

Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary received God's grace from the first moment of her existence, and was totally and completely redeemed by this grace. Because she was redeemed, Mary spent her whole existence in a perfect relationship with God.

God did this so that Mary would be worthy to be the mother of God.

Mary received this redeeming grace not because of any merits of her own, but because God freely gave her the gift of his love.

Christians believe that God's redeeming grace is available to all believers: those who accept the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception regard Mary as the perfect example of the redeeming action of God's grace, and believe that Mary was only able to receive this grace because Christ would later redeem all humanity through his [death on the cross](#). (Taken from Religion: Catholic Doctrine)

We will offer our Novena on this day at Kingswinford at 7.30pm



Catholic Parishes of St Mary, Lady of Lourdes

St. Mary's Brierley Hill,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford and
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6TH DECEMBER 2020

PSALM RESPONSE

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord.

Make his paths straight

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

"The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations." (Roman Missal)



Ordinary (Advent 2)	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
Sunday 5th/6th Second Sunday of Advent	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	People of the Parish Fr Stephen
Monday 7th St Ambrose		
Tuesday 8th Immaculate Conception of Mary	10am Mass OH 10.30am -11am 7.30pm KF	Mathai Adoration Novena
Wednesday 9th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am	Adoration
Thursday 10th		
Friday 11th	10.30am KF 11am Mass KF	Adoration Sadie Murphy
Saturday 12th		
Sunday 12th/13th Third Sunday of Advent	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	

Please pray for those who have died recently, those on our December 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 Francis Chin, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Catherine Greenaway, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Michael Rose, Anne Peters, Francis Theseira, Jackie Spittle, Barry Simner, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people.

Our School are helping with a reverse Advent calendar and the children's donations will be split with both our foodbanks. If any one else wants to consider the idea please bring your donations to Church

Sr Dominica - After seven years here, Sr Dominica returned to Nigeria on the 23rd of November for good. She loved being here with us and really enjoyed her time being made welcome by all. She was sad she couldn't say goodbye in person but a presentation was made on behalf of the Parish with a farewell gift. Sr Edith has taken over her pastoral duties and hopefully a third Sister will join Srs Edith and Geraldine.

Christmas flowers If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of Christmas flowers please place it in an envelope clearly marked and give to Fr Shanju or place it in the collection basket. Thank you

Flat available - The flat in Brierley Hill will be available from December 2020 for rent. If you know anyone who is interested please let Fr Shanju know.

St Mary's School If you have young children and are considering a pre-school our Parish school prospectus is available at the back of Church. You can contact the school on 01384 818435 or email admin@st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk. Enquiries are also welcome for places in school.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP):- The St. Mary's, Brierley Hill, SVP Conference has continued operating during these difficult past months. We have kept in regular contact, mainly by telephone, with all the people whom we would normally visit in person, as well as responding to other requests for help. If anyone would like to be contacted for a chat or other support, or knows of anyone, Catholic or non-Catholic, who may need help, please get in touch. Please note that all our work is carried out on a strictly confidential basis. Contact John Barley Tel 07801 630261, email johnbarley13@btinternet.com or Aidan Tompkins Tel 01384 440370, email aidanjtompkins@gmail.com

Cleaner in need of work - There is a reliable lady urgently in need of work as a cleaner. If you know anyone who needs a cleaner please let us know.

Christmas Masses

Work is ongoing to arrange Masses for Christmas but supply Priests are in very high demand. Numbers will be VERY LIMITED and the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. There will be no communal carol singing and masks will need to be worn. Times and locations will be announced shortly. It may be that people will be turned away if the Church has reached its limit under current restrictions, please be understanding of the situation.