

**Multi-cultural Mass Today Sunday 21st May at BH
followed by a cake/food sale**

It is good we are celebrating our multi-cultural Mass today, on World Communications day. We can be scared of the unknown, easily misunderstood, we can be hesitant to extend the hand of friendship. There is so much we can learn from each other if we are open and willing to accept each other. We are all books by the same author, we just have a different story to tell.

At St Mary's our Mass will consist of the following:

Hail Mary will be said in Filipino, Wolof (The Gambia), and Malayalam (India)

Offertory hymn and procession sung by our Sisters in Nigerian

Our Father will be said in English, Arabic (Lebanon) and Nigerian

Communion hymns will be sung in Malayalam and English and then a hymn of Praise to Our Lady in Shona (Zimbabwe)

Please join in celebrating our varied, rich culture at this Mass and please stay and buy some cakes and other foods after Mass in the Parish centre. The proceeds are going to our 150th fund.

Eternal Father,
we praise you for sending your Son
to be one of us and to save us.
Look upon your people with mercy,
for we are divided in so many ways,
and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love.
We ask this gift, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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



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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

21ST MAY 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

In the Gospel today Jesus is praying for the Church. The intimate communion He has with the Father is evident in this beautiful prayer. He is praying for you and for me. He is asking the Father to keep us "in His name". So in Jesus Christ, in His mystical Body, the Church, we are joined to His Father, and protected from the evil one. (*Deacon Fournier*)

Easter A2	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
Sunday 20th/21st 7th Sunday of Easter	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Ellen Teresa Davies
Monday 22nd	10am Mass KF	Beryl Curran
Tuesday 23rd	NO	MASS
Wednesday 24th	10am Mass BH 10.30 BH	Frederick Uchehara Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 25th	9am Mass School	
Friday 26th	10am Mass KF 10.30 KF	Joan Jeavons Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 27th	5pm Mass KF	May Goodenough
Sunday 27th/28th Pentecost Sunday	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	May Goodenough People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Brian Sable, Michael Skelding, those on our May 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 Bernie Townsend, 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 and Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Connie Birch and Stella Jones. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections BH GA £76.00 Loose £198.13 Maintenance £106.25 150th Donation £70.00 Piety £105.00
KF GA £99.00 Loose £114.52 Church Maintenance £64.95

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Catholic Communications, next week for our Sisters

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 15th May 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.

Next Sunday is the great Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church

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.

Mike Skelding RIP - Advance notice Funeral will be on Thursday 1st June at 11am at St Mary's.

Friends of St Mary's School PTA - welcome anyone from the Parish who would like to help raise money for the children in school. The AGM is on Tues 23rd May at 2.30pm in the school hall in Mill Street. There will be free food sampling from the school caterer and voting for committee roles will take place. If you are interested, or for more information please email FOSM.enquiry@gmail.com or speak to Megan Bennett. Thank you.

Holywell trip 17th June - there are still some places available. If anyone is interested please see Fr Shanju. Cost is £35.00 please pay as soon as you can.

SVP has new Cost Of Living Fund for those who are experiencing difficulty . Applications of up to £500 can be made. Please see Aidan Tompkins for more details.

Clergy Training Fund the total collected for the last six months via the new envelopes is £109.50. The envelopes, which can be placed on either collection plate in St. Mary's on Sundays, are always available at the back of Church . Thank you.

Church doors and parish centre kitchen at BH the external doors are being refurbished and the kitchen redecorated thanks to grants received from Dudley Heritage action zone and the Community Project. We have also received a grant for two microwaves to improve our facilities in the kitchen. Thanks to John Barley for organising these.

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latest_campaigns

Pope's prayer intention for May For Church movements and groups - We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.