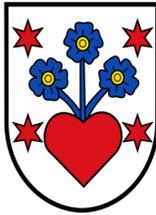


Saints remembered this week:

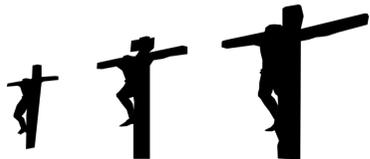


Wednesday 3rd St Blaise - was venerated widely in Eastern and western churches due to many cures attributed to him. He was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred around 320-324AD. In many places on the day of his feast the blessing of St. Blaise is given: two candles (sometimes lit), blessed on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas), are held in a crossed position by a priest over the heads of the faithful or the people are touched on the throat with them. At the same time the following blessing is given: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness".

Friday 5th St Agatha was martyred in Sicily around 251 AD. She dedicated herself to Our Lord, and at the age of 15 rejected the amorous advances of a Roman. He then persecuted her for her faith and condemned her to torture and imprisonment from which she died. Her name appears in the Roman Canon. She is the patron saint of Catania, Molise, Malta, San Marino, Gallipoli in Apulia, and Zamarramala, a municipality of the Province of Segovia in Spain. She is also the patron saint of breast cancer patients, martyrs, wet nurses, bell-founders, bakers, and invoked against fire, earthquakes, and eruptions of Mount Etna.



Saturday 6th St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs St Paul Miki was a Japanese Jesuit who, along with 25 companions, were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan in 1597. They were the first martyrs of East Asia to be canonised. They were killed simultaneously by being raised on crosses and stabbed with spears. Their executioners were astounded upon seeing their joy at being associated with the passion of Christ.



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4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

31ST JANUARY 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, 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.

Pope Francis prayer intention for February:

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. Amen.

Tuesday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas -

According to the Mosaic law a mother who had given birth to a man-child was considered unclean for seven days. When the time came the mother was to "bring to the temple a lamb for a holocaust and a young pigeon or turtle dove for sin " the priest prayed for her and so she was cleansed. Forty days after the birth of Christ , Mary was purified by the prayer of Simeon the just, in the presence of Anna the prophetess . No doubt this event, the first solemn introduction of Christ into the house of God, was in the earliest times celebrated in the Church of Jerusalem. The solemn procession represents the entry of Christ, who is the Light of the World, into the Temple of Jerusalem. In the Vatican the crib remains in place until this feast.

(Catholic online)

NB There is no Adoration on Wednesday

Prayer requests - as well as all those on our sick list your prayers are especially requested for John Berry from Kingswinford and Anne Rose from Old Hill. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Flowers at Old Hill Anne Rose has been doing a fantastic job of looking after the flowers and general tidiness of the Church for a while now. As she is going to be out of action for a while it would be a big help to the Parish, and Annes peace of mind I'm sure, if some volunteers could take over for the time being. You don't have to be artistic, skilled or talented just willing to help!

Face masks/coverings a gentle reminder that these must be worn throughout Mass unless you are exempt from doing so. They should only be removed to read or receive Holy Communion. Please try to make sure they cover the nose and mouth at all times. We have been blessed to not have any cases linked to attendance at Mass and blessed to be able to still attend Mass. Let's continue to work together to keep that the case. Thank you.

Collections If you would like to set up a regular donation to your Church via the bank please ask for the details you need. Our income has been severely reduced by the pandemic but sadly the bills have not.

Laptops you may have seen in the news that schools are struggling to ensure all children have the equipment to continue online learning while schools are closed. St Mary's school are no exception and are grateful to three parishioners, who are ex-parents, and two ex-pupils who are buying and donating a number of refurbished laptops for school to use. The plan is that 10 will be donated as soon as possible.

Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 4	Intention/Info
Sunday 30th /31st 4th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	John Berry People of the Parish Harold Leedham
Monday 1st		
Tuesday 2nd Presentation of the Lord	10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH 7.30pm KF	Harry Rose Adoration Novena
Wednesday 3rd	10am Mass BH	David Horner
Thursday 4th		
Friday 5th St Paul Miki and Com- panions, Martyrs	10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass	Adoration Souls of Grandparents
Saturday 6th		
Sunday 6th /7th 5th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Placidia People of the Parish Gerald Price

Please pray for all those whose have died , those on our January deceased list and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Francis Chin, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Catherine Greenaway, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Michael Rose, Anne Peters, Francis Theseira, Jackie Spittle, Barry Simner, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections: BH GA £242.00, Lose £284.77, Donation £500.00, Rent £799.99KF 10/1 GA £20.00, Loose £102.00, Donation £300.00. 17/1 GA £35.00, Loose £75.00, Holy Places £3.02

FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people