

CHRIST THE KING

Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.

As God and as man Jesus has infinite power in his kingship, flowing through his truth and his love. We need to trust this! His truth and love already have infinite power. When we do trust this, we relax into our own goodness too. We are far more compelling when we simply share the Gospel message, rather than try to impose it in any way on adults. We also tend to love more naturally when it comes from a peaceful heart. Jesus himself reveals this comfort with his power: he is not flustered in the presence of Pilate, neither is he frantically trying to save himself. His interest is in seeking to help Pilate understand the truth, for his power is to save others not himself.
(Online)

Prayer to Christ the King

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe.
All that has been created has been made for You.
Make full use of Your rights over me.
I renew the promises I made in Baptism,
when I renounced Satan and all his pomps and works,
and I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power
to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.
Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer you my efforts
in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge your Sacred Royalty,
and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace
may be established throughout the universe. Amen.



Pope's prayer intention for November For anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit. 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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24TH NOVEMBER 2024

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our Father David!

Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
for his merciful love towards us is great.

Ordinary B1	Ordinary	Intention/Info
Sunday 23rd/24th Christ The King	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	The Gardiner family Dec'd Skelding family
Monday 25th	10am Mass KF	People of the Parish
Tuesday 26th	NO MASS	—————
Wednesday 27th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Rajesh Thomas Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 28th	9am Mass School	
Friday 29th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Elizabeth (Grandmother) Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 30th	5pm Mass KF	Nadim Bitar
Sunday 30th /1st 1st Sunday of Ad- vent	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Nadim Bitar People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our November and 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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Catholic Youth Services, next week for Church Maintenance.

Collections BH GA £45.00 Loose £244.12 Sisters £197.85 Teas £18.40
KF GA £69.00 Loose £278.75 Sisters £76.76 Hall hire £100.00

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 18th November 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.

Private Sunday Missal

If you would like the new Sunday Missal which starts from Advent (1st December) we can order these for £19.95 . Please put your name and the money in an envelope and give to Fr Shanju by **TODAY**.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL - urgent action

There is card at the back of church today for you to send to your MP via the House of Commons asking them to vote no. You only need to fill out your name and address and the name of your MP. Please send this urgently as the vote takes place on Friday 29th November. It is important we stand up for the rights of the frail, elderly and seriously ill . There are some facts about the effect this had in other countries on <https://righttolife.org.uk>.

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.

Key holders - If you have any keys for any building belonging to the Church the Diocese now require you to complete a form that will be kept securely in the office. Please ask Father for a form after Mass and return by Sunday 24th November.

Christmas fayre and raffle thank you to all those who supported our raffle and fayre by donating, buying tickets or on the day. Details and winners announced next week.

Quiz and social evening at St Mary's Saturday 7th December at 7pm. Everyone very welcome. Teams of up to four people. Tea and coffee available bring your own drinks and some food for a shared table. There will be a raffle and some carol singing and hopefully lots of fun!

Christmas Cards Once again we would like to have a Parish Christmas card instead of sending cards to each other. This cuts down on waste and raises money for charity. If you would like your name to go in the card please put it in an envelope with your donation to charity and give it to Father before December 8th. Thank you.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi -20th-25th May 2025 Fr Louis from Dudley is organising this pilgrimage. Cost is £1095.00 sharing or £1295.00 for a single room. See sheet for more information or contact FR Louis on 07758 942747. Booking forms available on request.

Advent reflection - Sunday 1st December at St Josephs Catholic Church, Willenhall with Fr Craig Fullard. And Fr Frank Johnson of the Foclare Community. All welcome , see poster for more details.