

A Gentle Reminder: Reverence in the Church and involvement in the Parish

Dear Parishioners,

1. As we come together in worship, we kindly ask everyone to **observe silence inside the church**, especially before and after the service. This time is sacred for personal prayer and reflection, and your quiet presence allows others to have the space to connect with God. Let's be mindful of each other and create a peaceful atmosphere for all. All friendly chat and other matters can be done in the narthex.

2. I kindly ask that you please enter the church and **occupy the available seats** rather than sitting or standing in the narthex. This not only enhances your experience and participation in the service but also helps maintain a safe and comfortable environment for all, in line with health and safety guidelines. By sitting inside, you will be able to engage more fully in the prayers and worship, while also supporting our efforts to ensure a safe and orderly space for everyone. **Coming before the service starts** will help you to find suitable seats for you.

• 3. We are **seeking volunteers** to help with various church activities. Your time and talents are deeply appreciated and vital in supporting our community.

We invite you to consider volunteering in the following areas:

- **Church Cleaning** – Help maintain the beauty and cleanliness of our sacred space.
- **Money Collection** – Assist with the collection during services.
- **Tea Serving** – Join us in serving tea and refreshments after the service.
- **Readers** – Lend your voice by reading Scripture during Mass.
- **Choir** – Share your musical gifts by joining the choir and enriching our worship.
- **Flower arranging** - Decorate the Church with flowers as simple as a vase

If you are interested in volunteering, **please reach out to me**. Your involvement makes a meaningful difference!

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Fr Shanju John

Parish Priest.

Pope's prayer intention for April For the use of new technologies Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



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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 Mrs Lilli Brice-Bateman. They can be contacted at sg.olol.kingswinford@rcaob.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.

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13TH APRIL 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

Praise, to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

Lent C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 12th/13th Palm Sunday	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Michael Skelding (Anniv)
Monday 14th	10am Mass KF 10.30am KF	Beryl Backler Confessions
Tuesday 15th	6.30pm Mass BH 7pm-8pm BH	Sr Edith Adoration and Confessions
Wednesday 16th	11.30am Mass of Chrism St Chad's Cathedral	No Mass at BH
<u>Triduum</u>		
Maundy Thursday -17th Mass of the Last supper 7.30pm Kingswinford (Tony Boyd RIP)		
Good Friday 18th- Solemn Liturgy 3pm Brierley Hill Stations of the Cross 7pm Kingswinford		
Easter Vigil 19th -6pm Kingswinford (People of the Parish) 7.30pm Brierley Hill (Pat and David Horner)		
Sunday 20th Easter Sunday	9am Mass KF 10.30am Mass BH	Private Intention (CS) Gareth Floyd (RIP)

Please pray for all those whose have died recently, those on our April 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 Ed Benedict, Joyce Southall, Irene Brown, Christine Holding, 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 £38.00 Loose £264.83 Flowers £102.86 Teas £51.75
KF GA £135.00 Loose £266.73 Flowers £66.93 Teas £23.50 Donation £1.30 Funerals £300.00 Hall hire £100

COLLECTIONS - 2nd collection this week for Church Maintenance, one on Good Friday for Holy Places, only one on Easter Sunday for the Parish Priest.

FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations as the need is growing.

Today we start our Mass in the hall. The palms will be blessed and we will then process in to Church.

Confessions - There will be an opportunity for Confession on Monday the 14th April at Kingswinford after Mass at 10am and on Tuesday 15th April at St Mary's following Mass at 6.30pm. Confession will also be heard in other **Deanery Churches** on this day please see poster for details.

Triduum

The Triduum is one service that starts on Thursday evening at 7.30pm , continues on Good Friday at 3pm and finishes at the end of Mass on Easter Saturday. Please make every effort to attend all three days as we commemorate the death and resurrection of Our Lord.

Tea/coffee after Mass - Please join Fr Shanju and stay for tea and coffee after Mass on Saturday evening at KF and on Sunday morning at BH for a chat and a catch up.

Closing deanery meeting - Thank you to all the parishioners who provided the refreshments after the meeting and to all those who attended from both our Parishes. It was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all those who attended from across the deanery.

Easter egg raffle - tickets on sale after Mass at KF and BH for St Mary's funds. Lots of lovely chocolate to be won! Draw will take place after Mass this Sunday.

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Please take a copy and pray the Chaplet for nine days. Divine mercy Sunday is the 27th April

Church spring clean KF Tues 15th 9.30am all helpers very welcome.

House blessing - if you would like a house blessing please contact Fr Shanju to arrange this.

Walk of Witness Good Friday 18th April 2025 through Brierley Hill High Street, to start at Brierley Hill Methodist Church, Bank Street, Brierley Hill at 10.30 hrs, and will finish at St Michaels .

Assisted suicide bill - Please take a card from the back of Church and send it your MP asking them to vote against this bill as requested by the Archbishop last Sunday in his Pastoral letter.

Divine Mercy Devotions - At Our Lady and All Saints Stourbridge 18th April after the Good Friday Liturgy then every day at 3pm. Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April at 2.40pm with Deacon Tom. There will be no confession on that day.