

Pax Christi

The Holy Father's 2023 Message for World Peace Day is: "No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace." Pax Christi depends very much on financial contributions we receive from Peace Sunday parish collections.

"At the very moment when we dared to hope that the darkest hours of the Covid-19 pandemic were over, a terrible new disaster befell humanity. We witnessed the onslaught of another scourge: another war. The war in Ukraine is reaping innocent victims and spreading insecurity, not only among those directly affected, but in a widespread and indiscriminate way for everyone, also for those who suffer its collateral effects - we need but think of grain shortages and fuel prices.

Clearly, this is not the post-Covid era we had hoped for or expected. This war, together with all the other conflicts around the globe, represents a setback for the whole of humanity. While a vaccine has been found for Covid-19, suitable solutions have not yet been found for the war. Certainly, the virus of war is more difficult to overcome than the viruses that compromise our bodies, because it comes, not from outside of us, but from within the human heart corrupted by sin.

Let our hearts be changed by our experience of the crisis, let God transform our customary criteria for viewing the world around us. We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common. I express my prayerful trust that, as artisans of peace, they may work, day by day, to make this a good year! May Mary Immaculate, Mother of Jesus and Queen of Peace, intercede for us and for the whole world." **Pope Francis**

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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

15TH JANUARY 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

Here I am Lord!
I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Behold! The Lamb Of God! The declaration made by the Priest that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist , made just before we receive Holy Communion.



Ordinary Time A2	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
Sunday 14th/15th 2nd Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Patrick Madigan People of the Parish
Monday 16th	10am Mass KF	Aborted children
Tuesday 17th		
Wednesday 18th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	DDL Sisters intentions Confessions
Thursday 19th	9am Mass School	School intention
Friday 20th	10am Mass KF	Sr Stephanie Orogbu RIP
Saturday 21st	5pm Mass KF	George Sandy
Sunday 21st/22nd 3rd Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	George Sandy People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our January deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Kutz, Mike Skelding, Martha Jones, Mavis Geach, Sheila Rowley, Audrey Berry, Roger Ward, Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Rob and Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Connie Birch and Stella Jones. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections BH GA £88.00 Loose £141.67 Church Maintenance £106.07
KF GA £80.00 Loose £166.88 Church Maintenance £77.18 Holy Places £0.65

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Pax Christi next week for Sisters

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group tbc Mon 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. The need is growing so donations are much needed and gratefully received.

"Be still and know that I am God"

Please try to remain in silent prayer in Church before Mass begins. There is plenty of time to chat over tea and coffee after Mass. Please note the signs on the door as you come in, thank you.

CONFESSIONS - Please note there is the opportunity for Confession on Wednesday morning only this week, after Mass at BH

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

Sunday (15th Jan) the Children who will receive First Holy Communion this summer will be making their commitment promise at Mass at St Mary's. Please pray for them and their families and make them all welcome.

Holywell Pilgrimage There will be a short meeting on Saturday 28th January at 4pm at KF Church hall for those who expressed an interest in attending this Pilgrimage or anyone else who would like to go.

Pope Benedict prayer cards - These are available at the back of Church for you.

Rethink abortion day - Sat 4th Feb 10am to 5pm . At Oscott College, booking required, lunch and refreshments provided. Please see poster for more details.

Lenten Day of Recollection at St Mary's Convent Handsworth Tuesday 7th March and at St Mary and St John, Wolverhampton on Saturday 25th March. Please see posters at the back of Church for more information.

St Mary's School are looking for a New Chair of Governors and other Local Governing Body members. Full training and support will be offered. Please see poster at the back for more details .

Mass intentions - there is a lot of availability if you would like a Mass offered for your own intention. Please put it in an envelope and pass to Fr Shanju

Christmas cards - the money donated instead of cards has been split between our Sisters, CAFOD and the foodshare OH. Thank you all.

Pope's prayer intention for January For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all. Amen