

Sunday 1st January 2023

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A

Weekday Readings
Christmastide

Divine Office
Week 2

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THIS WEEK

Sun 1 Jan 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD Sophia Dubey Ints. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Jose Novo RIP Peggy Culleton RIP (8th Anniv.) Tereasa Canavan RIP
Mon 2 Jan 9.30am	Ss. Basil the great & Gregory Nazianzen Paul Dias RIP (10th Anniv.)
Tues 3 Jan 9.30am	Christmas feria Nancy Quinn RIP (2nd Anniv.)
Weds 4 Jan 9.30am 11.00am	Christmas feria Joe Nemeth RIP FUNERAL MASS Gerda Fernando RIP
Thurs 5 Jan 9.30am 11.00am	Christmas feria Stephanie Kennedy Ints. FUNERAL MASS Joe Bradley RIP
Fri 6 Jan 9.30am 8.00pm	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Holy Day of Obligation Fr. Willie Hannon RIP Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Sat 7 Jan 9.30am	Christmas feria Karen Campbell RIP
Sun 8 Jan 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Maurice O'Grady RIP Eileen Collins RIP Margaret Fay RIP Peter Golden Snr. RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



"God sent his Son born of a woman"

Mary is the mother of Christ and also the mother of the Church, his bride. By the power of the spirit she is linked to God in a unique way. She is also our spiritual mother who encourages us to say "yes" to God our Father.

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27
God gives a blessing for the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8
All the people sing praises to God.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
God sent his Son to make us children of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:16-21
The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

ST. MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday – Saturday 9.30am.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocelyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts, Catherine Corcoran, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Luca Hui*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Gerda Fernando, Ivy Harvey, Joseph Bradley, Anne O'Connor., Eric Perera, Lesley Valles, Clara Corta*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *. Mary Griffin, Jimmy Bonner (7th), Thomas Dolan (1st), Nancy Quinn, Paul Dias (10th)*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Myrus Fernandes (1st Birthday)

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
In memory of Peggy Culleton RIP

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2023
For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**If we approach with faith,
we too will see Jesus....;
for the Eucharistic table
takes the place of the crib.**

**Here, the Body of the Lord is present,
wrapped, not in swaddling clothes
but in the rays of the Holy Spirit.**

*St John Chrysostom (347-407)
Father & Doctor of the Church*

Our names are important. It is how other people know us and we identify ourselves. We do not choose them, by and large. These names at baptism become the name by which God knows us and we will be known for all eternity. So we might reflect today on what's the significance of a name?

For the Jewish people the giving of a name had great importance. When a name was given it represented what that person should be in the future. An unknown name meant that someone could not be completely known. To not acknowledge someone's name meant both denial of the person, destruction of their personality, and change in their destiny. A person's name expressed the reality of his or her being at its deepest level. A Jewish child was named at the time of circumcision, eight days after birth. This rite was instituted by God as an outward sign to single out those who belonged to the chosen people. It was a sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham and his posterity.

In fulfilment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name *Jesus* on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name *Jesus* because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means *the Lord saves*. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man *will save his people from their sins* (Matthew 1:21). In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Saviour who would bring us grace, mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name *Jesus* signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that *there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved* (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. His name is exalted far above every other name (Philippians 2:9-11). The name *Jesus* is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through and in Jesus that we pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have died with one word on the lips, the name of Jesus. As we stand at the beginning of a new year we might make a resolution to daily exalt the name of Jesus and pray with confidence in his name.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

NEWS UPDATE



Confirmation 2023

Information Evening



Are you in Year 10 or above, regularly attend Mass at our Parish and wish to be confirmed in 2023?

If so, please join us, with your Parent/Carer, in the Parish Centre for the

Confirmation Information Evening

Monday 9th January at 7.30pm.

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome to anyone who is new or a visitor.

FUNERAL MASS of GERDA FERNANDO on Tuesday 4th January at 11.00am. Followed by cremation at Breakspear crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of JOSEPH BRADLEY on Wednesday 5th January at 11.00am followed by burial in Greenford Cemetery. Reception of the body on the night before, Tuesday at 7.00pm. May he rest in peace

FUNERAL MASS of ANNE O'CONNOR on Monday 9th January followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Eric Perera on Tuesday 25th January at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear crematorium. Reception of the body on the night before, Monday at 7.00pm. May he rest in peace

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY (the coming of the three wise men to the infant Jesus) falls this Friday 6th January. This is a Day of Obligation when all of us should attend Mass (as on a Sunday!). Masses at St. George's at 9.30am and 8.00pm.

MGR. JEREMY, FR. MIKE & PETER would like to express a huge thanks to the parish for all the kind gifts and cards and enclosures. It has been an extremely generous Christmas towards us and we can't thank you enough. Your support gives us huge encouragement and let us pray for another year together in God's service. Thank you all again!

