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PARISH NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 1 JANUARY 2021
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD,
NEW YEAR DAY 2021

DATE	DETAILS	SERVICE	TIME
FRIDAY 1 JANUARY	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God NEW YEARS DAY 2021	Mass Mass (Polish) Mass (Polish)	10.30 13.00 17.00
Saturday 2 January	St Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass Vigil Mass	09.00 09.30 18.00
Sunday 3 January	The Epiphany of the Lord	Mass (Polish) Mass Mass (Polish)	09.00 10.30 13.00
Monday 4 January	Monday after Epiphany Sunday	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Tuesday 5 January	Tuesday after Epiphany Sunday	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Wednesday 6 January	Wednesday after Epiphany Sunday	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Thursday 7 January	Thursday after Epiphany Sunday	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Friday 8 January	Friday after Epiphany Sunday	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Saturday 9 January	Saturday after Epiphany Sunday	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass Vigil Mass	09.00 09.30 18.00
Sunday 10 JANUARY	The Baptism of The Lord	Mass (Polish) Mass Mass (Polish)	09.00 10.30 13.00

NEW YEAR REFLECTION

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 66; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

In our first reading today from the Book of Numbers we read of God telling Moses how to bless the people in his name: 'May the Lord bless you and keep you...' The blessing was God's response to the people's maintenance of purity and was a reminder to them of the blessings God would bestow on them for their faithfulness. It was believed by the people of the time that, when they were in difficulty, the Lord covered his face from them and so the last part of the blessing asks that the Lord uncover his face to them. The Psalm takes up this idea and makes it our request.

In our reading from Galatians, we are reminded that Jesus Christ was born at the time appointed by God and of a human woman, and therefore he was the same as we are – he was human. But in coming into the world in this way, and subjecting himself to the Law, he has enabled each of us to become a son of God just as he is the Son of God. This adoption comes about through our baptism and, as Christians, we have the ability to be free of all that would enslave us and, in particular, to free us from the power of death.

In the gospel passage we see the Holy Family still in the stable or cave when the shepherds arrive, having been sent by the angels. The second part of the text recalls how the Child was named Jesus in accordance with the instruction of the archangel Gabriel at the annunciation to Mary. This took place at his circumcision – one of the requirements of the Law hinted at in the second reading. The woman referred to in Galatians is Mary and today we celebrate the fact that she is the Mother of God, which also declares and acknowledges Jesus Christ to be God. This does not place Mary in a position higher or more exalted than God, but simply acknowledges her as mother of his Divine Son.

Patrick J. Breen, O.Carm.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- **Sick:** Sandra Cameron, Kenneth Darnell, Kate Hamilton, Marion Newton

NEW YEAR WISHES

Leaving the old year behind, we reflect on what the New Year will bring us. Full of trust in God's protection over us and the intercession of Mary, I wish you all the best this New Year: health, happiness, many successes and fulfilment of all noble intentions. May God bless you and grant you His strength and help in this 2021 year.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

In Scotland the Day of Prayer for Peace takes place on Sunday 3rd January 2021, Feast of the Epiphany. A letter from Bishop Nola, Bishop of Galloway President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland Justice & Peace Commission is on a parish website. Collection for the work of Justice and Peace will be taken on this Sunday at the back of the church.

ŻYCZENIA NOWOROCZNE

Zostawiając za sobą stary rok zastanawiamy się nad tym, co przyniesie nam Nowy Rok. Pełni ufności w Bożą opiekę nad nami i wstawiennictwo Maryi życzę w tym Nowym Roku wszelkiej pomyślności: zdrowia, szczęścia, wielu sukcesów i spełnienia wszystkich szlachetnych zamierzeń. Niech Bóg Wam w tym – 2021 roku – błogosławi i udziela swej mocy i pomocy.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

W najbliższą niedzielę Objawienia Pańskiego w Szkocji obchodzimy Światowy Dzień Modlitw o Pokój. Tego dnia zbierane będą ofiary na rzecz organizacji Justice and Peace wspierająca działania pokojowe na świecie. Więcej informacji na temat tej organizacji na stronie parafialnej.

UROCZYŚĆ TRZECH KRÓLI

Uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego – Trzech Króli. Na pamiątkę pokłonu Trzech Mędrców ze Wschodu, którzy rozpoznali w dzieciątku Jezus Syna Bożego święcimy dziś kredę, którą oznaczymy drzwi naszych mieszkań wypisując litery **C + M + B 2021** (**C**hryste **M**ieszkanie **B**łogosław) lub też **K + M + B 2021** (**K**acper **M**elchior **B**altazar). Poświęcona kreda znajduje się przy ołtarzu Matki Bożej.

KOLEDA

Tradycyjnie po świętach Bożego Narodzenia rozpoczyna się kolęda – wizyta duszpasterska w domach parafian. Ksiądz święci mieszkanie i wspólnie z domownikami modli się o Boże błogosławieństwo w Nowym Roku dla całej rodziny. Ze względu na zaistniałą sytuację z Covid-19 i obowiązującymi restrykcjami kolęda rozpocznie się po zmniejszeniu obecnych ograniczeń z poziomu 4.