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Sunday 1st January 2023 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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A Blessed New Year to us all!

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our Christmas liturgies so lovely this year.

Without doubt we have emerged from the shadow of Covid and it was good to see good crowds at all the Masses and services. Everyone was in great form.

Well Done to our chaplaincy team at Our Lady's School for making many "Angel Cards" which were distributed to many of our house-bound parishioners. A kind thought indeed from the children.

Live-Stream

How ironic that in last week's newsletter we were extolling the benefits of our live-stream, and the very next day it broke down! We apologise to the large numbers who were unable to join us online. I estimate that, had it been in working order over Christmas, we would have topped 50,000 viewers. Never mind, our suppliers, churchservices.tv are hoping to restore transmission soon, hopefully by the time you read this. Meanwhile, our wonderful Our Lady's liturgies are confined to those in church.

New Year's Eve Holy Half Hour

Spend time in church to give thanks to God for the year just ended and to pray for his blessing in the next. Saturday, 31st December 5:45 – 6:15 pm, just prior to the 6:30 pm evening Vigil Mass.

Welcome Chris!

On Tuesday we welcome Chris Colaco, a seminarian of our Diocese. Currently in his third year of study and discernment at Oscott College. Chris will be with us for three weeks on his parish placement, an important part of his priestly formation. We are a blessed parish, as every year we are entrusted with forming one of our potential future priests; each and every student leaves us having had a happy learning experience, thanks to the warm welcome they always receive from you, the parishioners. I am sure that you will make Chris welcome, as you always do and that Chris will have a beneficial placement.

Pope John School Reunion – Saturday, 11th February 2023 (Repeat Notice)

If you left Pope John School from 1970 to 1979 you are most welcome to join everyone for a school reunion. Partners are welcome too. Spend an evening catching up with your old school chums. Enjoy a buffet in our very own exclusive venue at the Holiday Inn in Corby. There is free parking, an exclusive bar and their own private entrance into the Manor Sweet Venue all for £22 per person on a first come, first served basis. All bookings must be paid by the 14th January 2023, so don't delay and book your place now. Full details on how to book and pay at: www.popejohnreunion.uk

May They Rest in Peace

Christine "Chris" Colgan, aged 88, late of Brandenburg Road, whose funeral is on Thursday, 5th January at 11:00 am at Our Lady's.

Peter Mulligan, late of Corby Road, Weldon, whose funeral is on Tuesday, 17th January at 11:00 am.

Thomas Mason, aged 80, late of Cedar Court, whose funeral is on Thursday 19th January at 11:00 am.

Peggie Lappin, aged 82, late of Argyle Street, whose funeral is on Friday, 27th January at 11:00 am.

Noel Turner, aged 66, late of Rowlett Road, whose funeral is on Friday 20th January at 10:00 am.

Jim Platt, late of Woodnewton, former Head Teacher at Our Lady & Pope John School, whose funeral will be at The Most Holy Name of Jesus RC Church Oundle on Thursday 19th January at 11:00 am.

Emmie Davey, late of Mill Close, Great Oakley, whose funeral has yet to be arranged.

John Pengelly, aged 89, whose funeral arrangements have still to be arranged.

John Reilly, (Father of Damien, Knight of St Columba) late of Coatbridge, Scotland

Please remember all their grieving families in your prayers.

Many of the deceased passed away before Christmas. As you may know, in Corby we have to wait longer than many towns for funerals to take place. Nobody seem to know why this is the case, but it is very hard to shorten the waiting list once it has been created (not unlike the NHS waiting lists), meaning that most families have to endure a month or so of extra grieving prior to being able to bury their loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with all the families.

2023 Diocesan Directory

The 2023 directory is out now and is full of interesting information about our Diocese of Northampton, with a photograph of a smiling Fr Jithu James on the cover, taken on the day of his ordination earlier this year. Please give a donation to cover printing costs.

Feast of the Wise Men 2023

Don't forget that the celebration of the **Epiphany** has been reinstated to its proper date, 6th January. It is a **holyday of obligation** and falls on a **Friday**. We can all eat Meat!!

Masses: Our Lady's, Thursday Vigil 6:00 pm

Friday, 10:00 am

1:30 pm (especially for the schoolchildren)

St John Ogilvie's 7:00 pm

Customarily, this is the day (Twelfth Night) that we take down our Christmas decorations, although many like to leave out their cribs until 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus.

Clergy Leave. Canon Michael will take a few days' Christmas leave from next Saturday, 7th January. Fr Prasad took his few days directly after Christmas Day, his first time away from the parishes since his appointment here in September.

Next Sunday

Sunday, 8th January will be the Baptism of the Lord, which brings the Christmas season to a close.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmastide and New Year
Canon Michael and Fr Prasad

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 31st December

Our Lady's 09:30am Mass: Liam McDevitt (Int) / Jim Treacy RIP

Followed by Confessions upon request

5:45 – 6:15 pm Holy Half Hour

Our Lady's: 6.30pm Mass: Martin & Bernie Dutton Int /Bill, Annie, Patsy & William Currie RIP

Sunday, 1st January

Our Lady's 08:30 am Mass: Trevor Garner RIP / William Kitson (Int)

Our Lady's 10:00am Mass: Sadie Chalmers (1st (A) / Amos McDaid RIP

St John Ogilvie's Church:

5:00 pm Mass: Margaret Geary RIP / Mary & Rod (Int)

Monday: No Public Mass

Tuesday, 3rd January 09:30 am Mass: Margaret Mann RIP / John McGrenaghan RIP

Wednesday 4th January

Our Lady's 09:30am Mass: Ann Symes (Int) / Eve Lyons RIP

Thursday 5th January

Our Lady's 09:30 am Mass: Susanna Friel (Int) / Monica Lewis RIP

11:00 am Funeral of Chris Colgan RIP

Epiphany

6:00 pm Mass: Epiphany Vigil – Martin Sykes RIP / Bridget Killeen RIP

Friday 6th January Epiphany

Our Lady's 10:00 am Mass: Chris Colgan RIP

1:30 pm School Mass in church – For the Parish

St John Ogilvie's 7:00 pm Mass: Guiseppina & Nicola Restaino RIP

Saturday, 7th January

Our Lady's 09:30am Mass: Jim Treacy RIP / Cora Crawley RIP

Confessions upon request immediately after Mass

Baptism of the Lord

6:30 pm Vigil Mass: Norah Sweeny (A) / Wynne Barrowman RIP

Sunday 8th January

Our Lady's 08:30 am Mass: John & Ellen McCallum (A) / Lynn Allan RIP (A)

10:00 am Mass: Wynne Barrowman RIP / George & Teresa Goodall (Int)

St John Ogilvie's: 5:00 pm Mass: Giovanni & Maria Restaino RIP