

25TH DECEMBER 2016 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



O Come Let Us Adore Him!



Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekdays cycle 1; Christmas Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 129 ; Preface page 36/37	
Sunday <i>Christmas Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB)
Monday (26 th) <i>St Stephen</i>	12noon Mass (SB)
Tuesday (27 th) <i>St John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	12noon Mass (SJ) <i>This is the Patronal Feast for St John's Parish</i>
Wednesday (28 th) <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)
Thursday (29 th) <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	9.15am Mass (SB)
Friday (30 th) <i>The Holy Family</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)
Saturday (31 st)	5pm Mass (SC)
Sunday (1 st January 2017) <i>Mary, Holy Mother of God</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB)

We welcome the new-born Jesus, the child of Bethlehem, the Son of God and the Son of David. He is the Light of the World and our Saviour. He is the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God-with-us.

The Church gives us the various feasts of the Christmas Season (Christmas Day itself, The Holy Family, The Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord) to help us explore in different ways the significance of this historical event and the wonder of the gift that is given.

Let us make full use of the season, to pray about and reflect upon the mystery of the Incarnation.



**A Happy and Holy Christmas
and a Blessed New Year
to all parishioners,
their families and friends.
From
Fathers Cooke and Parkinson**



**Thank you to all who have helped prepare our churches for the
Christmas Season or helped in any way with our Christmas Masses.
Thank you for all your cards, presents and good wishes.**

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Prayers Please

Sick: Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Derek Crompton, Roy Shepherd, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, Barbara Stoppard, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Josephine Gell, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, , Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

Lately Dead: Maureen Kennedy, Carole Knott, Les Buckley, Ann Blackburn, Maribel de Leon Benitez, Joseph Walton, Marian Surplus, George Rutter, Arthur Dicker

Anniversaries: Jim Gartland, Sheila Hayes, Anna Mikolajewski, Oswald Kenyon, Eileen Mason, Sheila Smith, Michael Greene, Anne Greene, Thomas Gaskell

Mass Intentions (Including Special Masses for Christmas): Jim Gartland, Sheila Hayes, James & Mary Mathen, John & Mary Carter, The Carter & Mathen family & Friends, Joe & Leila Parker, Anna Mikolajewski, Deceased members of the Carter & Cambridge families, Oswald Kenyon, Eileen Mason, Ann Blackburn, Sheila Smith, Michael Greene, Ann Greene, The Barrett family, The Cary family, Vincent Heron, Elizabeth Kerlin, Renee Sloane, Angela Higham, Gerard Murphy, Les Buckley, John McCormick, Vera & Fred Boatfield, Sarah Cranshaw, George Cranshaw, Annie Gaskell, Thomas Gaskell, Kevan Dunleavy (Birthday Remembrance), Gladys & John Hall, Bob Bowes, Bernard O'Donnell (Special Intention), Mary & Thomas Watson, Martin Feeney, Charles Bell, Bill Wheeler, Eileen Wakes(get well intentions), Mary Cassidy (sick), Joseph Cassidy, Patrick Murray, Teresa Murray, Hannah Kilroy, Special Intentions

Gaelic Coffee Morning (SJ): Thank you for your generous support of the Gaelic Coffee Morning last Sunday which raised £100. The money will be put towards the Children's Liturgy at St John's, and the ladies who run this cannot thank you all enough. It will go a long way towards equipment. The church raffle raised a total of £696. Thanks again for all your support and to the generosity of those who donated vouchers. Most of all, thank you to everyone who bought a ticket.

Thank you: We have had a letter of thanks from Fortalice, for all the donations of toys and money so generously given at the Toy Collection. We also received a letter from the Destitution Project thanking us for all the parcels of food and clothing sent to them throughout December. Please hold both of these worthy causes in your prayers.

Ceilidh: The CAFOD group are organising a Ceilidh on Friday 10 February 2017. Please save the date and come along and enjoy! Tickets will be on sale soon.



Baptism Preparation

Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 14 January 2017 (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Before making arrangements to attend one of our Baptism courses, please speak to one of priests after Mass.

Christian Meditation: Will begin again in the New Year on Tuesday 10 January.

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Excitement and joy: Mary knew the excitement and joy of this special day; Joseph too. He and Mary were 'together' beginning a new journey, and no doubt believed all was going to be well. We, too, like Mary and Joseph, need to be open to the joy and excitements of new beginnings 'together', especially when they involve experiences that are totally new.

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend (31 December/1 January)

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00pm (SC)	M Maybury	P & F McDowell, E Clark
9.15am (SJ)	M Russell	To be arranged
11.15am (SB)	C Owen	M Durkan, C Owen, P Brennan

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Weekend (7/8 January)

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00pm (SC)	N Villa	F Ginty, C Molyneux, J O'Connor
9.15am (SJ)	P Barnes	E Rothwell, T Armstrong, A Gracie, M Fau-Goodwin, A Rawlinson, M Cropper
11.15am (SB)	M Durkan	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan

1ST JANUARY 2017 – MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday Cycle A; Weekdays of Christmastide; Divine Office Week 2 **Sunday Missal:** page 155; Preface page 54/55

Masses & Feasts This Week

Sunday - 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB)
 Monday (2nd) - 9.30am Mass (SB) – St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen
 Tuesday (3rd) – 7pm Mass (SJ)
 Wednesday (4th) – 9.30am Mass (SJ)
 Thursday (5th) - 10am Requiem Mass for Maureen Kennedy (SB)
 Friday (6th) – 9.30am Mass (SJ)
 Saturday (7th) – 5pm Mass (SC); - St Raymond of Penyafort
 Next Sunday (8th) – 9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy; 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy – **The Epiphany of the Lord**

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A new title: On our wedding day we received a new and special title of 'Husband' and 'Wife'. These titles announce to our family and friends our unique and special place in God's plan for us, His Church, and the world. In celebrating this Feast Day let us remember who we are and, like Mary, 'treasure and ponder it in our hearts'.