

St Mary's Catholic Church

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We hope that all visitors to St Mary's will be made to feel welcome to the parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c 05 January 2014

	Mass proper	Intention
Sat 04		7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun 05	<u>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (A)</u> <i>Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the parish</i> Midday <i>William Aston, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 06	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Lety Alfred, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 07	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Patricia Finn</i>
Wed 08	<u>Mass in St Mary's House</u>	8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 09	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	8.50-9.50 a.m. Adoration before Mass
		10.00 a.m. <i>Maria Casado, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 10	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Fr Frederick Hopper, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 11	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For healing within families</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Claire Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 12	<u>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)</u> <i>Gospel, Matthew 3:13-17</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> Midday <i>Private Intention</i>

Tea & Coffee is served in the hall after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome.
Confessions every Saturday, 10.30-11 a.m. & 6.15-6.45 p.m.

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

Our Lord Jesus Christ was born in the quiet and stillness of the night far from the prying eyes of the world. And yet he came not to remain hidden but to be the light and salvation of the whole world. Today's feast of the Epiphany sees the beginning of God revealing himself to all people and being recognized and adored by them. The wise men are the first in that long line which stretches up to today of people coming to Jesus and recognizing him as the Lord of all. St Gregory the Great [590-604] commented that creation itself also recognizes him: "When the king of heaven was born, the heavens knew him because they immediately sent forth a star; the sea knew him because it allowed him to walk upon it; the earth knew him because it trembled when he died; the sun knew him because it hid the rays of its light." The last verse of the carol '*In the bleak midwinter*' is a prayer that especially today we can make our own: "What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man I would do my part; yet what I can I give him - give my heart." God bless you this week and I wish you all also a happy New Year. Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£455.92

2nd COLLECTION

£116.79

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

I suppose the most fundamental resolution for any Christian is on-going conversion - less of me and more of Christ in my life. We must all have this desire to grow, each day, in the love and knowledge of God and our neighbour. The Apostles asked the Lord, "Lord, teach us to pray" and he gave them the "Our Father." This is a daily minimum for any Christian. We are also blessed to have our Lady as our patron. Maybe we can ask her to teach us the deeper meaning of loving God and our neighbour more. There is also another resource that I recommend, a monthly publication called 'Magnificat,' which has daily prayers, meditations and all the Mass readings. Email 'uk@magnificat.com' or call 02074483607 to subscribe. It is £38 per year.

THE POPES INTENTION FOR JANUARY

"That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ."

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesday eve's	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Sun 05 Jan			The Epiphany of the Lord	
Thur 09 Jan	2.00 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Thursday Club	David Alfred, 540038
Sat 11 Jan	11.00 am	Church	Baptism of Charlie Whyte	
Sat 11 Jan	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Start of Confirmation Course	John Stone or Fr Bruno
Sun 12 Jan	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st H.C. preparation	Janet Forte
Sun 12 Jan	5.15 pm	Brighton Pavilion	Youth club Ice skating trip	Peter McDermott, 550187
Mon 13 Jan	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Class for parents of 1 st H.C.	Charles Wookey
Sun 19 Jan	Masses		St Barnabas Society Appeal	
Mon 3 & 10 Feb	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (1 & 2)	Fr Bruno

SENIORS THURSDAY CLUB

The Seniors Thursday Club opens again on 9th January. Membership is open to all for £6.00 per year plus £1.00 to cover raffle and bingo prizes. Come along to the Cassidy Centre at 2 pm or contact David Alfred on 540038 for more details.

WORDS FROM THE SAINTS

“Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible” [St Francis of Assisi].

ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL

Parents who have children due to start primary school next September are reminded that preference forms must be returned to BHCC by 12 January next. If applying for a place in St Bernadette's you will also need to take the form to Fr John Hull if you attend Mass at St Thomas More's, or to Fr Bruno if you come to St Mary's. These need to be handed in before 15 January.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Georgia Holland-Dixon who was baptised during last Sunday's Midday Mass.

CATHOLIC TEACHING

SUMMARY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (2/3)

2. We believe all that is contained in the Creed. The Creed is divided into three parts: “the first part speaks of the first divine Person and the wonderful work of creation; the next speaks of the second divine Person and the mystery of his redemption of men; the final part speaks of the third divine Person, the origin and source of our sanctification” (Catechism #190).

SUMMARY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (3/3)

3. Jesus Christ founded the Church to continue his teaching and sanctifying work on earth until the end of time. “In order to preserve the Church in the purity of the faith handed on by the apostles, Christ who is the Truth willed to confer on her a share in his own infallibility” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 889). Mindful of the words of Christ “he who hears you hears me” (Luke 10:16), we believe what the Church teaches us in matters of faith and morals.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

O Emmanuel, may the assurance of your unfailing Presence be for me the source of unending peace. May I never fear my weakness, my inadequacy, or my imperfection. Rather, as I gaze with faith, hope, and love upon your incarnate littleness, may I love my own littleness, for God is with us. Endow my life with a holy wonder that leads me ever more deeply into the Mystery of Redemption and the meaning of my vocation and destiny. May I make of my life a total gift of self. May my humble worship of your Nativity manifest how much I seek the Father's Kingship and his way of holiness. The beauty of your holy face bears the promise that your Father will provide for us in all things. This Christmas, I renew my trust in God's goodness, compassion, and providence. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

“You can't go back and change the beginning but you can start where you are and change the ending” [CS Lewis].

PARISHIONERS NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members who need our prayers at this time: Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, Evelyn Bullock, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Pat Sawyer and Gerard Stone. Please also pray for their families and carers.

GIFT AID

Thank you to all who contributed to Gift Aid this past year. We were able to recoup just over £4400 because of you. This is an important resource for the parish, thank you. If you are a tax payer and regularly contribute to the collection, through Gift Aid, which costs you nothing, the parish could claim back 25p from every £1 you give. See Bernard Regan or Fr Bruno if you would like to join.

INFORMING OUR FAITH

A good resource for informing and enlightening our faith is available for free download from the Internet. ‘flocknote.com/catechism’ or ‘flocknote.com/gospel’ will send bit-sized teachings to your in-box or hand held device so that you may cover the Catechism or the Gospels in one year.