



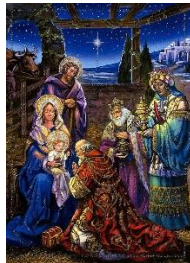
Pupil Chaplaincy Newsletter School/Home/Parish



January 2023

Hello everyone and welcome to the January issue of the Pupil Chaplaincy Newsletter. We would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

**The month of January is dedicated to
The Most Holy Name of Jesus**



The first nine days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the colour white, a symbol of purity, innocence, and joy. The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time, represented by the colour green. The colour green is the symbol of hope.

In the first part of January we continue to rejoice and celebrate Christ's coming at Bethlehem and in our hearts. We have the wonderful feasts of Mary, Mother of God, where we honour Mary's highest title, and then we follow the Magi to the crib as they bring their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh on Epiphany. Finally, we reach the end of this season with the Baptism of Our Lord by St John the Baptist.

"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving."

- Psalm 69:3



The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention for January

For educators:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Activity of the Month – House Blessing

The blessing of the home and the inscription of the initials of the three Magi above the door can be performed either by a priest or the father/mother of the family.

Focus of the Liturgy – Sunday Mass

The Gospel readings for the Sundays in January during the Christmas season follow the annual readings from St Matthew, St Luke, and St John. The remaining Sunday Gospels in ordinary time are taken from St Matthew following the Lectionary Cycle A.

January 1st - Mary, Mother of God
Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

January 8th - Baptism of the Lord
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

January 15th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
John the Baptist proclaims Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God".

January 22nd - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jesus calls Peter and Andrew to be fishers of men.

January 29th - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jesus teaches the Beatitudes. "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Important Dates for this Month

1 st January	Mary, Mother of God
2 nd January	St Basil the Great; St Gregory Nazianzen
3 rd January	The Most Holy name of Jesus
4 th January	St Elizabeth Ann Seton
6 th January	Epiphany of the Lord
21 st January	St Agnes
25 th January	Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle
26 th January	St Timothy and St Titus
27 th January	St Angela Merici
28 th January	St Thomas Aquinas
31 st January	St John Bosco

Best wishes and God bless,
Mrs Barnes and the Pupil Chaplaincy Team