**Pupil Chaplaincy Newsletter**

**School/Home/Parish**

**January 2021**

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

**The month of January is dedicated to**

**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

The first ten 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.

**“I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.”**

* **Psalm 69:30**

**The Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intention for January**

**Human Fraternity**

We pray that the Lord gives us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to 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 are taken from St Matthew, St Mark and St John and are from Year B, of the readings.

January 3rd - Epiphany of the Lord

We learn in this Gospel about the three Kings visiting the baby Jesus.

January 10th - Baptism of the Lord

This Gospel tells us how Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan.

January 17th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Gospel Jesus says to Peter “You are Simon the son of John.”

January 24th  - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Gospel relates how Jesus calls Peter and Andrew to be fishers of men.

January 31st - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We learn how Jesus frees the man with the unclean spirit.

**Important Dates for this Month**

1st January Mary, Mother of God

2nd January St Basil the Great; St Gregory Nazianzen

4th January St Elizabeth Ann Seton

6th January Epiphany of the Lord

10th January Baptism of the Lord

17th January St Anthony

25th January Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle

27th January St Angela Merici

28th January St Thomas Aquinas

31st January St John Bosco

Best wishes and God bless,

Mrs Barnes and the Pupil Chaplaincy Team