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The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God [A]

1st January 2023

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Mustard Seeds

✠ New Year Thoughts and Hopes

The end of one calendar year and the beginning of another is the perfect occasion to reflect on how well people have used the time and gifts God has given them -- especially how well people have helped the poor, Pope Francis said. While God is eternal, time is important even to him, Pope Francis said during a prayer service on a New Year's Eve in St. Peter's Basilica. "He wanted to reveal himself and save us in history," becoming human to demonstrate "his concrete love." At the end of a year, like at the end of life, he said, the church teaches its members to make an examination of conscience, "remembering all that happened, thanking the Lord for all the good we received and were able to do and, at the same time, remembering where we were lacking and our sins. Give thanks and ask forgiveness." While God created humanity to be his children, he said, original sin and its remnants continue to distance people from God, often making them slaves who follow "the voice of the Evil One." God sent Jesus to ransom sinners from their slavery, the pope said, which gives rise to an essential question in one's examination of conscience: "Do we live as children (of God) or as slaves?" "Do we live as people baptised in Christ, anointed by the Spirit, ransomed and free?" he asked. "Or do we live according to worldly logic: corrupt, doing what the devil wants us to believe is in our best interest?" Pope Francis told those gathered in the basilica that all people, even Christians, have "a tendency to resist freedom; we fear freedom and, paradoxically, we prefer slavery" although often people are not aware that that is what they are doing. "Freedom frightens us because it places time before us and, with it, the responsibility to live it well," he said. "A nostalgia for slavery nests in our hearts because it appears more reassuring than freedom, which is much riskier." Slavery focuses just on the moment, he said, making people forget their past, but also robbing them of hope for the future. "Slavery makes us believe that we cannot dream, fly or hope," the pope said. The end of a year, he said, is a reminder that there will be a "final hour" and all people will be judged, particularly on how they used their freedom and how they cared for the poor.

love God...

love others...

serve the world...

Christmastide [A]

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Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed Masses may be subject to change		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 31 st December 2022	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Catherine (Kit) Kean (A), Sheila Duffy (RD), Theresa McGuire (A)</i>	New Year's Eve Mass at 10am	Vigil Mass at 6pm	Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 1 st January 2023	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 10.30am	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 2 nd January	Memorial of Ss Basil and Gregory, bishops Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Beryl Meechan (SI), Joyce & Eamon McGonigle (SI)</i>			
Tuesday 3 rd January	Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Lizzie Paterson (A), Brian Hessett (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 4 th January	Weekday of Christmas Time Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Andrew Mullen (SI)</i>		Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am Anna Wilson
Thursday 5 th January	Requiem Mass for Ann Ward Mass at 10am			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 6 th January	Weekday of Christmas Time Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for John Lenaghan (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am	Funeral Mass at 10am Patrick Joseph McEvoy
Saturday 7 th January	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Mary Madden & Esther Madden (CR)</i>	New Year's Eve Mass at 10am		Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

End of Christmas Time

The end of the Christmas Season is Monday 9th January 2023, when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Then we enter into Ordinary Time. The liturgical colour is green.

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
 You bring hope alive in our hearts
 And cause our Spirits to be born again.
 Thank you for this new year
 For all the potential it holds.
 Come and kindle in us A mighty flame



So that in our time,
 many will see the wonders of God
 And live forever
 to praise Your glorious name.
 Amen

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Beryl Meechan,
 Ennis McHugh, Paul McNulty.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

*Alan Byers, John Lenaghan, Tom McGreevy, Ann Ward,
 Anne Kennedy, George Scott,
 Brian Hessett, Sheila Duffy, John Friel.*

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*June Doherty 2010, Isabella Dougherty 2010,
 Charles Patrick Hendry 1967, James Murphy 1997,
 Father Andrew Karwemera 2002, Lizzie Macnamara,
 Thomas Bell 2019, Hugh Brown 1980, Susan Burns 1986,
 Maura Lapsley 2019, May Rollie 2007, Frank Clark 2009,
 Catherine Marroni 2012, Helen McGinn 2012,
 John McTiernan 2016, Sister Imelda CP 2000,
 Sister Marie Celeste CP 2000, Gerry Brown 2010,
 Tom McAvennie 2011, Charles Retzbach 2000,
 Patrick Braniff 1991, Gary Cahill 2012,
 Margaret Griffin 1997, Isabella Keenan 1939,
 James Monan 1969, Celia Ralston 2007,
 Leda Biagioni 2007, James Burns 1955,
 Patrick Cawley 2001, Canon Peter Fitzpatrick 1952,
 Helen McCluskey 2004, John McMillan 2022,
 Cornelius Welsh 2021, John Cahill 1989,
 Danny Higgins 2009, Frank Kelly 2013.*

St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR ANN WARD** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Ann Ward, who died on 20th December 2022, aged 82 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 5th January 2023 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **THANK YOU** We would like to thank all our ministries for their hard work, kindness, and thoughtfulness in helping make our Church and Christmas Masses more special.

Mary's "secret weapon"

Mary knows that it is hard to keep the clutter out of our hearts. We tend to get distracted by life's hustle and bustle, by the shiny things of the world, even though they aren't the most important things. She knows we need help learning how to reflect deeply on God's action in our lives, and she has given us that help. She has given us a tool for developing our interior life that has a 100% success rate. Everyone who has used this tool has come closer to God and grown in wisdom, courage, and joy. This tool was given by Mary in a vision to St Dominic in the thirteenth century.

Since then it has been used successfully by illiterate peasants and cultured queens, popes and bishops, mothers and widows, sailors and soldiers. All of us know about it, but not enough of us use it. It's called the Rosary. The Rosary is a key letting us into Mary's heart, where we can sit with her, as if we were having a cup of tea together in her parlour, just the two of us. We sit and talk things over, letting Christ's light shine on the dark, cold corners of our mind and heart, and letting his grace heal and strengthen all that is wounded and weak in our lives and in the world. Our culture has a tradition of making a New Year's Resolution. Why not make the resolution to spend this year learning from our spiritual mother how to let God put order, peace, and wisdom into our lives, by "keeping all these things and reflecting on them in our hearts" through the Rosary. If we take even that small step closer to Christ, he will surely take a giant leap closer to us.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

*All bow: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen

Notable Date

6th January (1952): Anniversary of the death of Canon Peter Fitzpatrick.



Just for a laugh...

New Year Prayer: Dear God, so far this has been great! I haven't gossiped about my friends. I haven't lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, cruel, or rude. I'm very thankful. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help to get through the New Year.

A burglar breaks into a house. He starts shining his light around looking for valuables. Some nice things catch his eye, and as he reaches for them, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." Startled, the burglar looks for the speaker. Seeing no one, he keeps putting things in his bag, again, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." This time, he sees a parrot. "Who are you?" the burglar asks. "Moses," the bird replied. "Who the heck would name a bird Moses?" the man laughed. "I dunno," Moses answered, "I guess the same kind of people that would name the Rottweiler Jesus."

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