

## Today is the second Sunday of Advent

The first and larger portion of the Bible is the Old Testament. It is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Among the knowledge it conveys, its tell us that a saviour is coming, and we must repent and prepare. We are told earth will receive a new king, one whose reign will never end. And this king will rule over a New Jerusalem, which will be the home for the Lord's people. In this new city, the people will know justice and peace. Let us consider the tremendous love God has for us.

Instead of leaving us to perish without grace, He was worked to restore us. Let us repent and prepare!



## 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



## **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](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.

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B**

**10TH DECEMBER 2023**

### **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.

Advent B1	Psalter week 1	Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 9th/10th 2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH</b>	People of the Parish Madeleine and Christopher Wieckowski
Monday 11th	<b>10am Mass KF</b>	Jonas
Tuesday 12th	<b>7pm KF</b>	Novena
Wednesday 13th	<b>10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH</b>	James Anthony Turley Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 14th	<b>9am Mass School</b>	School Intention
Friday 15th	<b>10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF</b>	Deidre Callaghan Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 16th	<b>5pm Mass KF</b>	Nadim El Bitar
<b>Sunday 16th/17th 3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>4.30pm KF 5pm Mass KF 9.30am BH 9.45am Mass BH</b>	Confessions Nadim El Bitar People of the Parish Confessions

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 Brian Saunders, Christine, Maureen Southall, Marlene and Tony Lyons, Deacon John Brindley, Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Czuk, 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 £63.00 Loose £184.39 Flowers £120.93  
KF GA £168.00 Loose £79.30 Flowers £64.25

**SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Poor Parishes, next week for Sisters.**

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 17th 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> Novena on Tuesday at 7pm at KF**

**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.

**Mince pies** - Next Sunday there will be free tea/coffee and mince pies at St Mary's after Mass as a thank you for all your support throughout the year. We will also draw our raffle.

**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.

**Confessions** 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.

**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, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 12.15pm.**

**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.