

Memorial of St Francis De Sales, Friday 24th

Born in 1567 in France St Francis fought Calvinism with apostolic zeal. He wrote the "Introduction to the Devout Life" a classic of Spiritual direction. He died in Lyons in 1622 and was Canonised in 1655. In 1877, Pope Pius IX proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church.

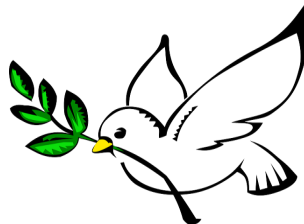
This is his prayer:

Be At Peace

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;
rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise,
God, whose very own you are,
will lead you safely through all things;
and when you cannot stand it,
God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
the same understanding Father who cares for
you today will take care of you then and every day.

He will either shield you from suffering
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace,
and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.



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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 Mrs Lilli Brice-Bateman. 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.

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19TH JANUARY 2025

PSALM RESPONSE

O Lord, make me know your ways.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Ordinary C1		Intention/Info
Sunday 18th/19th 2nd Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Patrick Madigan People of the Parish
Monday 20th	10am Mass KF 11.15am Knanaya Funeral KF	Fr Jaison Joseph
Tuesday 21st	NO MASS	_____
Wednesday 22nd	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH	Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 23rd	9am Mass School	School intention
Friday 24th	10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF	Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 25th	5pm Mass KF	Private Intention (CS)
Sunday 25th/26th 3rd Sunday of the Year	5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH	Private Intention (CS) People of the Parish

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

Please pray for all those who are sick including Sheila Jelf, Beryl Backler, Ed Benedict, Melina Simpson, Joyce Southall, Fr Cecil, Irene Brown, Christine Holding, Christine, Marlene and Tony Lyons, 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 £146.00 Loose £183.49 St Paul Missions £160.05 Teas £16.68 Quiz £52.00 Hall hire £115.00
KF GA £65.00 Loose £138.70 St Paul's Missions £192.20 Repository £120.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Pax Christi next week for Lepra

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 27th January 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.

Today we welcome home Fr Shanju, refreshed from his holiday.

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.

Bring and buy sale - Sunday 26th January at St Mary's if you have any unsuitable or unwanted gifts at Christmas please bring them on Sunday 6th and we will sell them after Mass for Church funds. Please bring lots of money too to buy the things that are donated. Please support this as much as you can.

Unwanted household items and furniture the SVP are looking to help a mother of two children who has suffered domestic abuse. The family are moving into a two bedroom flat but have nothing. If anyone has any furniture or household items that the family can have please speak to Aidan after Mass. Thank you

Parish Council - The Archdiocese has instructed that each Parish has a Parish council to help the growth of the Parish. There will be a separate council for both Our Lady of Lourdes and St Mary's. If anyone is ready to be part of the group please give your name to Fr Shanju or Stephanie. We will meet when Father returns from his holiday.

Mass intentions there are plenty of spaces available for Mass intentions during the week. Weekends can take a little longer as generally one Mass has to be offered for the People of the Parish so only one Mass is available for your intention. If you want a Mass offered on a particular date please give as much notice as possible especially for a weekend Mass. Please put your intention in an envelope with your offering and give it to Fr Shanju or Stephanie. Thank you.

Pax Christi today our second collection is for Pax Christi. Pax Christi's vision is of a world where everyone can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. They work for that peace in a number of ways, offering peace and nonviolence education for schools and youth groups, campaigning for the abolition of war, against the arms trade and against increasing militarism. They promote the message of gospel nonviolence, believing nonviolence is central to the teachings of Jesus and that all of us are called to embrace nonviolence in our daily lives. They are always grateful for the donations and gifts received from churches, organisations and individuals on or around Peace Sunday.

Pope's prayer intention for January For pilgrims of hope. We pray that this Jubilee year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. Amen.