

## Year of Prayer

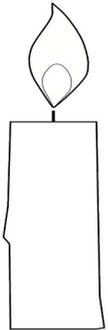
As we begin the Year of Prayer called for by Pope Francis, the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst would like to invite you and your parish communities to follow us throughout 2024 as we explore the depths of prayer with the help of key figures and saints from the Church's tradition.

The CHC will publish twice-monthly reflections, in both text and podcast form, on the different aspects of prayer. These will be made available through our Year of Prayer page at [christianheritagecentre.com/year-of-prayer](http://christianheritagecentre.com/year-of-prayer). We hope these resources will be helpful to and to the faithful in the parishes.



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## Candlemas



Friday is the feast of Candlemas and marks the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. In the Roman Missal the solemn procession represents the entry of Christ, who is the light of the world, into the Temple of Jerusalem. The procession is always kept on February 2, even when the office and Mass of the feast is transferred to February 3. The blessing of the candles did not enter into common use before the eleventh century. In the Middle Ages it had an octave in the larger number of dioceses; also today the religious orders whose special object is the veneration of the Mother of God (Carmelites, Servites) and many dioceses (Loreto, the Province of Siena, etc.) celebrate the octave.

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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](mailto:sg.olol.kingswinford@racob.org.uk) or [sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

**28TH JANUARY 2024**

### **PSALM RESPONSE**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.  
Alleluia!

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Ordinary B1	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 27th/28th</b> <b>4th Sunday of the</b> <b>Year</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b>	Coyle family People of the Parish
Monday 29th	<b>10am Mass KF</b>	Stephanie Partridge
Tuesday 30th	<b>NO MASS</b>	—————
Wednesday 31st	<b>10am Mass BH</b> <b>10.30am-11am BH</b>	Deidre Callaghan Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 1st	<b>9am Mass School</b>	School Intention
Friday 2nd Candlemas	<b>10am Mass KF</b> <b>10.30am-11am KF</b> <b>6.30pm BH</b> <b>7pm Keralan Mass BH</b>	People of the Parish Adoration and Confessions Adoration Keralan
Saturday 3rd	<b>5pm Mass KF</b>	Brownsword family
<b>Sunday 3rd/4th</b> <b>5th Sunday of the</b> <b>year</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b>	Brownsword family John Berry

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 Christine Holding, Brian Saunders, Christine, Marlene and Tony Lyons, Deacon John Brindley, 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** BH GA £28.00 Loose £177.46 Sisters £136.10  
KF GA £139.00 Loose £232.85 Sisters £97.89 Filipino Mass £273.31 Holy Souls £8.67  
Pamphlets £5.40

**SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for St Patrick's Missionary Society , next week for Church maintenance.**

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 5th Feb 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.**

Please join with me in praying for our Parish Secretary, Stephanie, that she gets well soon. Thank you—Fr Shanju.

**Today we welcome Fr Stephen Kimani Kariuki to offer our Masses and make an appeal on behalf of St Patrick's Missionary Society. Please make him welcome and pray for all Missionaries.**

**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.

**Next week at St Mary's** the children who will be Confirmed this year will be making their commitment promises. Please make them and their families welcome and pray for their continued growth in faith.

**Volunteers needed** - thank you to those who offered to help. We can still use more of you! Please consider if you can help with cleaning or flowers at either Church. If you can please speak to Fr Shanju, ring the office on 01384 274520 or email the parish office. Thanks.

**Non Gift aid envelopes** - if you do not pay income tax but would like to use a set of envelopes for the offertory collection, these are now available at the back of each Church. Please help yourself.

**Catholic Directories** - We have some Directories available price £3 each. These are available on the Piety stall at each Church. Thank you

**Neck scarves for sale** Teresa from KF has knitted some beautiful woollen continuous neck scarves, ideal for the cold weather. These are being sold for Church funds at £5 for the single loop scarves and £8 for the double loop scarves.

**The SVP has two disability aids** which are available for free extended loan to anyone who may need them. The SVP helps anyone of all faiths or none so if you or any one you know may benefit from the two items then please contact Peter Tompkins on 07551 923 482.

**Mass for Vocations**—Tuesday 20th Feb at Sacred Heart Church, Tipton at 7pm with refreshments afterwards. Please attend if possible to pray for much needed vocations.

**Pope's prayer intention for February** For the terminally ill Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment. Amen.