

**Battered woman** - The SVP would like to thank those parishioners who have offered furniture and given financial support to a lady moving from a refuge for battered women into social housing. The matter is still ongoing as the accommodation offered needs repairs to make it habitable. Never the less the help is much appreciated.

**Programme of Events For Churches Together** - Friday 7th March. World Day of Prayer at Baptist Church, South Street Brierley Hill at 10.30hrs.  
Lent Talks on Women In the Church, at Brierley Hill Methodist Church, Bank Street, Brierley Hill on 7th March 2025, 14th March 2025, 4th April 2025 and 11th April. All talks start at 18.00hrs and finish at 19.00hrs. All welcome, tea and coffee provided.  
Good Friday 18th April 2025 walk of witness, 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 .

**Walsingham** - There will be a special collection on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of March for the National Shrine at Walsingham. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

**Discernment to the Priesthood** - A discernment event for boys in years 9 to 13, will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at St Mary's College Oscott. Please see poster for more details or contact Fr Craig Szmidt (fr.craig.szmidt@rcaob.org.uk) or Deacon Owen Gresty ([deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk](mailto:deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk))

**Pope's prayer intention for March** For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families may discover a cure for their wounds through forgiveness , rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



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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@racob.org.uk](mailto:sg.olol.kingswinford@racob.org.uk) or [sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

## EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

**2ND MARCH 2025**

### **PSALM RESPONSE**

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine as lights in the world,  
holding fast to the word of life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,  
sing psalms to the name of the Lord most high.

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 1st/2nd</b> <b>8th Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b>	George & Nancy Brownsword People of the Parish
Monday 3rd	<b>10am Mass KF</b>	Melina Simpson
Tuesday 4th	<b>7pm KF</b>	Novena
Wednesday 5th <b>ASH</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9am Mass School</b> <b>11am Mass KF</b> <b>7pm Mass BH</b>	Melina Simpson Private Intention
Thursday 6th	<b>NO MASS</b>	—————
Friday 7th	<b>10am Mass KF</b> <b>10.30am KF</b> <b>12.30pm BH</b> <b>6.30pm BH</b> <b>7pm Keralan Mass BH</b>	Joan Jeavons Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 8th	<b>5pm Mass KF</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 8th/9th</b> <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b>	People of the Parish Muna Momodu (B/day)

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Melina Simpson and Beryl Backler, those on our March 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 £206.23 Maintenance £104.34 Teas £16.50 Funeral £150.00  
KF GA £67.00 Loose £244.40 Maintenance £75.98 Hall hire £120.00

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 10th March 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 Cathedral Maintenance next week for Church Maintenance.**

#### Lent

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday** 5th March. There will be Mass in school at 9am, at Kingswinford at 11am and at Brierley Hill at 7pm all with imposition of ashes.

**Stations of the cross** will take place every Friday during Lent at 10.30am at Kingswinford after Mass and 12.30pm at Brierley Hill.

**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.

**Church cleaning at KF** Tuesday 4th March at 9.30am. Any help appreciated.

**Visit from Bishop Timothy Menezes** - Bishop Timothy will be coming to visit the Parish on the weekend of the **8th and 9th of March**. It is an official Parish visit by the Bishop so it is necessary to attend the Mass and the meeting that will take place after. Kindly try to be present on those days.

After the Mass at Kingswinford on Saturday 8th the Parish would like to offer tea, coffee and snacks for all those at the meeting. If you able to donate some food please add your name to the list at the back of Church next to the item you will be bringing. Thank you.

**First Holy Communion** If there are any children not at Catholic primary schools who wish to make their First Holy Communion, please give the name and contact details to Fr Shanju as soon as possible. We plan to start the sessions for them in March.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 7 - 15<sup>th</sup> September** 2025 for Jubilee Year of Hope  
Organised by Deacon Tom Tranter. Priest Fr. Shanju  
Flying British Airways from London Heathrow to Split, Croatia. Group Block Booking  
Coach transfers organised from Stourbridge and Split to Medjugorje. Guest House - 300 yds from church. All rooms en-suite with air conditioning. Bed, breakfast and evening meal incl. wine. Full liturgical parish program daily. Excursion to nearby ancient Turkish quarter in Mostar (optional). Cost: Flight: approx. £260 Total Transfers: approx £ 100 Accommodation: 8 nights: Single: 320 euros per person Shared (twin and triple) 240 euros per person . If interested please text Deacon Tom : 07415 211098 for more information by next Wednesday 12th. February as there are limited places and air fares are increasing each week .