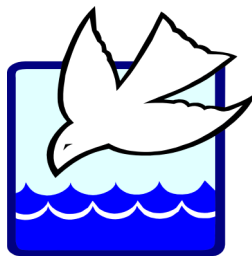


THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED ON JESUS IN BODILY SHAPE, LIKE A DOVE..."

"It is the spirit that gives life. That is so central to understanding life: meaning, love, direction can only come from that which we cannot see. But the complementarity of God means that the physical is still important and beautiful - when it is a true vehicle of the spirit. We wouldn't know anything, if it wasn't for the physical. We can't get baptised without water. We couldn't receive Christ in his fullness without bread and wine. And today, it is powerful that the Spirit is 'seen' for the first time as a dove. The Mass has been simplified since the 60s, but gesture and posture are still important. Think about the importance of kneeling, and it is good to be aware of our other positions too, and the few simple gestures we are invited to make - as well as the ones the priest makes. So, before the homily, go through the different gestures we make during Mass, and see how many you really understand! The Baptism of Our Lord really makes us appreciate the importance of the physical in our growth in the spiritual!"

(Clergy Online)



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR A

8TH JANUARY 2023

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

For in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from heaven we might come to believe in your word dwelling among us.

(Roman Missal)



Ordinary Time A2	Psalter week 1	Intention/Info
Sunday 7th/8th Baptism of the Lord	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Eileen Sandy People of the Parish
Monday 9th	10am Mass KF	Tracey Collins
Tuesday 10th		
Wednesday 11th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Holy souls Confessions
Thursday 12th	9am Mass School	School intention
Friday 13th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Paul Whitfield Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 14th	5pm Mass KF	Patrick Madigan
Sunday 14th/15th 2nd Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Patrick Madigan People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Pope Benedict, 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 £147.00 Loose £75.95 Church Maintenance £89.55
KF GA £70.00 Loose £94.70 Church Maintenance £69.10 Holy Places £36.50 Candles £83.63

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group will meet in New Year 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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Church Maintenance, next week for Pax Christi

"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 and Friday morning after Mass.**

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.

Missio - There are some calendars and copies of Mission today available at the back of Church at KF. Please help yourself.

New Year's Resolution – Volunteer for CAFOD They are looking for School Volunteers across Dudley where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Joanne O'Meara: birmingham@cafod.org.uk

Mary's meals - This charity provides meals for children living with hunger throughout the world. Until 31st Jan 2023, any donations will be matched by a groups of generous supporters. To find out more please go to marysmeals.org.uk.

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

Offertory envelopes there are some boxes of brown non-gift aid envelopes at the back of both churches. Please use these if it helps you.

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