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PARISH BULLETIN VIA EMAIL

Mary, Mother of God



<u>Date</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Intention/Service</u>
Saturday 31st Dec	<i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	11am	SSPP	Confessions
		1pm	SSPP	Wedding of Sara Insley & Ashley Poxon
		5pm	SSPP	Dona Jones RIP
		6pm	STJ	Mass in Polish
Sunday 1st January	<i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	9am	STJ	Peggy Hunt RIP
		11am	SSPP	Paddy Scanlon RIP
		No 5pm Mass		
Weds 4th January		6pm	SSPP	Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict XVI
Thurs 5th January	<i>Vigil of the Epiphany</i>	6pm	STJ	Margaret Warwick
Fri 6th January	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	10am	STJ	Keane and Fitzgerald RIP
		6pm	SSPP	Barry O'Connor RIP
		7pm	STJ	Mass in Polish
Saturday 7th January	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	11am	SSPP	Confessions
		5pm	SSPP	Martin Collins Snr & Jnr RIP
		6pm	STJ	Mass in Polish
Sunday 8th January	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	9am	STJ	Wood Family
		11am	SSPP	Bobby McCann
		5pm	STJ	James Queally RIP

Wishing you a Happy and Blessed 2023 AD

Please note extra Masses for the Epiphany

Holy Day of Obligation

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous Christmas offerings and for the cards/gifts that I received. It is very much appreciated, especially in the challenging times that we live. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family as we start this New Year of 2023AD

Fr Neil

It was wonderful to see our Churches so well attended over the Christmas Weekend, thanks to everyone who helped prepare the Churches and to Fr Colin for saying the Vigil Mass at St Joseph's.

REQUIEM MASS FOR POPE BENEDICT XVI

A Requiem Mass will be said for Pope Benedict on Weds at 6pm at SSPP

POPE BENEDICT XVI RIP

On Saturday morning it was announced that Pope Benedict XVI had died at the age of 95

He will be remembered as one of the great theologians of the 20th Century. For us in the UK, it will be that memorable visit in 2010, when despite the negative build up in the press, his humbleness and holiness shone through and warmed the hearts of a watching nation.

Archbishop Ganswein, who was by the side of Pope Benedict told us that he gave a final message to us all '**Please pray for me!**'

Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord, and may preputial light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen

CAFOD – LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give some time and join in its mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Maybe you could raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information, or get in touch with Will Cruddace, our local CAFOD worker, on wcruddace@cafod.org.uk or 07710094455

COST OF LIVING/WARM SPACES – HOW CAN WE HELP

Community Café – Parish Centre at SSPP Monday and Friday from 8.30am to 11am

Winshill/Stapenhill – Trent and Dove urgently need volunteers to help with serving food and drinks at the Short Street Community Café in Stapenhill and the 181 Community Space in Winshill. For more information, please contact Emma on 07776 960538

Winshill Neighbourhood Centre – Need items for their food parcels and also some toiletries and nappies for children. Please leave at the back of the Church and we will get these items to them.

Swadlincote – Warm Lounge at Emmanuel Church Hall, DE11 8LF. Mon-Friday 11am to 3pm. They urgently need Volunteers with a current DBS, so please contact Rev Alison on revalisonr@gmail.com. This is a joint venture with Churches together in Swadlincote.

Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Pope Benedict XVI

...by learning from Mary, we can understand with our hearts what our eyes and minds do not manage to perceive or contain on their own. Indeed, this is such a great gift that only through faith are we granted to accept it, while not entirely understanding it. And it is precisely on this journey of faith that Mary comes to meet us as our support and guide. She is mother because she brought forth Jesus in the flesh; she is mother because she adhered totally to the Father's will. St Augustine wrote: "The divine motherhood would have been of no value to her had Christ not borne her in his heart, with a destiny more fortunate than the moment when she conceived him in the flesh" (*De Sancta Virginitate*, 3, 3). And in her heart Mary continued to treasure, to "piece together" the subsequent events of which she was to be a witness and protagonist, even to the death on the Cross and the Resurrection of her Son Jesus.

Pope Benedict XVI– Mary Mother of God on 1st January 2008 at St Peter's Basilica, Rome