



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD How can a mere mortal be the Mother of the eternal God who has always existed? Consider how we speak of human motherhood. Our own mothers supply our human nature, our physical bodies; yet, it is God who supplies our spirit and soul. We do not distinguish between the two: a mother gives birth not only to our nature, but to our entire person. In regard to Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary supplied his humanity and is thus the Mother of Jesus. But Christ has both a human nature and a divine nature. Nevertheless, she gave birth to the one Person who is Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man. She is rightly called the Mother of God even though she herself is not the source of his divinity. (Cf. CCC 496) This doctrine is taught implicitly in Scripture, especially in those passages where the Blessed Virgin Mary is called the "Mother of Jesus", or the "Mother of Christ"—perhaps

most strikingly when Saint Elizabeth greets her with the following words: "Why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:43, emphasis added). Her identity as the Mother of God is intimately linked to Christ's own identity as fully man and fully God, the Son of God. (Cf. CCC 509)

THANK YOU FROM FR DALEY Thank you all for the cards and gifts and 'best wishes' I have received from so many for the feast of Christmas. I very much hope not only that the celebration of the great day has been a success in your own homes and families, but that for the coming year, the joy and hope of this feast will outshine all the difficulties and darkness life can bring. A very special blessing for the new year, to all parishioners.

THANK YOU PETER LATHOM TRUST Thankyou to the Peter Lathom Charity and Trustees who generously awarded the sum of £200.00 to support the parish in these financially difficult times.

200 CLUB THANK YOU Thank you to all supporters of the 200 Club. We have been able to give £1,100.00 to the parish this year, in addition to the £750 in prize money. If you would like to take a number, please contact the parish office ☎ 463248 or Steve Marston ☎ 433097.

LITTLE CHURCH Will re-start next Sunday, 8th January.

ST JOHN RIGBY COLLEGE The deadline for applying for a place at St John Rigby College for September 2023 is Monday 6th February 2023. Applications can be made online via the college website: www.sjr.ac.uk

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MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

1st January 2023

Celebration of Holy Mass

1 st Sunday	MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD	10:30 am Pro populo
2 nd Monday	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	7:00 pm Kitty and Christopher Eccles
3 rd Tuesday	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	7:00 pm Stephen Wright
4 th Wednesday	St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	7:00 pm Mick Leonard
5 th Thursday	St John Neumann, Bishop	11:30 am Bill Marston
6 th Friday	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9:30 am Harry Salmon-Smith
8 th Sunday	The BAPTISM OF THE LORD	10:30 am Pro populo

ROSARY The Rosary will be prayed from 6.35pm on Tuesday in Church, before Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sheila Jennings, Sandra Marston, Denise Fletcher, Richard D'Alton, Joe Charnock, Chloe Harrison, Christine Finigan

LATELY DEAD Bill Marston, John Watkins

ANNIVERSARIES Paul Jones, Rita Roberts, Kitty Eccles

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION This will be given in next week's newsletter.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Total donations will be given in next week's newsletter.

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