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SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE OTHER OF GOD YEAR A 1st January 2017

Dear Parishioners,

'God sent His Son born of a woman. Mary is the Mother of Christ and the mother of the Church. By the power of the Spirit, she is linked to God in a unique way. She is also our spiritual Mother who encourages us to say 'yes' to God as our Father.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The Baptismal Preparation Evenings for January will take place on Thursday 12th and Thursday 19th January at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Father Dominic writes: 'It was wonderful to celebrate our Saviour's birth here at Saint Augustine's and to welcome so many to the Christmas Masses, especially the two earlier Masses on Christmas Eve. Thank you to those Parishioners who prepared the Church so beautifully for the celebrations with the Flowers, Cribbs, Trees; thanks also to our Church Cleaners ; to our Choir and Organists, our Altar Servers and Readers and Special Ministers; to our Church Wardens and all who have helped in any way. **Thank you on behalf of Father Paul, Father Fred, Deacon Kevin and myself** for your cards and gifts and prayers and I thank you for your Christmas offerings. We wish you all God's special Blessings for 2017."**We look forward to welcoming** the Parents of our First Holy Communion Children to two Meetings that will take place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 18th and Wednesday 25th January at 8pm. We will request permission for free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park, for these two evenings. **On Thursday 5th January,** we will have a Holy Hour by Candle Light in Church between 5.15pm-6.15pm. All are welcome. **The next gathering of those involved** with the ongoing reflections on Evangelisation will take place on Thursday 12th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Mr Paul Northam will be present to lead the discussions. **The Solemnity of the Epiphany** will be celebrated at all of the Masses next weekend (transferred from 6th January.) We welcome to the Parish next weekend Father Liam Durrant a Mill Hill Missionary, who will speak on behalf of APF-Mill Hill and their missionary work. This thank you and appeal is not for money but for Parishioners to become members and take a Red Mission Box. **Thank you to all Parishioners** who already support this wonderful Association through the Red Boxes. **Thank you also to Mr Frank Miller,** our parish secretary, and to those who act as collectors of the Red Boxes. **Mass on Wednesday 4th January will be at 12.30pm.**

<p>31st December Saturday St Sylvester</p>	<p>1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18 No 9.00am Mass Numbers 6:22-17 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 12.30pm Deceased Members of the O'Callaghan Family Vethanayagam</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p>
<p>1st January SOLEMNITY OF THE MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD</p> 	<p>Numbers 6:22-17 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 9.00am Kay & Tony Perry-RIP 11.00am Pat Jones, Children & Grandchildren- Intentions</p>	<p>Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass</p>
<p>2nd January Monday</p> <p>St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen</p>	<p>1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Molly Carr-Recovery</p>	
<p>3rd January Tuesday Christmas Feria The Most Holy Name of Jesus</p>	<p>1 John 2:29-3:6 John 1:29-34 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Brian McDaid-RIP 1.00pm Requiem Jennifer Gulliver</p>	<p>Legion of Mary 6.30pm</p>
<p>4th January Wednesday Christmas Feria</p>	<p>1 John 3:7-10 John 1:35-42 12.05pm The Rosary 12.30pm Mary Daly-Intention</p>	
<p>5th January Thursday Christmas Feria St Charles of St Andrew</p>	<p>1 John 3:11-21 John 1:43-51 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Roger Embley-RIP 12.30pm John & Anne Smyth-Intentions 5.15pm-6.15pm Holy Hour by Candle light</p>	
<p>6th January Friday Christmas Feria</p>	<p>1 John 5:5-13 Mark 1:6-11 OR Luke 3:23-38 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Josephine Colette McAuley-RIP 6.30pm Joe Casey-RIP Latin Mass</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p>7th January Saturday Christmas Feria St Raymond Penyafort</p>	<p>1 John 5:14-21 John 2:1-11 No 9.00am Mass Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 12.30pm John & Elizabeth Ward-RIP Baby Nuna Louise-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00- 12.00 Noon Tea & Coffee after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>8th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</p> 	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Dorothy Hall & Jackie Lemmon-RIP</p>	<p>Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass</p>

Offertory Collection last week: £210:50 (Gift Aid £209:00 Loose £1.50)

A **'Prayer Request'** box can now be found in each entrance porch. You are welcome to place the names of those you would like prayers for, or any prayer intention you may have in the box as provided. Your intentions will be transferred to the Sanctuary on a weekly basis, and prayers will be offered for all those mentioned.

