



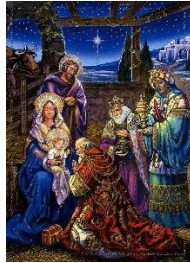
Pupil Chaplaincy Newsletter School/Home/Parish



January 2024

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 eight 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 mark 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

The gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the many different gifts and talents within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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 Mark following the Lectionary Cycle B.

January 7th - The Epiphany of the Lord
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

January 14th - 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
They saw where he was staying and they stayed with him.

January 21st - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Repent and believe in the Gospel.

January 28th - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
He taught them as one having authority.

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
7 th January	Epiphany of the Lord
8 th January	Baptism of the Lord
25 th January	Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle
26 th January	St Timothy and St Titus
27 th January	St Angela Merici
31 st January	St John Bosco

Nazareth Room Visit

This month the Pupil Chaplains will visit the Nazareth Room children, to tell the story of David and Goliath. They will, as always, be accompanied by the Noah's Ark Puppets.

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