

St Aloysius Gonzaga Feast day 21st June

St. Aloysius was born in Castiglione, Italy. The first words St. Aloysius spoke were the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. He was destined for the military by his father (who was in service to Philip II), but by the age of 9 Aloysius had decided on a religious life, and made a vow of perpetual virginity. To safeguard himself from possible temptation, he would keep his eyes persistently downcast in the presence of women. St. Charles Borromeo gave him his first Holy Communion. A kidney disease prevented St. Aloysius from a full social life for a while, so he spent his time in prayer and reading the lives of the saints. Although he was appointed a page in Spain, St. Aloysius kept up his many devotions and austerities, and was quite resolved to become a Jesuit. His family eventually moved back to Italy, where he taught catechism to the poor. When he was 18, he joined the Jesuits, after finally breaking down his father, who had refused his entrance into the order. He served in a hospital during the plague of 1587 in Milan, and died from it at the age of 23, after receiving the last rites from St. Robert Bellarmine. The last word he spoke was the Holy Name of Jesus. St. Robert wrote the Life of St. Aloysius.



Pope's prayer intention for June For migrants fleeing their homes. We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of violence and danger, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.. Amen.

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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.lol.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 if you have any concern.

11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

16TH JUNE 2024

PSALM RESPONSE

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek;
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Ordinary B1	Ordinary	Intention/Info
Sunday 15th/16th 11th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Sheila Rowley Danny Wright (B/day)
Monday 17th	10am Mass KF	Fr Ivanhoe Allies
Tuesday 18th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH 7pm KF	People of the Parish Adoration and Confessions Novena
Wednesday 19th	NO MASS	————
Thursday 20th	9am Mass School	School intention
Friday 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF 7pm Confirmation Mass BH	Jean Byrne Adoration and Confessions Confirmation Candidates
Saturday 22nd Ss John Fisher and Thomas More	5pm Mass KF	Bernie Townsend
Sunday 22nd/23rd 12th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Bernie Townsend People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our June deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Fr Brendan Carrick, Becky Lodge, Fr Cecil, Irene Brown, Christine Holding, Brian Saunders, Christine, Marlene and Tony Lyons, Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Czuk, Martha Jones, Mavis Geach, Sheila Rowley, Roger Ward, Pauline Bant, 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 £43.00 Loose £233.74 Maintenance £99.33 Donation £50.00
KF GA £120.00 Loose £169.58 Maintenance £74.25

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 24th June 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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for day for Life, next week for Sisters.

NB. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual help will be on Tuesday at 7pm at KF. Mass at BH will be on Tuesday not Wednesday this week.

Today (Saturday) at KF Jacob and David will be making their First Confession and **(Sunday) at BH** David will be receiving his First Holy Communion. Please pray for them and their families and at this special time. Thanks to David's family for donating cakes in the Parish Centre in BH on Sunday after Mass to celebrate. Jacob will be receiving his First Holy Communion at KF on Saturday the 6th July.

Confirmation - The Sacrament of Confirmation with **Bishop David Evans** will take place of Friday 21st June at St Mary's at 7pm for the children from St Mary's school. Please pray for the candidates, their families and their teachers as they prepare for this Sacrament.

Tea/coffee after Mass - Please join Fr Shanju and stay for tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday morning at BH for a chat and a catch up. No teas at KF until further notice.

Volunteer needed at KF is there anyone who can help maintain the grounds at KF by cutting the grass etc? Possibly a group of you to lighten the load? Please speak to Fr Shanju as soon as possible. Thank you.

Multi-cultural Mass - We will be having a multi-cultural Mass at BH on **Sunday 23rd June**. If you would be willing to sing or say a prayer in your native language please add your name to the sheet at the back of Church or let Fr Shanju know. On the day we would welcome donations of different types of food from the various cultures if possible. Thank you.

Friends of St Mary's school Summer Fair at St Mary's on Mill Street on Saturday 29th June from 11am-2pm and will be called 'GlastonMary.' Volunteering is open for anyone in the parish community who is able to lend a hand planning, running a stall or even performing a musical talent to keep with the festival vibe. Speak to Megan after mass or ring/text 07949 189257.

General election - the Bishops' Conference have created a webpage on their website with information about the issues important to Catholics. His Grace would encourage parishioners to visit the webpage which can be found here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>