A HUGE THANK-YOU to all who helped and made preparations for Christmas: Cleaners, decorators, singers, servers, readers, welcomers, those who helped with hospitality etc. We had a great Christmas thanks to all your help!

ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU to all who brought presents under the tree which are to be distributed via the Catholic Children's Society. We had a really great response this year.

LASTLY—A THANK YOU to all our children who performed in our nativity tableau at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Christmas eve. You did a wonderful job. And thanks to all who helped and made this possible.

MARRIAGE? Wanting to find out more about what God has on offer for you through the Sacrament of Marriage? We have two engaging speakers visiting our Parish on **Saturday 4th February from 10 am to 1 pm, with lunch provided.**

Especially, if you are in a civil marriage or are living together, listening to these entertaining and enthusiastic speakers could change your lives. It is also suitable for others thinking of getting married in the future. There will be ample chance to ask questions about the Church's life-giving teaching on marriage. If you would like to attend, speak to Fr Mike or email him (address on the cover).

DID YOU WIN A RAFFLE PRIZE at the Advent fair? If so please pick up your prize now.

CATHOLIC EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS - If you're a young adult at the Parish, why not sign-up to the Westminster Youth Ministry Newsletter, with lots of information about Catholic youth events in the Diocese? Visit <https://dowym.com/>.

SERVING TEAS & COFFEES AFTER 11.15AM MASS - Might you consider joining the hospitality team, providing refreshments to parishioners after the 11.15am Solemn Mass. The commitment is usually once every six weeks. Your help would be hugely appreciated. For further details please contact Julie Kidd at juliekidd21@gmail.com or 07918 130798.defibrillator for the parish (2 if we raise enough— one for the church, the other for the hall).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Parents & Carers should all have a copy of the dates for Part 2 of the FHC Programme. We very much look forward to the Video Evening, for **Parents/Carers Only**, introducing Part 2 of the Programme in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 10th January at 7pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2023 - Those in Year 10 & above who would like to be confirmed at the Parish are asked to please attend the **Confirmation Information Evening** with a Parent/Carer in the Parish Centre on **Monday 9th January at 7.30pm** when registration documents will be provided. Please note that a copy of one's baptism certificate is also required for registration.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) : If you are feeling isolated and would like a home visit or a chat with a friendly person over the phone please get in touch. If you are struggling financially or would like other practical assistance please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are over 18 and are interested in becoming a member of the SVP you would be very welcome, just call the number below or drop in to our next meeting. Tel. 0775 3654154 (Theresa). Email. frain.home@gmail.com

CALLING NEW CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS - Might you consider a new ministry at the Parish helping

our young people prepare for their Confirmation in 2023? If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk for further information.

CHURCH LAMPS: If you would like to sponsor the blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week - Please see Toni in the Parish Office..

WHY NEW YEAR'S DAY IS IMPORTANT: We are beginning the Year of the Lord 2017. The marking of the dawn of a new year is no secular holiday, because time and history have been drawn into the coming of God into the world. We keep track of our time as either BC (Before Christ) or AD (Anno Domini) to demonstrate that Christ is the centre of history, the one through whom we judge all that came before and is going to come.

Julius Caesar changed Rome's calendar from a lunar to a solar year, and moved the start of the year from March to January (a new month dedicated to the god of entryways). The marking of the New Year brought pagan observances and excessive celebrations, so much so that early Christians observed expiatory fasts in reparation.

In the Middle Ages, there was great variance on the celebration of the New Year: March 1, March 25 (Annunciation), September 1, and even Christmas Day. It was the adoption of the Gregorian calendar that eventually brought uniformity to the date of January 1. That day makes perfect sense for Catholics, even if we are fighting a resurgence of pagan excess surrounding the date. That New Year coincides with the Octave of Christmas is no coincidence. If we count our years from the birth of Christ, Christmas should be the time to mark the beginning of the new year.

Celebrating the new year specifically as the anniversary of the birth of Christ transforms its character. Not only does it point to God's coming into the world as the central point of history, it also emphasizes that history has a goal. The new year marks the new year of the Lord, belonging to the reign of Christ the King, a period of waiting in expectation for the full unfolding of God's Kingdom.

Hail Mary Word Search

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Directions: Find all 17 of the words that are in bold print below in the Hail Mary prayer in the word search above.

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.
Amen.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

Collect

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Numbers 6:22-27*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 66:2-3,5,6,8

R/. O God, be gracious and bless us.

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. *R/.*

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. *R/.*

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. *R/.*

Second reading: *Galatians 4:4-7*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a

woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation: *Heb 1:1-2*

Allelula, allelula!
At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son.
Allelula!

Gospel: *Luke 2:16-21*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things and bring them to fulfilment, grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of God, that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace, so one day we may rejoice in its completion. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Heb 13: 8*

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord: grant, we pray, that it may lead us to eternal life, for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church. Through Christ our Lord.