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*Happy
New Year*

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| St Peter's Catholic Primary School: | Tel: 01452 524792. Web: www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk |
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31st December 2023

Feast of the Holy Family – Year B

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| Sunday 31st December <i>The Holy Family</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Thomas More,</i> <i>Marlborough with Pewsey</i> | 6.00pm 9.00am 10.30am <i>12.30pm</i> 5.30pm | Mass Mary Cannon & Grace Murphy <i>RIP</i> Mass People of the Parish Mass Mary Stokes <i>RIP</i> <i>Polish Mass</i> Mass Pat O’Ryan <i>RIP</i> |
| Monday 1st January <i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i> | 10.30am <i>12.30pm</i> | Mass Jose Varghese <i>RIP</i> <i>Polish Mass</i> |
| Tuesday 2nd January <i>Ss Basil & Gregory Nanzianzen</i> | <i>6.00pm</i> 7.00pm | <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Mass Michael Murrihy <i>RIP</i> |
| Wednesday 3rd January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i> | <i>11.00am</i> 12.00pm | <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Mass John Moore <i>RIP</i> |
| Thursday 4th January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i> | <i>9.10am</i> 9.30am | <i>Morning Prayer</i> Mass Antony P A Anniv |
| Friday 5th January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i> | <i>9.10am</i> 9.30am <i>7.00pm</i> | <i>Morning Prayer</i> Mass Ints of Glasheen & McGinley Families <i>Polish Mass</i> |
| Saturday 6th January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i> | <i>9.30am</i> 10.00am <i>10.45am – 11.30am</i> <i>3.00pm</i> <i>5.00pm – 5.30pm</i> 6.00pm <i>7.30pm</i> | <i>Rosary</i> Mass Martin Pele Anniv <i>Confessions</i> <i>Filipino Monthly Mass</i> <i>Confessions</i> Mass Ints of Mary Hicks <i>Polish Mass</i> |
| Sunday 7th January 2024 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> | 9.00am 10.30am <i>12.30pm</i> 5.30pm | Mass Jimmy Murray <i>RIP</i> Mass Fr Donal Daly <i>RIP</i> <i>Polish Mass</i> Mass People of the Parish |

Last Weekend: Offertory - £1441.96 (*Inc £446.00 contactless/online*) Donations £96.

Mass Attendance – Fourth Sunday of Advent – 521. Christmas Eve/Christmas Day - 1489

This Week: Monday is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, when mass is at 10.30am. Tuesday is the Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nanzianzen. Prayer of the Church is Psalter Week 2 and Proper.

Church Cleaning: The next church cleaning will take place on Monday January 8th after the morning mass.

Crib Donations: Will go to supporting the work of the Clifton Children's Society. The box for donations is on the wall by the Sacred Heart statue at the front of the church. Thank you for your support.

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 today, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Elizabeth 'Betty' Zegveld. Coffin reception on Tuesday January 9th at 4.00pm. Funeral mass on Wednesday January 10th at 12noon followed by burial in Coney Hill cemetery.

Catherine 'Kay' Slade. Funeral mass Friday January 12th at 10.00am followed by burial at Coney Hill Cemetery.

Fr Joe O'Brien, a retired priest of our diocese who died in Ireland last Wednesday. Many will remember Fr Joe from his time as parish priest in English Martyrs, Tuffley from 1985 – 1997. His funeral has taken place in Ireland.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 3.00pm on Thursday January 4th. All welcome.

S.V.P: Next meeting Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30pm.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Publications: January editions of The Catholic Herald (£5), My Day by Day (75p), Bible Alive (£3) and Sacred Heart Messenger (£1.85) available at the back of the church.

Dates for 2024: Ash Wednesday – February 14th. Easter Sunday – March 31st. Ascension Day – May 9th. Pentecost Sunday – 19th May. Corpus Christi – 2nd June. First Sunday of Advent – 1st December.

Journey in Faith (RCIA): Next meeting is on Thursday 4th January, 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start in the sacristy.

Little Way Catholic Educational Trust: We are thrilled to announce that on 1st January 2024, six Catholic schools from Gloucestershire will be joining the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust (LWCET). The founding schools of the Trust are St Gregory's, Cheltenham; St Peter's Primary, Gloucester; Rosary, Stroud; St Thomas More's, Cheltenham; St Joseph's, Nympsfield; St Catharine's, Chipping Campden. These schools have been working closely together for over a year to share ideas, support one another and ensure the children within our Catholic schools are supported to be the best they can be while still maintaining the unique character of each of their schools. Their Patron Saint is St Therese of Lisieux and so the children are modelling their actions on her by doing SMALL ACTS WITH GREAT LOVE TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. As the Trust is launched, we ask you to keep them all in your prayers as they begin their next steps in the Bishop's vision for the schools in Clifton Diocese. More updates coming in the new year.

Invited: God offers us a radical invitation but what does it mean to say yes? What does it mean to be a Catholic? What do we believe and how do we grow deeper in our Faith? The Clifton Diocesan Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is offering a twelve-week course which will enable us to explore a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching. This is a course for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith and passing it onto others. It is taking place at The Immaculate Conception, Beeches Green, Stroud, GL5 4AA, beginning on Wednesday January 17th, 7.00pm to 9.00pm including time for refreshments. Cost of full course is £60 or £7.50 per session. Full details can be found on cliftondiocese.com.

Pause to Reflect: *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: Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Joan O'Connell, Sandra Flanagan, Dan Roche, Oliver Cuffe, Michael Casey, Terri Tyreman, David Murphy, Rosemary de Castro Lima, Richard Johnson, Kitty Daly. 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.