



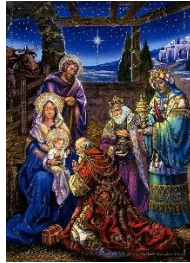
Pupil Chaplaincy Newsletter School/Home/Parish



January 2025

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 twelve 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

For the right to an education

We pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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 C.

January 6th - The Epiphany of the Lord
We saw his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.
Matthew 2:1-12

January 12th - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
When Jesus was baptised and was praying, heaven was opened.
Luke 3:15-16m 21-22

January 19th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee.
John 2:1-11

January 26th - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Today this scripture passage is fulfilled.
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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
5 th January	Epiphany of the Lord
12 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
28 th January	St Thomas Aquinas
31 st January	St John Bosco

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