

Pax Christi - Peace Sunday 2024

The war between Russia and Ukraine continues, as do conflicts around the globe. The conflict in Palestine and Israel has erupted once more into terrible violence and suffering with thousands dying, injured and displaced. Advocating for a just peace in Palestine and Israel is a part of the ongoing work of Pax Christi, alongside building a culture of nonviolence, campaigning against war, nuclear weapons and the arms trade. Supporting its members and the church, Pax Christi produces resources on peace and nonviolence issues, organises events and vigils, represents the Catholic church in the peace movement and works with young people in both schools and churches. The theme for Peace Sunday is Pope Francis' theme for the World Day of Peace - 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. I am sure you will agree that it is a highly relevant theme as Governments across the world, including our own, wrestle with the ethics and consequences of significant and potentially dangerous developments in technology. Pope Francis' overriding concern is that artificial intelligence should be used in the service of humanity and the protection of our common home and not to further injustice and inequality or to fuel division and violent conflict. Finally, Peace Sunday is an important opportunity for Pax Christi to raise funds. Our small team of staff and volunteers are highly dedicated and work hard to support and encourage us all in working for peace. I greatly appreciate the support our parish communities give through collections and donations and would ask that you take this opportunity to support us this year.



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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

14TH JANUARY 2024

PSALM RESPONSE

Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Ordinary B1	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
Sunday 13th/14th 2nd Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Patrick Madigan People of the Parish
Monday 15th	12.30pm Funeral Mass KF	Jeanette Amphlett
Tuesday 16th	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 17th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	MSP Society Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 18th	9am Mass School	School Intention
Friday 19th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Aborted children Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 20th	5pm Mass KF	People of the Parish
Sunday 20th/21st 3rd Sunday of the year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	People of the Parish Communion candidates

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Maureen Southall, Jeanette Amphlett, Fr John Lungley, 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 £288.00 Loose £146.63 Church Maintenance £122.77
KF GA £135.00 Loose £325.28 Church Maintenance £84.01 Candles £137.37 Car parking £50.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Pax Christi next week for our Sisters .

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 22nd Jan 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.

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.

Volunteers needed - there are several jobs in the Church that need doing regularly but a sad lack of people to do them. We are all busy but it is **OUR** Church and it would be lovely to see some more people helping with the things that need doing. The more people that help the less often we have to do them. Please consider if you can help with any of these:

At St Mary's - Church cleaning, parish centre cleaning, flowers

At Our Lady of Lourdes - Church cleaning and flowers

If you can please speak to Fr Shanju or Stephanie or email the parish office. Thank you.

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.

Funerals The funeral Mass of Jeanette Amphlett will take place at KF on Monday 15th Jan at 12.30pm. **There will be no Mass at 10am on Monday**

The funeral of Maureen Southall will take place on Thursday 25th Jan at KF at 10.30am. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this sad time.

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



Our Altar Servers at their Mass on the Feast of St Stephen on the 26th December 2023

Pope's prayer intention for January - For the gift of diversity in the Church -We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church Amen.