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1st January 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday 1st January <i>Mary, Mother of God</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Peter, Swindon</i> <i>Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Deceased Corrigan Family 9.00am Mass Addie Jenkinson <i>RIP</i> 10.30am Mass Stanley & Merle Earl <i>RIP</i> 12.30pm Polish Mass 5.30pm Mass People of the Parish
Monday 2nd January <i>Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Intentions of Mary O'Mahony
Tuesday 3rd January <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass Intentions of Arnelia Rose Jojin
Wednesday 4th January <i>Weekday in Christmas Time</i>	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm Mass Intentions of Fr Peter
Thursday 5th January <i>Weekday in Christmas Time</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Deceased Corrigan Family 11.00am Funeral Mass for Veronica Bourke 7.00pm Mass People of the Parish
Friday 6th January <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	12.00pm Mass Richard Turner <i>RIP</i> 7.00pm Polish Mass
Saturday 7th January <i>Saturday after Epiphany</i>	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass Thanksgiving – Idema Jojin 10.45am – 11.30am Confessions 3.00pm Filipino Monthly Mass 5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass Marie O'Connor <i>RIP</i> 7.30pm Polish Language Mass
Sunday 8th January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.00am Mass People of the Parish 10.30am Mass Private Intention 12.30pm Polish Mass 5.30pm Mass John Lynch <i>Anniv</i>

Christmas Thanks: Thank you to all who enabled our Christmas Masses to be fitting celebrations of the Birth of Christ. A special thank you to stewards, those who cleaned and decorated the church so beautifully, musicians, singers and readers and all who put the crib in place.

Fr Liam and Fr Stephen write: *A sincere thank you to all for the many Christmas greetings, cards and gifts received and especially for the very generous Christmas Offering.*

Happy New Year: We wish all parishioners and families every blessing for peace, safety, health, and happiness in this New Year. A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Declan will be read at all masses on today the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Fr Liam is away for a few days, spending New Year with family in Ireland.

This Week: The Prayer of the Church this week is from Week 2 and the Proper of Season. Friday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, a holyday of obligation. Mass (vigil) on Thursday at 7.00pm and Friday at 12noon. In addition on Friday there is mass at 10.00am in St Augustine's Matson, and 7.00pm in English Martyrs, Tuffley.

Last Weekend: Christmas Mass Attendance – 1351.

Church Cleaning: Mondays after 9.30am mass. Thank you to all volunteers who regularly cleand and tidy the church. New volunteers always welcome.

200 Club Christmas Draw: £200 = Mrs B Smith. £100 = Mr R Dickens. £50 = Mr V. Roger and £50 = Mr R Nash.

Crib Donations: Donations will Clifton Children's Society can be placed in the money box on the pillar to the right of the altar rails. Thank you for your support.

Foundation Directors: 'The Bishop and Trustees of the Diocese of Clifton are looking to appoint 8 Foundation Directors to form the Trust board of the new emerging Little Way Catholic Educational Trust, consisting of the Catholic Schools in the County of Gloucestershire. It will be one of the new Multi-Academy Trusts within the Diocese and therefore will be an exciting opportunity for all concerned. Applications from existing Foundation Governors/Directors and from those without previous school governor experience, would be welcome.' Further information from Bill McEntee our Governance Officer at bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or Paul Kehoe School Partnership Officer at paul.kehoe@cliftondiocese.com at the Diocese.

The Epiphany of the Lord: One of the traditions associated with the Epiphany of the Lord, found in the Directory of Popular Piety, concerns the blessing of homes. Using chalk, a householder marks the inside of the main door of the house or lintel with the initials of the Magi and the current year connected with crosses (20+C+M+B+23). The initials CMB are also the first letters of the blessing: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless the house). Blessed chalk is available at the back of the church should you wish to follow this tradition.

Happy Christmas! We wish all parishioners of the Good Shepherd Ukrainian Church in Gloucester a very Happy Christmas. They follow the Julian calendar, celebrating Christmas on January 6th/7th.

RIP: We ask your prayers for those who have died recently:

Veronica Bourke. Coffin reception into church on Wednesday, January 4th at 4.00pm. Funeral Mass on Thursday January 5th at 11.00am.

Iris Chick. Funeral arrangements later.

Repository: A huge thank you to Breda Smith and her team and to all who support the repository. A donation of £2,000 for parish funds was received from repository proceeds.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Publications: January editions of My Day by Day (75p), Bible Alive (£3) and Sacred Heart Messenger (£1.85) available at the back of the church.

Dates for 2023: Ash Wednesday – February 22nd. Easter Sunday – April 9th. Ascension Day – May 18th. Pentecost Sunday – 28th May. Corpus Christi – 11th June. First Sunday of Advent – 3rd December.

Parish Registration: If you haven't already done so we encourage you to register your contact details via the registration tab on the parish website homepage.

Taken from a Christmas Card

When the song of the Angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the Kings and Princes are home, when the Shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins - to find the lost, to help the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people, to make music in the heart.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Pat O'Ryan, David Burke, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Joan O'Connell, Breedge Maguire, Sandra Flanagan, Jean Crickett, Dan Roche, Oliver Cuffe, Michael Casey, Terri Tyreman, Kitty McMahon, Beth Leeder, Tess Lane, Jim Hickman. In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise of any changes to be made to this list.