

Archbishop Bernard Longley writes “Dear Shanju, thank you very much for Tuesday’s uplifting and prayerful celebration of the 150th Anniversary of St Mary’s at Brierley Hill. Please pass on my thanks to the altar servers, the choir, the organist, the young readers and the DDL sisters for all their help, together with the Keralan choir! I am also very grateful for the lovely reception afterwards in the Civic hall and your most generous honorarium. Thank you for all you do so faithfully in your parishes. With my prayers and kindest wishes, your devotedly in Christ.”

**Forthcoming Masses for November -
the Month of the Holy Souls**

All Saints Day

Tuesday 31st October	6.30pm Rosary	Brierley Hill
	7pm Vigil Mass of All Saints	Brierley Hill

Wednesday 1st November	10am Mass	Kingswinford
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All Souls Day

Thursday 2nd November	10am Mass	Brierley Hill
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Joint Mass for Deceased Priests and Parishioners

(Brierley Hill, Kingswinford, Stourbridge, Dudley, Tipton, Sedgley and Lower Gornal)

Wednesday 15th November	7pm Mass	Kingswinford
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The Priests of those Parishes will concelebrate with Fr Shanju and their Parishioners will be invited to attend. There will be tea, coffee and refreshments in the Church hall after this Mass.

**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 or sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

22ND OCTOBER 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

Give the Lord glory and power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord,
Consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death,
To keep them alive in famine.

Ordinary A2	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
Sunday 21st/22nd 29th Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Gareth Floyd
Monday 23rd	10am Mass KF	MSP Society
Tuesday 24th	NO MASS	—————
Wednesday 25th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Brian Saunders Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 26th	9am Mass School	School intention
Friday 27th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	People of the Parish Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 28th Ss Simon and Jude	5pm Mass KF	Sylvia Arnold
Sunday 28th/29th 30th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Sylvia Arnold Margaret Montgomery

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially 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 Christine, Maureen Southall, 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 £60.00 Loose £224.53 CAFOD £10.00 150th £85.00 Church £116.24
KF GA £93.00 Loose £131.53 Church £103.28 Funeral £60.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Missio, next week Sisters.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 25th 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 Thank you to all those who helped in any way to make the Celebration a success. After a lovely Mass everyone enjoyed good food and company at the Civic Centre. Lots of lovely comments were made about the Mass especially our six Sisters singing and shimmying down the aisle! Special thanks to Archbishop Bernard Longley

World Mission Sunday today when the whole Church unites together through prayer and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: **'Hearts on fire, feet on the move'** .

In his message for today Pope Francis encourages us to set hearts ablaze with God's love and compassion for everyone.

Donations and prayers on this day have direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit: missio.org.uk/wms.

Churches Together in BH After more than 20 years as St Mary's representative for Churches Together in BH, **Brian Saunders** has decided to step down. We are very grateful for his contribution over that time. This is an inter-faith group and it is very important that we have a representative for our Church. If you are interested please speak to Brian after Mass or ring him on 01384 832053 for more information.

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