



## Pupil Chaplaincy Newsletter School/Home/Parish



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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 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.

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 true human fraternity**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution, may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

### **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 Luke following the Lectionary Cycle C.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> - Epiphany of the Lord  
We learn in this Gospel about the three Kings visiting the baby Jesus.

January 9<sup>th</sup> - Baptism of the Lord  
This Gospel tells us how Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan.

January 16<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
This Gospel relates the Wedding at Cana.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jesus speaks in the synagogue in Nazareth.  
“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

January 30<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jesus says, “No prophet is accepted in his own native place.”

### Important Dates for this Month

1 <sup>st</sup> January	Mary, Mother of God
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	St Basil the Great; St Gregory Nazianzen
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Epiphany of the Lord
4 <sup>th</sup> January	St Elizabeth Ann Seton
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Epiphany of the Lord
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Baptism of the Lord
21 <sup>st</sup> January	St Agnes
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle
26 <sup>th</sup> January	St Timothy and St Titus
27 <sup>th</sup> January	St Angela Merici
28 <sup>th</sup> January	St Thomas Aquinas

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