

ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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MASS TIMES

SAT	31st	Dec	6.00pm	(Church)	Mary, Holy Mother of God
SUN	1st	Jan	9.30am	(Church)	Mary, Holy Mother of God
MON	2nd	Jan	9.00am	(Convent)	Ss Basil & Gregory Nazianzen
TUE	3rd	Jan	10.00am	(Convent)	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
WED	4th	Jan	9.30am	(Church)	
THU	5th	Jan	9.00am	(Convent)	
FRI	6th	Jan	7.30pm	(Church)	
SAT	7th	Jan	6.00pm	(Church)	The Epiphany of the Lord
SUN	8th	Jan	9.30am	(Church)	The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Sr Agnes Daly
 Sir Marcellius Agwuh RIP
 Kathleen Connolly RIP

 Gerald Payne RIP
 Joseph Parisi
 Vito Giani RIP
 George & Mary Terry RIP
 Parishioners

Confessions Saturdays 7pm-7.30pm (Church)

'Praying with Scripture' Group Thursdays 7.30pm (Convent)

Christmas Thanks: may the

Christmas spirit live long in us, as its joy continues to spread. May its wonderful celebration in the Parish continue to enliven our worship and deepen our friendships. Grateful thanks to everyone for participating – to our Ministers at the altar, our Flower arrangers, Cleaners, Musicians and the whole Community.

Grateful thanks from Fr Bernard, Fr Pat, Deacon Bill and Philomena for your generosity shown through your cards, gifts and Christmas Offerings. Your kindness is much enjoyed.

NEW YEAR'S DAY – FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

The Blessed Virgin Mary is born to be Mother. The supreme consolation that Our Lady receives at the Cross of her Son, is the assurance that her vocation as Mother does not end with Christ's death. The Lord commands, not just St. John, but the whole human race, "Behold your Mother". Her mothering extends now to the whole Body of Christ, and those called to be children of God.'

As we begin the Year of the Lord, 2012, let us entrust it to her care and prayers. It is to be a Year of Faith. Mary responded to God in complete faith. It is a day of prayer for Peace. Mary is the Mother of peacemakers, described in the Sermon on the Mount as "the sons of God" Mt 5/9

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH in ACTION

A massive **THANK YOU** for all your support and encouragement throughout the year and especially during the Christmas Season. We sold - you bought - £520.00 worth of cards i.e. 1730 religious cards going out from St. Paul's. We also received much assistance in the preparation, production, displaying and promotion of Our Christmas Mural - in the suggestions and directions of the drawing and painting, in mounting it on the wall, in the photographing of the finished work and in placing the article in the local newspaper. A light has been placed above the mural to illuminate it during the evening - (this has been paid for, from some of the proceed from the sale of the cards). Thank you again for helping us keep Christ in Christmas. We wish you health, happiness and peace and may His love bless us all in 2012.

MEETINGS

5th January 2012 - Youth Meeting 6.30 - 8.30 in Church Hall - New members welcome

8th January 2012 - Leaders/Helpers 4.00 - 5.00 in Church Hall - New Leaders/Helpers welcome

First Communion 2012

Children in Year 3 and 'above' are eligible to receive the sacraments. Please hand in names, addresses and telephone numbers to the Presbytery. The course will start on Sunday 5th February.

PORCH RENOVATION: we hope to begin the process of refurbishing the Porch this year. The Parish Council opted for the cheaper version, namely the new disabled toilet, new bookcases, windows, lights and plastering

Pastoral Council: Next meeting is on Monday 9th January at 8pm, with tea and coffee available from 7.45pm onwards.

FINANCE: grateful thanks to the Sisters for their gift of £1,000 to our parish Community. May God bless them all the coming year.

DONCASTER STREET PASTOR

INITIATIVE: This initiative from the Christian Churches of Doncaster aims to help partying youngsters in the clubs & pubs, and on the streets of Doncaster, on a Saturday night. For anyone whose interest was aroused, at last week's notice, there is a fuller explanation on a sheet in the porch.

Volunteers are needed

ST PETER'S SCHOOL: parents who wish to register their children to attend the school, must apply by January 15th 2012 at the latest

Year 10 – Young Adult

The Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMED) are planning a Youth Congress – an exciting one day event to be held on 24th March 2012 at Wembley Arena (details can be found at <http://cymfed.org/congress/flame/2012/>) The cost is £14 and St Paul's have reserved 20 places and booking is on a first come basis.

Transport is being arranged by the Diocese but the cost is still unknown. Details and application forms can be found in the porch or from Fr Bernard or Anne Prior anne@whprior.freeserve.co.uk

MARIDON CENTRE AND BOOKSHOP

The Centre is now closed, reopening on Tuesday 10th January. It is open on Tuesdays and Fridays weekly from 10am to 3pm. Volunteers to help are still needed. The Bookshop is open daily Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10am until 3pm. Thanks to all volunteers

PRAYERS PLEASE: For Sioned Harper, Richard Maye, Matthew Kane, Len & Ellen Newbitt, Millie Binns, Kathleen Pearson, Jean Friel, Gerry Fox and Laraine Henderson, who are sick.

A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL