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Mary, Mother of God – 1st January 2023

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	1 st	Mary, Mother of God	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Nums 6: 22-27, Gals 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 16-21
			St M	11.00am	Zofia (G.Herbert)	
Mon	2 nd	SS Basil and Gregory	St M	10.00am	Mary Jo Knightley (NBF)	1 John 2: 2-28, John 1: 19-28
Tue	3 rd	Most Holy Name of Jesus			No Mass	
Wed	4 th	Weekday before Epiphany	St O	10.00am	Sid & Tess Snowball (TR)	1 John 3: 7-10, John 1: 35-42
Thu	5 th	Weekday before Epiphany	St M	10.00am	Chuck Ward	1 John 3: 11-21, John 1: 43-51
Fri	6 th	Feast of The Epiphany	St M	10.00am	Bernie Joyce (SD)	Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-6
			St O	7.00pm	Fr Aidan Pickering	Matt 2: 1-12
Sat	7 th	Weekday after Epiphany	St M	10.00am	Sally Conway (SD)	1 John 5: 14-21, John 3: 22-30
Sun	8 th	Baptism of the Lord	St O	9.30am	Mary Wrightson (SB)	Is 42: 1-7, Acts 10: 34-38
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	Matt 3: 13-17

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30–10.45am in St Mary's Church
St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel Open Daily 7.30am–7.30pm

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in January: Wanda Parker Lockwood, Maureen Ruddick, Clare Nelson, Eileen Whalen.
New list available – names need to be re-signed.

And for **Tony Matthews** who died recently. A funeral service will be held for Tony at 3.00pm on Friday 6 January at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Ian Archard, Nancy Cawood, Alexander Howells, George Hinton, Ted Harding, James Birkett, Fr Aidan Pickering, Annie Spence, Bernie Joyce, Lesley Hanratty.

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on Friday 6th January. Two Masses will be celebrated for this Holy day, 10.00am at St Mary's and 7.00pm at St Oswin's.

Crib Offerings can be placed in the basket by the crib. Money will go to **Friends of the Holy Land**. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical.

Red Mission Boxes: Please either bring your box to Church or contact your collector for collection.

Admissions Consultation: St Mary's Catholic Primary School are consulting on the intended changes to our admissions arrangements for 2024/25. Please visit our website www.stmarysonline.co.uk to view this policy and either request a hard copy of the policy and response form from the school office or submit your response to the following:
<https://forms.office.com/e/xWNTT39bNK>

Northern Catholic Calendars 2023 are now on sale, as you leave church. **Only £3.** Please place payment in the envelopes provided and return to the collection plate.

Stay Connected

God has no phone, but I can talk to him.
 God has no Facebook, but he is still my friend.
 God does not have a twitter,
 but I can still follow him.

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I take this opportunity to say Thank You for all your Christmas gifts. Your kindness is really appreciated. May this coming year be a time of peace and joy for all.
 Fr Martin

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.

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| 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?