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## St. Mary's The Mount Parish Family Wishes You All A Warm Welcome

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### Happy New Year!

January is here again, and it's time to make our New Year's resolutions. Every Catholic should add to their list a few spiritual resolutions designed to help them walk higher up that mountain of faith. Let the freshness of a new year be your impetus to make new strides in your walk with God; there is no time like the present! Here are some ideas to help you:

- **Increase Your Marian Devotion**

The way to turn back to God is the same way that God came to us - through the Blessed Mother. In 2019, commit yourself to increasing your Marian devotion so that she may help you to follow God's will for your life more perfectly, and to increase your faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

- **Make time for Spiritual Reading**

Choose a book written by one of the Catholic saints known for their practical spiritual wisdom - Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales or Therese of Lisieux. There are also audio books available for many Catholic titles.

- **Use your 'time, talent, and treasure' for the greater glory of God**

Prayerfully evaluate how you will spend your time, your talents and your income in 2019 to see what lifestyle changes you can make that will positively impact your spiritual life.

- **Share your Catholic faith with others**

You don't have to be obnoxious or overbearing about your faith, just focus on doing simple things like being joyful in your walk with Christ or inviting people to come to Mass with you. If someone you know is going through a difficult time, give them a Miraculous Medal or a prayer card; it might be for them the touch of God in that moment.

- **Bring back Regular Pences**

Living a penitential life is the Catholic way of life. Did you know that the Fridays are regarded as days of abstinence and fasting and that we are strongly encouraged to avoid eating meat on Fridays? What act of penance can you practice in 2019? Maybe praying the Stations of the Cross, or an act of service for the less fortunate?

- **Go to an extra Mass during the week**

Mass is not only the source and summit of our faith, it is the source and summit of our very life. During 2019, think of ways you can make it to Mass either on an extra day each week, or a few extra days a month. Pray to Our Lord to help you find the time.

- **Pray the Holy Rosary**

If you don't already do so, try to pray the Rosary each day. If you do so, then try to spread devotion to the rosary in 2019. If you have any 'spare' Rosary Beads, give them out as the opportunity arises or teach others how to pray it.

- **Model your behaviour on that of a saint**

Pray about your New Year and the goals you have for your spiritual life, family, relationships, career, etc. Then choose a patron saint whose virtues you would like to emulate in 2019 and entrust your year to their special intercession.



NEW YEAR PRAYER  
Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
At each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things.  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.

## REMINDERS

- **COLLECTIONS:** Last Sunday - £1219.18. (Standing orders: £766, Offertory & Gift-Aid envelopes: £453.18) Third World collection: £19.01. The value of your donations is increased when it is gift-aided. Counting Team this week: E. (Next week: A)
- **RCIA Programme 2018/2019:** The next session of our Come & See programme will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7:45pm in the Parish Centre. The topic for this session is 'Confession'. Everyone is welcome.
- **Mass Times:** Please check Page 4 of the newsletter for any changes to Mass times during the coming week.
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January:** Please note that there will be no 7pm Mass on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January, as all the Vocationist Priests will be celebrating Mass at Corpus Christi Church in Stechford, to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vocationists' Mission in the UK. You are welcome to join us for this celebration.
- **Fr Justin:** Fr Justin will be away from 23<sup>rd</sup> January until 18<sup>th</sup> February. If you need to make any arrangements with him over the coming weeks, please make sure you speak to him well in advance of this date.
- **SVP Meeting:** The next SVP meeting will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre.
- **Vocationist Co-operators Meeting:** The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January in the Parish Centre, following 7pm Mass.
- **Advent Charity 1:** If you collected a 'Missio' collection box to support our Advent charity, please remember to return it to church as soon as possible, so that we can provide the things that overseas children need for school. Many thanks for your generosity.
- **Advent Charity 2:** Many thanks to everyone who contributed gifts for the homeless people in our local area. We have received a message of thanks from Jane Hayward (YMCA); she explained that the parcels were distributed at the Glebe Centre as well at the Night Shelter in the town centre. A message of thanks has also been posted on their Facebook page, in recognition of your generosity.
- **Parish Census:** If you are new to our parish or if any of your personal/family details have changed (address, contact numbers, addition to the family etc.), please collect a census form from the back of church and return it to one of the priests when it has been completed.
- **Service to our Parish:** As we mentioned last weekend, there are many different ways in which you can offer service to your parish (reading in church, preparing Bidding Prayers, being a Church Warden, helping with refreshments and many others). In individual homes, each member of a family works together as a team, sharing the many different tasks within their household and making a valuable contribution to family life. In the same way, it is important that we all contribute to the work of our parish family, in whatever way is best. The more people who share the work, the easier it will be for everyone - as well as helping to unite our family with a shared goal. Attached to this week's newsletter is a form for you to complete so that we can include many more people in our various parish teams. Choose whichever role is best for you and return your form to one of the priests as soon as possible; maybe this weekend, if you have already made your decision.
- **Standing Orders:** If you have not already done so, please consider making a regular contribution to your parish by means of a Standing Order. Forms can be collected from the back of church and should be returned to one of the priests when completed.

