

St Mary's school Summer fayre - Change of date -The Friends of St Mary's PTA invite all parishioners to join us at St Mary's Catholic School for our Summer Fair on our new date, Wednesday the 19th of July. Entry is now FREE for everyone, though we do welcome donations on the day. There will be music/games, food/drinks, and even a performance by our own St Mary's Irish Dancers. For details, suggestions or to register interest in volunteering (face painting, anyone?), please see Megan Bennett or Amber Richards after Mass or email us at FOSM.enquiry@gmail.com We could really use your support to help us raise money towards activities & learning support for our pupils at St Mary's!

Responding to the Call of Creation - July

Fact: The average food item travels 1,837 miles before it's eaten in the UK. By growing our own food or buying local and seasonal food we can reduce our impact on the planet. To calculate your food miles and for tips and tricks on how to reduce them visit foodmiles.com Fact Source: foodmiles.com

UN Food Systems Summit 24th - 26th July Our food systems are both contributing to and affected by climate change. Each step in food production creates greenhouse gases that trap the sun's heat and contribute to climate change. Reducing emissions from the food sector requires changes at all stages, from producers to consumers. Learn more about food and climate change here: unep.org/events

Live Simply :Spend some time appreciating God's Creation. Walk in a new place, a wood, a forest, by a stream or river; countryside; beach; sand dunes; look at the sky, the stars, the clouds; really look and observe, and give thanks to God.

Live Sustainably Eat fruit and veg which is grown locally and is in season. Supermarkets enable us to buy pretty much anything we want all year round. But buying seasonal fruit and veg reduces the distance food is travelling to reach our plates, therefore reducing the environmental footprint of our shopping! Now we're in summer enjoy eating foods like tomatoes, berries, cucumber, green beans, radish and asparagus. If you're not sure what to buy you can check the price labels or packaging in the shop to see where it's come from. (*Archdiocese of Birmingham*)

Pope's prayer intention for July - For a Eucharistic life - We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brother and sisters.

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15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

16TH JULY 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

Some seed fell into rich soil
and produced its crop.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.



Ordinary A2	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
Sunday 15th/16th 15th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Catherine Conroy People of the Parish
Monday 17th	10am Mass KF	MSP Society
Tuesday 18th	10am Mass BH	Stephanie Partridge
Wednesday 19th	NO MASS	_____
Thursday 20th	4.15pm KF	Reception of body
Friday 21st	10.15am Funeral Mass KF	Elizabeth Townsend
Saturday 22nd	5pm Mass KF	Margaret Hutchins
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Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Anthony Brearley, Bernie Townsend, Fr John Darley, those on our July 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 Tommy Caffrey, Deacon John Brindley, Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Kutz, 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 Bryan, Betty Storey and Connie Birch May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections BH GA 149.00 Loose £177.97 Apostleship of the Sea £93.55 CTF £10.00 150th Donation £40.00 Candles £126.94 Summer Fayre £875.25
KF GA £87.00 Loose £75.10 Apostleship of the Sea £72.69

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week and next for Church Maintenance

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 24th July 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
KINGSWINFORD choir practice Wednesday 7pm
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.

NB Mass on Tuesday at BH this week, not Wednesday as Fr Shanju is attending the installation of Bishop Wright.

Thank you to Father Louis for saying our Masses last weekend.

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.

Funeral of Bernie Townsend RIP - will take place on Friday 21st July at 10.15am at KF. Her body will be received into Church on Thursday 20th at 4.15pm.

Memorial Mass for Fr John Darley - Thursday 27th July at 7pm at BH followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre .

Healing Mass - Thank you to the SVP for providing the buffet and to the children from year 6 at St Mary's who came and helped on the day.

House blessing - Fr Shanju would like to visit and bless all the Parishioners houses. If you would like his visit please add your details to the list at the back of Church by 31st July and Fr Shanju will arrange a convenient time with you to bless your home.

Pantasaph Retreat Centre After the success of our last pilgrimage many have asked if we can go again on **September 23rd for Padre Pio day** where there is a grand celebration and free lunch. If you are interested please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of Church by the end of July. If there is enough interest we will organise this.

Foodshare - have applied for a grant to install shelving in the garage at OH which is used as a store room. Please sign the form at the back of church if you support this application, the more signatures the more likely they are to get the grant. Thanks.

Caritas -Are working with the St John of God Hospitaller Services to coordinate the Homes for Ukraine. For more information please see the leaflets and posters at the back of Church.

Summer fayre and raffle - Thank you to all those supported this event we raised a grand total of £875.25. Raffle prize winners were Joan Rees, Marlene Hackeson, Graham Jelf, Donna Downing, Kevin P and Shenea.

Safeguarding - The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Lili Pace at BH and Epi Pfunde at KF. They can be contacted at: sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.or.uk and sg.olol.kingswinford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.