-centre on what is most important.

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16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

18TH JULY 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me." (Roman Missal)



Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 4	Intention/Info
Sunday 17th/18th 16th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	People of the Parish Patricia Horner Melvyn Turner
Monday 19th	9am Mass	School
Tuesday 20th	NO SERVICES	
Wednesday 21st	NO SERVICES	
Thursday 22nd St Mary Magdalene	NO SERVICES	
Friday 23rd St Bridget, Patron of Europe	9am Mass 10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass KF	School Adoration Steve Simpson
Saturday 24th		
Sunday 24th/25th 17th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Patrick Sutton & Millie Pearce People of the Parish Mary Edwards

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.

Collections: BH GA £285.00, Loose £321.24, Peter's Pence £36.41, Apostleship of the Sea £42.00 KF 4/7 GA £113.00, Loose £88.15, Peter's Pence £5.00, 11/7 GA £63.00, Loose £91.50, Apostleship of the Sea £105.42

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

Appointment of Fr. Shanju John as Priest in Charge

“Dear Parishioners,
With the agreement of Fr. Shanju’s Bishop, Mar Joseph Srampickal, Archbishop Bernard has appointed Fr. Shanju John as Priest in Charge of the Kingswinford, Brierley Hill and Cradley Heath/Old Hill parishes. We thank Fr. Shanju for his generosity in accepting this appointment and for his ongoing ministry.

With assurances of prayers.”

Canon Richard Walker, Vicar General.
Bishop Stephen Wright, Assistant Bishop.

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

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 - if no one comes forward to clean the parish centre at St Mary’s either weekly or on a rota basis we will not be able to use the hall at all. The only other option is to pay a cleaner with the implication of the financial burden that will bring. Please consider if you can help

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.