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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

1 JANUARY 2023:
SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Numbers 6: 22-27

Resp. Psalm: Ps 66 (67): 2-3, 5, 6, 8

2nd Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 1 January	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (p. 109) Second Collection: Justice and Peace Scotland	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Monday 2 January	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, & Doctors of the Church Mass Intention: Archie Macdonald, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 3 January	Of the Day Mass Intention: Angus Kennedy, RIP (Anniversary 28 December)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 5 January	Of the Day Mass Intention: Roseanne Stewart MacLennan, RIP (Anniversary 31 December)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 7 January	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest Mass Intention: Mary Melling, RIP (First Anniversary: 1 January)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 8 January	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (p. 128) Second Collection: Mary's Meals	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Mary, Mother of God: Children of God

Today we give thanks to Mary, the Mother of God. Her response to the angel, born of a humble heart, brought us life and salvation in the Child conceived in her womb.

From before all ages, God had destined her for this decisive role in salvation history. She was to be the woman who in the fullness of time would bear God's only Son, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle.

In times past, God spoke to His chosen people, the Israelites, through prophets (see Hebrews 1:1-2), and imparted His blessings upon them through His priests, as we hear in today's First Reading.

But now, He has sent His Son to reveal His glory and His kingdom, to make His way of salvation known to all nations, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the Infant lying in the manger, God has shone His face upon us (see John 14:8-9).

Jesus is made a child of Israel, an heir of God's covenant with Abraham, by His circumcision in today's Gospel (see Genesis 17:1-14). And we have been made adopted sons and daughters by Baptism, which is the circumcision of Christ, the true circumcision (see Colossians 2:11; Philippians 3:3).

As children of God, Paul says today, we are heirs of the Father's blessings, which He promised to bestow on all peoples through the descendants of Abraham (see Genesis 12:3; 22:18; Galatians 3:14). This is the blessing that Aaron imparted to Israel, the people descended from Abraham. And this blessing comes to us through Mary and the Child.

This is the good news of great joy that the shepherds make known in Bethlehem today (see Luke 2:10).

Like the shepherds, we too should make haste today to find Jesus with Mary and Joseph, to glorify God for His blessings. And like Mary, we should keep His word and reflect upon it, letting it dwell richly in our hearts (see Colossians 3:16). (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Year A (p. 109)

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Today's Second Collection is for Justice and Peace Scotland. The National Commission for Justice and Peace advises the Scottish Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church in matters relating to social justice, international peace and human rights, and promotes action in these areas. For further information, see the website: www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk.

Next week's Second Collection is for Mary's Meals; **it will sent, together with the Christmas Crib donations, on Monday 16 January.** Any additional donations should be handed in BEFORE this date, please. Every £1 donated before 31 January will be doubled, as part of the 'Double the Love' campaign. This means that even more hungry children can be given a nutritious school meal, as well as an education – including those affected by natural disasters, disease, and conflict. Thank you.

House Blessings – Fr. Domenico is very happy to visit your home and bless it at the beginning of the New Year. If you would like to avail yourself of this, please have a word with him.

First Holy Communion June 2023 – Children of P3 age or above are invited to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, which will take place on Sunday 11 June 2023 (Corpus Christi). Weekly classes will begin in January. E-mail the parish to request an application form, or speak to Fr. Domenico.

Prize Bingo: continues after the Christmas Season – eyes down again on **Friday 27 January 2023**, and thereafter on the last Friday of each month. Thank you for all of the wonderful items that you have handed in. Items that can be given as prizes are always needed; non-perishables can be handed in at any time.

90 Club: The first draw for 2023 will take place on Sunday 29 January. Envelopes for your dues are on the table at the front door; please take one, fill it out, and hand it back with your remittance to Don. Numbers are still available if you would like to join in this parish fundraiser.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Mo Horne, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot

RIP: Alison MacDonald

Anniversaries: Angus Kennedy, Roseanne Stewart MacLennan, Mary Melling, Allan Jamieson, Anne Lafferty, Father Gerald Fitzgibbon, Father Ronnie Walls, Archie Macdonald, Christopher Kelman, Mary McGlade