

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord -Thursday 2nd February

We will have Mass at Kingswinford at 10.30am to celebrate this feast day.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true Light enlightening every soul born into this world. Today we celebrate the feast of Candlemas. Before Holy Mass, the priest blesses the candles, whose wax is the humming summer's work of countless bees.

The flames of these candles will shed their light upon the altar at the Holy Sacrifice.



Help us to realize, this day and every day,
that our own humdrum daily work, if it is done for love of You,
will shine brightly before You for all eternity.
Help us realize, too, each time we see the blessed candles at Holy Mass,
or at the bedside of the sick, that they are a symbol of Yourself,
the Light shining in the darkness of this world.
Help us to live in that Light, to make it our own,
and to kindle it in the souls of others,
increasing the area Of light and lessening the darkness in the World .

This, dear Lord, help us do, through the merits of Your own dear mother,
Mary, who did everything for love of You,
from the moment she brought You into this world
till the day she joined You in the realms of light at her death.
Then we, too, working for You,
shall be light-bearers who will help to spread Your kingdom on earth,
and increase the number of those who dwell in heaven,
the city of eternal light. Amen

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PSALM RESPONSE

How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are, 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 Time A2	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
Sunday 28th/29th 4th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Gill North People of the Parish
Monday 30th	10am Mass KF	Aborted children
Tuesday 31st St John Bosco		
Wednesday 1st	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	MSP Society Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 2nd Presentation of the Lord	9am Mass School 10.30am Mass KF	School intention David Horner
Friday 3rd	7pm Mass BH	Altar Servers
Saturday 4th	5pm Mass KF	John Berry
Sunday 4th/5th 5th Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	John Berry People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our January and February 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 £101.00 Loose £152.92 Sisters £141.68
KF GA £85.00 Loose £162.55 Loan repayment £500 Sisters £74.36

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Survive Miva , next week for Racial Justice

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group tbc 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.

"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.

NB Mass on Thursday morning at KF and on Friday evening at BH

CONFESSIONS - Please note there is the opportunity for Confession on Wednesday morning only this week, after Mass at BH

Today we have an appeal by Survive Miva

Tea/coffee after Mass - Please join Fr Shanju and stay for tea and coffee after Mass on Saturday evening at KF or Sunday morning at BH for a chat and a catch up.

Altar servers past and Present at St Mary's - To start our 150 years celebrations there will be special Mass on Friday 3rd Feb at 7pm at St Mary's for our Altar servers. This will be followed by a buffet in the Parish centre afterwards. All those who have served over the years are very welcome along with any Parishioners who would like to join us. The **Dean, Mgr Mark Crisp** will be joining us for the occasion.

Church Cleaning KF - Tuesday 31st Jan 9.30am. All volunteers very welcome.

Rethink abortion day - Sat 4th Feb 10am to 5pm . At Oscott College, booking required, lunch and refreshments provided. Please see poster for more details.

Lenten Day of Recollection at St Mary's Convent Handsworth Tuesday 7th March and at St Mary and St John, Wolverhampton on Saturday 25th March. Please see posters at the back of Church for more information.

Diocesan Directories these are now available from the Repository at KF or the Piety stall at St Marys price £3 each. Thank you.

OH Foodshare every Tuesday from 11am to 1pm and if you know anyone needing help, please let them know. If you can, please continue to support the foodshare.

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.

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