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**1st January 2023**

**FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**2nd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

|            |          |             |                                                                |
|------------|----------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 31 Dec | 5.30 pm  | St George's | Sp. Intention, Mrs Murphy, in Ireland                          |
| Sun 01 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | Jack & Josie Murphy and the deceased members of the family     |
|            | 11.15 am | Holy Spirit | Madge McCartney for good health                                |
|            | 6.00 pm  | St George's | For all the people of the parish                               |
| Mon 02 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | Sp. Intention, Mrs E Reilly                                    |
| Tue 03 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | Priest's own intention                                         |
| Wed 04 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | George & Margaret Bancroft RIP and John & Michael Bancroft RIP |
| Thu 05 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | Donor's intention, St Anthony, in thanksgiving                 |
| Fri 06 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | Holy Souls                                                     |
|            | 7.00 on  | Holy Spirit | Private Intention                                              |
| Sat 07 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | For peace in the world                                         |
|            | 5.30 pm  | St George's | Intention of the donor (DN)                                    |
| Sun 08 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | The people of the parish                                       |
|            | 11.15 am | Holy Spirit | Priest's own intention                                         |
|            | 6.00 pm  | Holy Spirit | Deceased members of the Geelan family                          |

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: GOD AND I HAVE THE SAME MOTHER**

**All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. Luke 2:18.**

In my prayer recently, I spontaneously exclaimed to God, "You and I have the same mother!" After, I felt a little sheepish. Who am I to say such a bold thing to God? It sounded a little blasphemous.

But, on the Cross Jesus gave us, in the person of John, Mary as our mother. Moreover, at the Council of Ephesus, the Church solemnly proclaimed Mary to be the mother of God. "Mary is rightly called both the "Mother of God" and our mother.

As astounding as this sounds, it is rooted in the astounding reality of God becoming flesh on the person of Jesus. Because of the Incarnation, we can say with confidence that God and humanity have the same mother.

I find great delight in prayer addressing Mary as mother. I suspect that God finds delight in doing the same.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti

**Mary Mother of God (Solemnity)**

**Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.**

**Psalms 66 (67):2-8**

**'O God, be gracious and bless us.'**

Each New Year begins under the watchful care of Mary our Mother. We seek her intercession, offering up all our joys, hopes and fears, knowing that God hears the cry of our heart. Mary teaches us how to pray. Like the Psalmist, she treasured and pondered all that God has done (Luke 2:10). 'I will remember the deeds of the Lord, yes I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work and meditate on your mighty deeds' (Psalm 76 (77): 11-12). God has done mighty things in our lives too – let us rejoice and be glad in them. Giving praise and thanks to God is easy when we reflect on all the magnificent things we have received and that God has done for us.

*I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall continually be on my lips' (Psalm 33 (34):1).*

**LIVING FAITH:**

The new edition for January/February/March 2023 is available.

I hope you have your copy.

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45**

**SAINTS THIS WEEK: Mon, 2nd Jan: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors.**

**THE EPIPHANY, FRIDAY 6th JANUARY**, is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord and is a Holyday of Obligation when we should do all we can to come along to Mass.

Mass at 9.30 am at St George's and 7 pm at Holy Spirit

**A RECENT DEATH:**

Please pray for Jessie Sadler of Rosamonds Rise, who has died recently. Jessie was a regular member of St George's parish over many years and reached the grand age of 97 years. Her funeral service will take place at St George's on Friday, 13th January. We extend our sincere sympathies to the family in their sad loss.

**Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.**

**THE CATHOLIC NEWS**

The January edition is now available at church. There is a nice message from our Bishop Patrick McKinney for Christmas. Also, lots of interesting articles, eg a 50 year old from Melton Mowbray in a skydive to help fund the building of a parish hall by their church; a message from Pope Francis whose emphasises the gift of self; a report on a fundraising event in Alfreton with Jimmy Cricket; more activity from Good Shepherd, Arnold; Football friendship in Newark raising funds for pancreatic cancer research; anti bullying young ambassador at St Alban's School, Derby and a crossword. Get your copy today.

**CHRISTMAS THANKS**

As we celebrate the lovely feast of Our Lord's birth among us, we take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for all their help and support during the year 2022. A word of thanks for the decoration of the church by many hands, with Christmas trees, small and large and flowers and lights for the crib and a little colour for the windows.

Thank you for your cards and gifts and Fr. Alan, Fr Jude and Fr Peter again wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas and Many Blessing also for a Happy New Year. May our world find more peace and happiness.

**LET US PRAY FOR KING CHARLES III  
IN HIS CORONATION YEAR**

Prince Charles had been dreading the moment of the passing of the Queen, his mother.

On the occasion of the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, the poet Philip Larkin said: 'In times when nothing stood but worsened or grew strange, there was one constant. She did not change'.

We pray for our new King, Charles III. We pray that the Lord will give him courage and steadfastness. We pray that when times are difficult, he may express the comfort we seek. When direction is hard to find we pray that the leadership he gives will be steady.

God save the King!