

The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis with Barnham & Slindon

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1st January 2012

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Cycle II for weekdays
Psalter Week 1

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Fr Tony writes....

My dear friends,

Bishop Kieran speaks to us this weekend in a pastoral letter to mark the beginning of this new year of 2012. He points out that January 1st has not always been the start of a new calendar year. In England for many centuries March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation, known as "Lady Day", was New Year's Day. In many ways perhaps it was more sensible to associate a new year with the coming of spring, and from a Christian point of view with the Incarnation of Christ, the moment when "*The Word was made flesh.*" It was only in 1752 that England adopted the first day of January as the beginning of the year.

Within the Church January 1st has been marked in different ways over the years. At one time it was kept as the "Feast of the Circumcision." For a while it was rather more prosaically the "Octave Day of Christmas", meaning the eighth day after the birth of Our Lord. In 1969 Pope Paul VI decided that it should be the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God." In this way Pope Paul encouraged us to enter the New Year under the patronage of Our Lady.

We begin this year at a time of great anxiety for many people in view of the economic situation that faces not only Britain but the whole of Europe. If we want to make a resolution at the start of a new year, I would suggest that we turn in prayer to Our Lady, asking her to be close to us as we set out into an unknown future. As a very young woman chosen to be the mother of Jesus, she faced a very uncertain future. She could not know what saying "yes" to God might mean for her. We ask her to help us to face the future trusting in God's undying love for us.

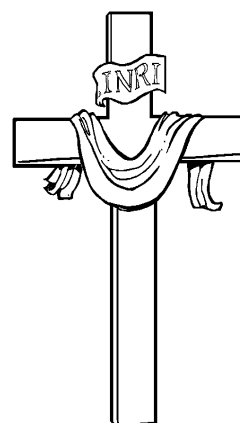
Wishing you every blessing for the coming year, and with my love and prayers for each of you.

Anthony N. Churchill

Saturday 31st December		
OLOS	5.15pm	People of the Parish
St Anthony's	6pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sunday 1st January 2012		
Mary, Mother of God		
OLOS	8am	Joe Robinson RIP (A)
St Richard's	9am	Christina Lucas RIP
OLOS	10am	Intentions of the Camplin Family
St Anthony's	11am	Austin Boyle RIP
OLOS	4pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
OLOS	6pm	Intentions of Barbara Crespi
Monday 2nd		
St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen		
St Mary's, Barnham	9.30am	Rev colin Harding RIP
OLOS	10am	Dec'd members, Sheridan-Lee Family
Tuesday 3rd		
The Most Holy Name of Jesus		
St Anthony's	9am	John Eagle RIP
OLOS	10am	Elizabeth Lenehan RIP
Wednesday 4th		
OLOS	10am	Massie Musgrove RIP
Thursday 5th		
OLOS	10am	Helen Golden RIP
Friday 6th		
OLOS	9.30am	Jim Hubbard RIP (A)
OLOS	7pm	NO MASS
Saturday 7th		
OLOS	10am	Dec'd members of the O'Halloran & Symington Families
OLOS	5.15pm	Archibald Meheux RIP (A)
St Anthony's	6pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sunday 8th		
The Epiphany of the Lord		
OLOS	8am	People of the Parish
St Richard's	9am	Madeline O'Gorman RIP (A)
OLOS	10am	Chris Baker RIP (A)
St Anthony's	11am	Intentions of Jenny Murphy
OLOS	4pm	<i>Polish Mass</i>
OLOS	6pm	Mark Barter RIP

Requiem in Aeternum

Your prayers are asked for **Fr Victor Cook, Doris Dalton** and all those who have died recently.



We also remember **Canon John Stapleton, Grainger Kitts, Jim Hubbard, Archibald Meheux, John Deasy Snr, Joe Robinson, Madelaine Mustion**, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Father Victor Cook from St Joseph's died on Boxing Day morning. Please remember him in your prayers. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Father Tony and Father Peter wish to say a huge thank you for your great generosity in the Christmas collection and for the many cards and gifts received at this time. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

What's on this week in the Parish:

Tuesday 3rd:

Coffee Morning 10.30am

So'n'sos 2pm

Wednesday 4th:

Catholic Women's Group 2pm

Panto Rehearsal 7.30pm

Thursday 5th:

SVP Coffee Morning 10.30am

Friday 6th:

SVP Meeting 7.30pm

Saturday 7th:

Dancers' Rehearsal 9.30am