

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Old Hill

Dear Parishioners, may we wish you all a very joyful and blessed Easter Season. Together we have been reflecting on the best way to serve the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes, Old Hill. We wish to put before you our firm proposals. At present Fr. Shanju serves the linked parishes of Old Hill, Kingswinford and Brierley Hill. In addition he serves two Syro- Malabar communities. His weekend routine is unsustainable. We are aware that the Mass time change to 5pm Saturday at Old Hill has not been popular and that travel time between Kingswinford and Old Hill can be problematic at times. Given these issues, we firmly propose that Old Hill will be better served by linking it to the much closer Our Lady and St. Kenelm Parish, Halesowen and so be served by Fr. Stefan. This will reinstate the historical connection between these two neighbouring parishes. It will also allow the return of the 11.30am Sunday Mass at Old Hill. There will be no changes to school admissions for those living in the Old Hill Parish. Please do talk about these proposals with Fr. Shanju and Fr. Stefan and share your responses with them. It is hoped to make these changes soon with due notice given. In summary we firmly propose that Old Hill Parish be linked with Halesowen Parish and so served by Fr. Stefan and that the Mass time at Old Hill returns to 11.30am on Sunday. With assurances of prayers,

Fr. Shanju, Fr. Stefan and Bishop Stephen.

**Pope's prayer intention for May: For faith-filled young people** *We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service. Amen.*

## **Catholic Parishes of St Mary, Lady of Lourdes**



St. Mary's Brierley Hill,  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford and  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Cradley Heath.

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### **4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**(VOCATIONS SUNDAY)**

**8TH MAY 2022**

**PSALM RESPONSE**

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The Good Shepherd has risen  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly dies for his flock, alleluia.

*Look upon your flock, kind shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. (Roman Missal)*



Easter (C2)	Psalter week 4	Intention/Info
Sunday 7th/8th 4th Sunday of Easter	Sat 5pm Mass OH 9.45am Mass BH 11.15am Mass KF	People of the Parish Stephanie Partridge Edwin Geach
Monday 9th	10am Mass KF	Chacko
Tuesday 10th St Damien	10am Mass OH	Ireland
Wednesday 11th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Margaret Shipley Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 12th	9am Mass	School
Friday 13th Our Lady of Fatima	6.30pm-7pm KF 7pm Mass KF	Adoration and Confessions Mariyam
Saturday 7th St Matthias	5pm Vigil Mass OH	Maxine Guy
Sunday 14th/15th 5th Sunday of Easter	Sat 5pm Mass OH 9.45am Mass BH 11.15am Mass KF	Maxine Guy People of the Parish Francis and Olwen Borg

Please pray for all those whose have died recently , those on our May deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections BH GA £133.00, Loose £148.47, Parish debt £90.53, Funeral £60.00 KF GA £70.50, Loose £162.71

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 9th May 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre  
**OLD HILL FOODSHARE** Tuesday mornings 11am -1pm  
**KINGSWINFORD:** Friday 9.30 - 11.30am **Foodbank** .

Please pray for all those who are sick including Gary Buckley, Audrey Berry, Roger Ward, Fr George Grynowski, Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob and Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

**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.**

## SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Clergy training Fund next week for Diocesan Ukraine Fund

### CONFESSIONS

It is your duty to go to Confession between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost - please do not delay in receiving the Sacrament. Confessions are normally available on Tuesday 10.30am to 11am, Wednesday 10.30am to 11am and Friday 6.30pm to 7pm. I will be pleased to hear your confession at any other suitable time if you cannot make these times. Please just ask.  
*Fr Shanju*

**NB No Adoration or Confessions on Tuesday as there is a Deanery meeting**

**Jumble sale OH** big thank you to Madge and the team for all their hard work at the jumble sale on Saturday.

**KF General Clean-** Tuesday 17th May 9.30am. All help greatly appreciated.

**Sr Geraldine** has now left us and we are grateful for her time with us. Sr Lucy has now joined us please make her welcome

**Online Rosary on Wednesdays at 7pm** These are via zoom each week - meeting ID: 784 3490 6257 Passcode 1111.

**Collection Counters** still asking for volunteers! Please think about it.....

**Readers at Mass** anyone who is interested in reading at Mass please see Fr Shanju

**Foodshare donations** The demand for help is ever increasing for example 74 visitors in Jan supporting 123 people to 121 visitors in March supporting 239 people so you can see how important your donations are. If anyone would like to see first hand please feel free to visit Our Lady of Lourdes any Tuesday between 11am and 1pm. Thanks for your continued support.

**Queen's Jubilee - St Mary's School** are hosting a street party on the 25th May to celebrate this occasion and all Parishioners are warmly invited to join them. More details to follow

**Walsingham Pilgrimage - Saturday 14th May 2022** 7am - Coach departs from Our Lady and All Saints, 13 New Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1PQ  
12 noon Arrival at the Shrine, 1pm Mass, 3pm Procession to the ruins and prayers at the Holy House. 5pm Depart.  
Cost £25 adults, £10 school age children. Please contact Fr Philip on 01384 395308 or email olas.stourbridge.rcaob.org.uk to book a seat on the coach.