

**01- JAN – SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them

Responsorial: Psalm 66

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

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

God sent his son born of a woman.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

When the eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus

Let's Reflect...

Marvelling and Treasuring



Today, New Year's Day, is a day when many feel drawn to make good resolutions. What better New Year's resolution could we make today than that of adopting Mary's stance before the grace of God? Today's feast invites us to share in Mary's sense of awe and wonder before God's merciful love, made known to us in Christ, her son. As we look towards the New Year, which begins today, we ask Mary to help us to treasure the gospel as she did, so that Christ might come to others through us as he came to us through Mary.

Happy New Year!!

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SUNDAY, 01-Jan **SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am & 12.30pm
4.00pm – *Konkani Mass*

MONDAY, 02-Jan **ST BASIL the Great and GREGORY NAZIANZEN**
Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 03-Jan **CHRISTMAS FERIA**
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 04-Jan **CHRISTMAS FERIA**
Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 05-Jan **CHRISTMAS FERIA**
Mass: 9.30am & Mass: 6.30pm *Vigil Mass of Epiphany*

FRIDAY, 06-Jan **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
Mass: 12.00noon & 6.30pm

SATURDAY, 07-Jan **CHRISTMAS FERIA**
Mass: 9.30am, 6.30pm *Vigil Mass of Sunday*

SUNDAY, 08-Jan **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm

POPE'S INTENTION - 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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Domingo Fernandes and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE Thank you all for your gifts to the poor and needy this Christmas. This year we went the extra mile to request for blankets, duvets, and we thank you for responding kindly to this as we aim to help charities to do with sheltering the needy in the cold season. If you feel inspired by what the Justice & Peace do for the community, please join them!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Grand Christmas Raffle draw is held on **8th January** after the **9.00am** Mass. Your last opportunity to purchase your Raffle this weekend.

CONTACTLESS DONATION: We now have two contactless payments digital plates available at the church porch. You can pay for regular offerings and as well as Christmas offerings.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

6th January the Epiphany of the Lord is a holy day of obligation. There will be a vigil Mass on Thursday, **5th January at 6.30pm**. On the day of Epiphany, there will be Mass at **12noon and 6.30pm**.

GETTING MARRIED

- In the Catholic Church in this Country: You need to contact one of your priests at least 6 months before the proposed date of the marriage- and provide a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate (dated within 6 months of the proposed marriage), and a copy of your Confirmation Certificate.
- In the Catholic Church Abroad: In addition to the information requested above, you will also need a letter of freedom from this Diocese, which may be obtained through your Priest.

ADDRESS CHANGES It is important that parishioners inform us of their address change if we are to maintain correct records. This can only be done by filling in the Registration form ticking the address change box. Forms can

be printed online and must be handed in or dropped in the presbytery letter box.

THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME FOR 2022-2023

will be commencing with a Parent's meeting on **Wednesday, 11th January 2023 at 7.15pm** held inside the church. At least one parent should attend (no requirement for the candidate to attend). Catechism sessions for all candidates will commence on **Saturday, 14th January 2023 at 5pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

2023 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

will commence on **Saturday 4th February 2023**. Prior to the sessions there will be a Parents meeting on **Friday 28th January 2023 @ 6pm**. At least one parent should attend (no requirement for the child to attend). There is a published list with the children's names on the Presbytery noticeboard for applications received on time. Should there be any queries relating to the programme, then email your queries to the Parish email available in the newsletter.

