

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PEACE THROUGH INTEGRITY AND HONOUR THROUGH DEVOTED- NESS

This is the beautiful name that God gives Jerusalem for ever. And how true it is! We long for peace, and external peace is precious: harmony in our world, our country, our homes and lives. But much more precious and eternal is the peace that comes from harmony within: integrity, when I trust in God's truth, and live in accord with it. Looking back on life so far, the real errors have been when we have feared consequences of acting with integrity and been persuaded, from within or without, that 'this time' it is more important to follow another way. Always with disastrous consequences. God's way isn't just the best way, it is the only way to lead to happiness and peace. And we only gain strength to trust that through devotion to him. That's why prayer, the rosary and other devotions are so important. The peace of integrity is the peace only Christ can give - alongside his complete forgiveness of our past lack of integrity. It is this that makes our paths straight. Pray for integrity and devotedness. *(Catholic resources online)*

Prayer for Advent

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord.

Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. 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 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.

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PSALM RESPONSE

What great deeds the Lord worked for us!

Indeed, we were glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Advent C2	Advent	Intention/Info
Sunday 7th 8th 2nd Sunday of Advent	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Kathleen Madigan Joseph and Dolores Camilleri
Monday 9th Immaculate Conception	10am Mass KF	Tracey Collings
Tuesday 10th	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 11th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Dec'd Saunders family Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 12th	9am Mass School	School intention
Friday 13th St Lucy	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Zian Shebin Battans Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 14th	5pm Mass KF	Dec'd Jenner and Wain families
Sunday 14th/15th Third Sunday of Advent	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Dec'd Jenner and Wain families People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our December 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 Sheila Jelf, Beryl Backler, Ed Benedict, Melina Simpson, Joyce Southall, Fr Cecil, 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 23rd/24th

BH GA £25.00 Loose £186.93 Youth Services £81.25 Teas £30.00
KF GA 102.00 Loose £251.40 Youth services £91.67 Hall hire £220.00
30th/1st

BH GA £45.00 Loose £232.99 Maintenance £136.11 Fayre £1368.39 Teas £33.32
KF GA 80.00 Loose £269.03 Maintenance £169.74

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 2nd December 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 Poor Parishes. Next week for our Sisters.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

If you would like to order a new Missal please give your name and £19.95 to Fr Shanju by next Sunday, the 15th of December. If we need to order less than 5 there will be postage to pay as well. If you have already ordered please collect from Fr Shanju. Thank you.

Monday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be Mass in KF at 10am. Please try to attend if you can.

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.

Walk with me books and calendars are now available at the back of Church. If your child is in a Catholic School they will be given a calendar at school.

Quiz and social evening at St Mary's thank you to all those who came and supported our social evening.

Poppy appeal -thank you to everyone who supported the poppy appeal at St Mary's. The craft group raised £385.39 and the church £12.40 to help the Royal British Legion.

Church cleaning KF - Thursday 19th December at 9.30am. All volunteers very welcome to get the Church ready for Our Lord's birth.

Confessions - There is the opportunity for confessions after weekday Masses on Wednesday at BH and Friday at KF. There will also be confession on Thursday 19th December at BH from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Christmas Masses - There will be Masses in both Churches on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Details will be announced next week.



Pope's prayer intention for December For pilgrims of hope. We pray that this Jubilee year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. Amen .