- **General Parish Information:** Please see the poster at the back of church, and also on the noticeboard outside church, for general parish information.
- **Refreshments:** Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments, in the Pastoral Centre on **Thursdays after 10am Mass and on Sundays after 9am Mass.**
- **Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage:** His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate a special Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, at 11am in St Chad’s Cathedral. We are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) to attend, as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary, please contact Lianne Pap via email: [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org) marking the email ‘Marriage Mass’. Lianne is also trying to find the longest-married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR 2019 CALENDAR**

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vocationist Mission in UK - 7pm Mass, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre
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**Prayer for Vocations**

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Blessed Justin and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

**Hail Mary.....**

**Prayer after Communion**

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.”

**Bl. Fr. Justin**

**Prayer for Priests – Prayer of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus**

O, Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let your holy love surround them and shield them from the world’s contagion. Bless their labours with abundant fruit and may souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here – and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Mary, Queen of Priests: **Pray for us.** Blessed Fr. Justin: **Pray for us.**

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Ch	Philip Hughes <i>RIP</i>	M Kirby & Family
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Epiphany of The Lord</b>	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Ch Ch Ch	Betty Hill <i>H</i> Lyndon & Jerecia Moreira 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>WA</i> Gigi & Rani Kuriyakose 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>WA</i> Christine Mary Slater <i>RIP</i>	A Jennings M & D Moreira Family Parish
*Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	MV Ch Ch	Josefina Dalagan <i>RIP</i> <b>Holy Rosary</b> Holy Souls	B McGill & Family  Parish
*Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Ch	Anne O'Kane <i>SI</i>	
*Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch	<b>Adoration for Vocations</b> <b>Mass for Vocations</b>	
*Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch Ch	Bro. Nelson <i>SI</i> <b>Holy Rosary</b> John Fallon <i>RIP</i>	Anne Jennings
*Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:15pm 6:40pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch Ch	<b>Confession</b> <b>Holy Rosary</b> Fr. Justin <i>SI</i>	Anne Jennings Family
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 10:30am 11:15am 6:00pm	Ch Ch Ch Ch	Ancy Simmy <i>RIP</i> <b>Adoration &amp; Confession</b> <b>Benediction</b> Stanley Thatcher <i>RIP</i>	Family  W & M Bubb
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Baptism of The Lord</b>	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Ch Ch Ch	Roy Beech <i>DA, RIP</i> William Scoyne <i>RIP</i> <i>Pro Populo</i> Stanley Davis <i>RIP</i>	Family Scoyne Family  Anne Kazmie

*C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, SI=Special Intention, PC=Parish Centre, H=Healing, WA=Wedding Anniversary, Ch=Church, MV=Maryvale, Sch=School*

**Let us pray for those who are sick:**

Clare Gontarek, Doreen Phipps (Peggy), Anna Morgan, Marie Hornblower, Eileen Moseley, John & Gwen Bush, Judith Dunthorne, Peggy McGill, Patricia Davies, Angela Gonsalves, Mary Gallagher, Margaret Powell, Anne Jennings, Matthew McGill, Dr. Petroc Willey, Lee Chit Wei, Margaret Abbot.

**READERS**

Mass	This Weekend	Next Weekend
<b>6pm</b>	Mr M Rose & Mrs J Gribble	Mrs D Powell & Mrs A D'Silva
<b>9am</b>	Mrs R Archer & Mrs D Petrova	Mr P Donnellan & Miss M Byers
<b>11am</b>	Mrs J Norman & Mrs C Williams	School Mass
<b>7pm</b>	Miss V Fenlon & Mrs C Ayap	Mrs C Benzigar & Mrs L Darby