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## January 2 –The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C)



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## II Domenico dopo Natale (Anno C)

*L'evento dell'incarnazione del Verbo è la rivelazione perfetta e insuperabile del mistero di Dio. È nella "storia del Verbo" (san Bernardo) che l'uomo può vedere la gloria di Dio e così la vita eterna è già donata all'uomo, mentre ancora vive nel tempo.*

*Il disegno misterioso di Dio sull'umanità ora è pienamente svelato: a chi accoglie il Verbo fatto carne viene donato il potere di diventare figlio di Dio. L'uomo è chiamato a divenire partecipe della stessa filiazione divina del Verbo: ad essere nel Verbo Incarnato figlio del Padre. E il Padre genera nel Verbo Incarnato anche ogni uomo e in lui vede e ama ogni persona umana. È la suprema rivelazione della dignità di ogni persona umana, della singolare preziosità di ogni uomo. (*lachiesa.it*)*

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Leonora Aquino Morales, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Tommaso Ruberto

**Recently deceased:** Eleonora Miceli, Marco Angelico, Ann Simper, Giuseppe Cavalli, Francesca Perri, Lucia Vocale, Maureen Blood, Quirino D'Alessandro, Carmela Paterno, Michelina Bocale, Francesco Butera

**Anniversaries:** Vito Di Girolamo, Frank Cichello, Vincenzo and Loreta Di Curzio, Angelina Oro Markis, Nabih and Franjia Chaccita

*We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.*

### Rosters for weekend masses (Jan. 8/9)

#### Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: J. Caparelli

Sunday 9.00 am: M. Markis

Sunday 10.30 am : G. Gamberale

**Bus driver:** J. Butera

### Mass times

#### Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm (Novena masses will not be held from December 29 to January 12 2022). Novena masses will resume on the 19th of January 2022.

#### Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am

Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

**QR check and face marks are required at all masses**

## Saturday 1 January, 2022 - Mary, The Holy Mother God (Year C)



Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43, emphasis added). Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan. Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4). Paul's further statement that "God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father!'" helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus. (*stswithuns.org.uk*)

We close the Christmas octave — the eight days following the birth of Christ — with a day honouring Mary as the Mother of God. This is usually a holy day of obligation, but since it falls on a Saturday in 2022, it is not this year.

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 721

**St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**

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