

Christmas Masses

Advance notice - The times of our Masses for Christmas will be as follows:

Saturday 23rd Dec 5pm Mass - 4th Sunday of Advent KF

Sunday 24th December Mass 9.45am - 4th Sunday of Advent BH

Christmas Eve - First Mass of Christmas

5.30pm Carols KF

6pm Mass KF - Fr Shanju

6.30pm Carols BH

7pm Mass BH - Fr John Greatbatch

Christmas Day

10am Mass KF - Fr Brendan Carrick

9.45am Mass BH - Fr Shanju



Advent prayer

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.

Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.
(Catholic online)

Pope's prayer intention for December - For persons with disabilities - We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation. Amen.

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Catholic Parishes of St Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes



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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 Miss Lilli Pace. 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

3RD DECEMBER 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.



Ordinary A2	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
Sunday 2nd/3rd 1st Sunday of Advent	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Terry McCormack People of the Parish
Monday 4th	9.30am Mass KF	Erwin Rosales and family
Tuesday 5th St Birinius	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 6th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Tony Boyd Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 7th St Ambrose	9am Mass School	School Intention
Friday 8th Immaculate Concep- tion	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Jose, Pablo and families Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 9th	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 9th/10th 2nd Sunday of Advent	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Madeleine and Christopher Wieckowski

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially 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 Christine, Maureen Southall, Marlene and Tony Lyons, Deacon John Brindley, Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Kutz, Martha Jones, Mavis Geach, Sheila Rowley, Roger Ward, Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, 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 GA £38.00 Loose £144.27 Catholic Youth Services £60.76 Funeral £60.00
KF GA £52.00 Loose £152.60 Catholic Youth Services £96.01 Donation £200.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Christmas Flowers next week for Poor Parishes

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 4th 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.

Silence....Silence....Silence

Church is a place of silence and prayer.

So let us try to maintain the silence inside the Church , especially for 10 minutes before and after the Holy Mass. Consider others who wish to pray silently. Friendly chats can be in the porch and official talks in the Sacristy. Thank you for doing this. Fr Shanju

NB> Mass on Monday at KF at 9.30am this week not 10am

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. No teas at KF until further notice.

St Mary's Christmas Raffle tickets on sale after Masses today. 1st prize Luxury Hamper, 2nd prize Whisky, 3rd prize £20 voucher, plus many more. Please take and sell some if you can.

Housebound Confessions and Communion - if you know any housebound person who wishes to receive Confession or Communion in preparation for Christmas, please let Fr Shanju know.

Anyone wishing to receive Confession outside of the normal times, please see Fr Shanju. There will be more opportunities for Confession before Christmas

Red Missio Boxes - BH - Please return these as soon as possible to Hazel for emptying and counting. Hazel also has a calendar for those with Missio boxes.

Church Cleaning KF Tues 19th Dec at 9.30am for Christmas. All volunteers very welcome and appreciated.

Christmas cards as we did last year, we will have a Parish Christmas card to wish each other a Happy Christmas. Please put your donation in an envelope with your name and give it to Fr Shanju or Stephanie by Sunday 11th December. Everyone will be named in the card and given out on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th of December.

Life Charity The first ever dedicated Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – the Patron Saint of the Unborn Child - will be held at **St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday, 12th December 2023 at 12.15pm.**

Friends of St Mary's Christmas Fair at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Mill Street - Saturday, 9th December 11:00am-1:30pm. All parishioners are invited to celebrate the festive spirit together. Donations of gently-used Christmas jumpers for a pre-loved sales stall and contributions of chocolates, jars of sweets, or toiletry/gift sets would be greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in volunteering to help or their own crafts or goodies, contact Megan Bennett or call 07949 189257. Monies raised from this event go towards supporting and enhancing the education of the children in our school.