

Day	Time and Place	Intention	Donor
New Year 1 st January	9.30am	People of the Parish	HC
2 nd January	6.30pm	November List	HC
3 rd January	9.15am	November List	HC

Sunday readings are for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God which are always the same. The weekday readings are set for the day, before Epiphany

Feasts of the Week: Monday - St. Basil, the Great
Saturday - St. Raymond of Penyafort

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Thomas Gornall, Joan Marjorie Crawley, Maria Elizabeth Prescott, Joseph Singleton, Arnold John Webb, Susan Swarbrick and Anna Arrowsmith.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
9 th January		School	School re-opens
11 th January	7.30pm	Presbytery	Property Group Meeting
18 th January	5.30pm	Presbytery	W Y A Programme No. 3
18 – 25 th January			Week of prayer for Christian Unity
22 nd January	3.00pm	Trinity Methodists	BVCT Unity Service
13 th – 21 st Feb.		School	Half Term
24 th January	7.00pm	School	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
3 rd February	7.30pm	Church	Women's World Day of Prayer
8 th March	5.30pm	Presbytery	W Y A Programme No 4

Wishing you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year



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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 1st January, 2017

Parish Mission Statement

Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron, St. Francis, seeks to be a welcoming Catholic Community, by living, sharing and growing in faith. We strive to deepen our own relationship with Christ and meet the needs of others.



This Sunday: Start the year with Mary. Mary is the mother of Jesus. We are the body of Christ, the Church. So Mary is the spiritual mother of the Church. She has a special interest in each one of us as a mother. Let us rejoice at the beginning of the New Year. Through Jesus we can call God our Father, and we have a spiritual mother who will always help us if we turn to her.

Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy Group meetings will be included in the Diary shortly

School Governors: Two foundation governors are needed for our school. They should be from our parish community. Governing schools is a most

important ministry. Please contact myself if you would like to know more. We need to fill these posts if we are to keep our Catholicity in the school. Fr. Philip.

Parish Pastoral Council meets on the 24th January. If parishioners have any matter to bring up, please give details either to myself or to Mr. Chris. Moran, the Chair. Fr. Philip

Bicycle Panniers in very good condition in return for a donation to CAFOD or the Crib Fund for Children in Palestine. Please see Fr. Philip.

A Meditation for the New Year: 'The Gate of the Year'

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night...

Minnie Louise Haskins 1875 - 1957

Vocation Intercession: That in union with Mary, the Mother of God, we who have received the Spirit of her Son into our hearts, will pray with zeal for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Next Cleaning and Gardening Day: Saturday, 28th January.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits available after the Sunday Mass.

All parishioners, friends and visitors are very welcome to join us.

Notices:

Pilgrimage & Holiday to Poland: 10th – 19th August, 2017. For more information please contact either Elita Fraser on 01768351265 or Fr. Alex on 015395 32731. E-mail: Julian.fraser577@btinternet.com

