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**Mary. Mother of God – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

**SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary, Mother of God	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Nums 6: 22-27, Gal 4: 4-7 Luke 2:16-21</i>
			St M	11.00am	Rose Hyett (LB)	
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ss Basil & Gregory	St M	10.30am	Martin O'Toole (EO'K)	<i>1 John 2: 22-28, John 1:19-28</i>
Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holy Name of Jesus	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	<i>1 John 2: 29-3:6, John 1:29-34</i>
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday before Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Fr Aidan Pickering (MH)	<i>1 John 3: 7-10, John 1 35-42</i>
Thu	5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday before Epiphany	St M	9.30am	Bruna Di Mascio	<i>1 John 3: 11-21, John 1: 43-51</i>
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday before Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Bernadette Joyce (SD)	<i>1 John 5: 5-13, Mark 1: 6-11</i>
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday before Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Dec'd Hogg & Welch Families	<i>1 John 5: 14-21, John 1: 1-11</i>
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	The Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Lesley Hanratty	<i>Is 60:- 1-6, Eph 3: 2-6 Matt 2: 1-12</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	

**SACRAMENT OF GOD'S MERCY:** Saturdays 10.00-10.15am at St Oswin's - *and available on request*  
(Rosary at St Oswin's (St O) – Fri after Mass: St Mary's (St M) Exposition Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm)

*A sincere thank you to everyone for your cards, gifts and greetings. I would like to wish you all a very Happy and prosperous New Year. Fr Martin*

At this season of giving we can remember some of the causes helped by the generosity of parishioners, with both time and money. There's not the space to mention all, but as a parish we have been very generous in supporting CAFOD, Peoples Kitchen, Walking With, Changing Lives, Nite Bite, Cedarwood Trust, De Paul Trust and others.

One of our charities is Fairtrade, which, defined simply, is when producers in developing countries are paid a fair price for their work, by companies in developed countries. Sales are held at both churches where we can buy many of staples such as tea, coffee, pasta rice etc, not forgetting the appropriately named Divine Chocolate. We can also buy the goods in many of the supermarkets.

Traidcraft plc, the trading company, is one of the leading dedicated fair trade companies in the UK and globally. They source the UK's widest range of fair trade foods, beverages, household cleaning, charcoal and rubber products, as well as fair trade crafts and clothing, from fair trade suppliers in more than 30 developing countries.



Farmers like Jackline (*see picture*) are at the mercy of the unreliable weather patterns caused by climate change. In their region of Kenya, plants struggle to grow, leaving farmers little or nothing to sell which means families can't afford to eat every day or send their children to school.

That's why Traidcraft's work in this region is so vital. They are helping people to learn new farming techniques, access drought-resistant seeds and receive weather forecasts so that even if the rains don't come, they are better prepared.

**But we need to go on buying the goods, so that even more farmers have the chance to overcome the odds and bring hope to whole communities not just this year, but for many years to come. This is only one story, let us pray that in the New Year we continue with our fund raising and generous giving, so we help as many less fortunate people as possible.**

## First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

*This solemn priestly blessing is appropriate for the beginning of the New Year. This ancient text, echoes the blessing we have received in our Christian hope of everlasting life and joy.*

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

Psalm 66

*Response:* **O God be gracious and bless us.**

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

## Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

*Mary played an irreplaceable role in revealing God as Father and we as God's adopted children.*

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

Alleluia, alleluia. 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. Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

Luke 2:16-21

*The name Jesus – Yehoshua – means 'God saves'. Happy are we if, like Mary, we accept and believe in the salvation offered by God.*

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.

### Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

**How has God blessed and kept your family?**

**What can you do as a family this week to show your gratitude for these blessings?**