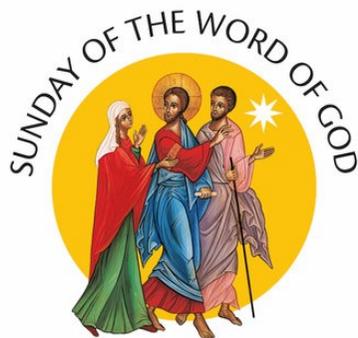


Today is THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY



"I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This *Sunday of the Word of God* will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the *Sunday of the Word of God* has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity. The various communities will find their own ways to mark this *Sunday* with a certain solemnity. It is important, however, that in the Eucharistic celebration the sacred text be enthroned, in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's word." (Pope Francis, [Aperuit Illis](#), 3)

Let us ask the Father to make us savour the joy of being his sons and daughters. Let us thank him for having given us the 'anointing' of the Spirit through which we too are 'other Christs' we are 'christified'. Let us thank the Holy Spirit who dwells in us and cries within us "Abba, Father!" (cf. Rm 8:15). Let us ask Jesus to give us his sentiments, his passion for the Gospel and for the people of God, especially for the last, the poor, the little ones, the tired and lost sheep. Let us allow the Word to reach the depths of our hearts and warm them . Amen. (Pontifical Council for Evangelisation)

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3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

23RD JANUARY 2022

PSALM RESPONSE

Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
To proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

JUST AS ALL THE PARTS OF A BODY MAKE ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST Do you think you have a unique part to play in the life of the Church and that what you do benefits the rest of us? Are you grateful for the spiritual support you receive through the rest of the Church praying for you? All of us need to know that we make a difference, but to know something we have to believe it. We can be assured that the small prayers we offer to God, the small acts of kindness, the acceptance of our sufferings and our willingness to walk the path of holiness all make a difference to the rest of us, but only we can choose to believe it.

Online -adapted

| Ordinary time (C2) | Psalter week 3 | Intention/Info |
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| Sunday 22nd/23rd 3rd Sunday of the year | Sat 5pm Mass OH 9.45am Mass BH 11.15am Mass KF | Hallett Family People of the Parish Sharp Family |
| Monday 24th St Francis De Sales | | |
| Tuesday 25th Conversion of St Paul | 10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH | Ireland Adoration and Confessions |
| Wednesday 26th St Timothy and Titus | 10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH | William Fawcett Adoration and Confessions |
| Thursday 27th | 9am Mass | School |
| Friday 28th St Thomas Aquinas | 7pm KF 7.30pm Mass KF | Adoration and Confessions Wayne Hackeson |
| Saturday 29th | 5pm Vigil Mass OH | Maria Hue Nung |
| Sunday 29th/30th 4th Sunday of the year | Sat 5pm Mass OH 9.45am Mass BH 11.15am Mass KF | Mari Hue Nung People of the Parish Mavis Geach |

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

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 31st January 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre
OLD HILL FOODSHARE Tuesday mornings 11am -1pm
KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am **Foodbank** .

Please pray for all those who are sick including Roger Ward, Fr George Grynowski, William Fawcett, Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob and Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

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.

Collections BH GA £147.00, Loose £275.67, Sisters £69.59, Pax Christi £61.21, Parish Debt £71.43, PC Hire £60.00 Donation for repairs £180.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week and next for Parish debt at BH and OH

Please remember - New Mass times are: Saturday 5pm Old Hill Sunday 9.45am Brierley Hill and Sunday 11.15am Kingswinford.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - On Wednesday morning 12 of our children from St Mary's will be attending Mass and will then receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Adoration will continue as usual while this takes place. Please keep them, their families and teachers in your prayers.

Face Masks from Thursday 27th January it is no longer required to wear face masks whilst in Church. You can of course still wear one if you feel more comfortable. Please respect each others individual choice on the matter.

Kingswinford Church cleaning - We are still trying to set up a rota to keep the Church clean. Can you spare an hour one every four or five weeks to keep the Church clean? If so either let Fr Shanju know or meet with the other ladies on Tuesday 18th Jan at 9.30am. Thank you

Notice boards as we are changing our Mass times all our outside notice boards will need changing. Does anyone know a sign writer we could get a quote from? Otherwise we will have to just attached laminated revisions to the boards. We will wait to see how it goes before changing the boards so there is no rush. Thanks.

New Year's Resolution – Volunteer for CAFOD A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

In local schools – 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

Pope's prayer intention for January: For true human fraternity *We pray for all those suffering from religious persecution; may their own rights and dignities be recognised, we originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. Amen*