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School is looking for Teachers who would be available for Supply. If you are interested please contact the Head teacher Mrs Willmott on 0121 705 4355.

Early in the New Year we will be asking for your support for a further debate on the Homelessness Reduction Bill. This will take place on 27th January. If you would like to gain some insight/understanding, please visit the Crisis website: **Peace Sunday** will be celebrated in England and Wales on 14th/15th January 2017.

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place between 18th and 25th January. There will be a **Prayer Lunch on Tuesday 24th January** in the Meeting Place at Christ Church to which all are invited.

SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR HOMELESS-We need socks and any decent quality boots. Plus men's underwear in sizes small and medium(32"-34"pants)

Readers this week SUNDAY 9.00am Teresa Cund Bernard McHale 11.00am Mary Clark Juliana Benjamin	Eucharistic Ministers this week SUNDAY 9.00am Don & Mary Deneny Don & Mary Deneny 11.00am Helen Brookes Helen Brookes
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning January 2nd for Services 7th/8th January –B Monica Green, Maureen Casey, Bernadette Rourke	
Flower Rota: – for week beginning 2nd January for Services 7th/8th January- Joy Walker/Charlotte Poole	

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Peter Griffin	Clare Farmer	James Farmer	Kathleen McLoughlin
Martha Sheridan	Katie Kelly	Patricia Jones	Eilish Duffy
Mick Green	Andrew Simpson	Bernadette Day	Anthony Sadler
Christopher Browne	Kate McAvinney	Sarah Maloney	John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd	Kathy Stead	Amando Tenorio	Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin	Louisa and Nick	Margaret Kelly	Teresa Farrelley
Angela D'Arcy	Joseph Farmer	Peggy Roper	Therese Coulton
Baby Lily Day	Rose Walsh	Aidan, Patrick and Michael O'Donnell	Norman Hart
Martine and Rita McDonnell	Raymond Shenstone	Cornelius Callanan	Doreen Shirley
Sally & Maddy	John Keaney	Glen Hughes	F inbarr Herron
Michael Cassidy	Susanna Gordon	Mark Andrew Sutton	David Nunan
Dean	Elisabeth Scull	Norman Eaglesfield	Rita Jones
Baby Lara Constantinou			

AT THE GATE OF THE YEAR

I stood

At the Gate of the Year, Fearing to tread

Into the unknown.

And a voice said:

‘Put your hand into the hand of God,

So he can be with you every step of your way.’

So I ventured forth

And finding the hand of God trod gladly into the future.

For you, Lord, lead me safely. Along the right path.

You are at my side

Every step of my way, my strength, my guide.

For this I thank you. Amen.

Based on the inspiring words of Minnie Louise Haskins in 1908 & revived by George VI in his Christmas message, 1939. (Prayer Trust)



Please pray for: Ray Nicholson who died recently. (Requiem 9th January 10am; Reception 8th January 5pm) and Jennifer Gulliver. (Requiem Tuesday 3rd January, 1.00pm; reception, Monday 2nd January, 7.00pm). Also Francis Gerard Kelly, Ann(Hilda) Hammond, Reg Breakwell, Audrey Williams, Thomas Christopher Houghton, Marian Agnes Kelly, Margaret Priestley, Catherine Donnelly, Archibald Ruddock, Daniel Anthony Delvin, Thomas Kennedy, John Preston, Patrick McCann, and Patrick Joseph O'Reilly whose anniversaries are at this time.

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