

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@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.



EASTER SUNDAY YEAR C

20TH APRIL 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

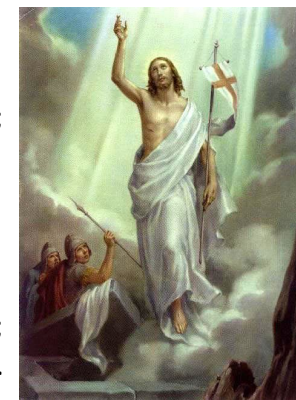
Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
Of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



Easter C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 20th Easter Sunday	9am Mass KF 10.30am Mass BH	Private Intention (CS) Gareth Floyd (RIP)
NO SERVICES MONDAY TO FRIDAY		
Saturday 26th	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 27th Divine Mercy Sunday	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Sr Edith (B/day)

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 Payments into bank for March £423.25
KF GA £106.00 Loose £197.21 Church Maintenance £87.38 Hall hire £100.00 Donation £25.00 Teas £6.30 Payments into bank for March £322.00

COLLECTIONS - One collection only for today for the Parish Priest, next week second collection for our sisters.

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group TBC

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.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Triduum and to all those who have helped in any way with the Easter services and presentation of our churches. Thank you to Fr Greatbatch for celebrating the Easter vigil at St Mary's.

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.

Easter Egg raffle - Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our raffle. We raised over £200.00 for Church funds at St Mary's. There were 15 prizes, seven winners at BH, seven at KF and Fr Shanju too!

Letter from Archbishop Longley *"Dear Fr Shanju, thank you for hosting the closing Meeting for the Deanery Visitation. My thanks to all your parishioners for their warm welcome, to your Altar servers and choir for the very prayerful Vespers and Benediction, and to the ladies for the refreshments afterwards. I hope you will have blessed Holy Week and a joyful Easter ahead. With my prayers and kindest wishes, yours devotedly in Christ, Bernard"*

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

House blessing - if you would like a house blessing please contact Fr Shanju to arrange this on 01384 274520. Thank you.

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.

First Confessions - the children from our school will receive the Sacrament of Confession for the first time on Wednesday 30th April. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Happy and Blessed Easter to you all.

Fr Shanju

