

St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church



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Sunday Masses: 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm.
Confessions (Reconciliation):
Saturdays 10am-10.30am & 5pm-5.30pm

Wishing you a Happy 2017 – under Our Lady’s protection

The month of January is named after the ancient Roman deity Janus – a figure with two faces, one looking back, and one forward. In a similar way, we too tend to look both back and forward, as we reach the end of an old year and the beginning of a new.

It is fair to say that 2016 has been an unsettling one for many people, and certainly we live in uncertain times. It is very fitting, then, that we begin the New Year with today’s feast of ‘Mary, the Mother of God’. The new year is placed under the protection of Our Lady, the one whose child-bearing brought new life to our world. During this festive season we see many images of Mary, whether on Christmas cards or in the Crib, depicting her great love for the infant Jesus. Today we ask her to extend that love to us, and to pray for us all in the new year just begun.

Parish & Local News

Children’s Liturgy:

Sunday 1st January: **No Liturgy**

Altar Servers rota:

Sunday 1st January: 9.30 & 11am masses: **Team 1**
 6.30pm Mass: **Team 1**

Sunday 8th January: 9.30 & 11am masses: **Team 2**
 6.30pm Mass: **Team 2**

Cleaners rota:

Monday 2nd Jan: Team 2 Saturday 14th Jan: Team 3

New Rotas for 2017

New Rotas for Church volunteers are currently being made and will be available for collection from the Church over the next few weeks. **The Counters’ Rota is at the back of the church today.**

St Mary Magdalen’s Calendar

The parish has produced a calendar for 2017, with lots of pictures of the newly restored church. With beautiful photographs and lots of space for your family dates and engagements, the calendar would make an excellent gift - for yourself or someone else! They cost £10 and it’s the last chance to buy one today!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 1st January - Sunday 8th January 2017

Sunday 1 st January: Mary the Holy Mother of God (p. 109)	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Pro Populo Needs of the Church Michael Lomax RIP (T. Deacon)
Monday 2 nd January: (Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen)	9:30am	Lawrence Deacon RIP (T. Deacon)
Tuesday 3 rd January:	9.30am	Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy (V. Aver)
Wednesday 4 th January:	9.30am	Speedy recovery of Patrick Tumley (V. Aver)
Thursday 5 th January:	7.00pm	Paula Tolhurst (T. Deacon)
Friday 6 th January:	9.30am 10.00am	Dr Gordon Irvine RIP (Family Intention) Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday 7 th January: Our Lady	9.30am	Private Int. (T. Deacon)
Sunday 8 th January: Epiphany of the Lord (p. 111)	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Private Intention (Gemma O'Reilly) Pro Populo Judy Ballard RIP (Flack family)

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Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially, Teresa May Donnellan, Veronica McCaffery, Sarah Wilkins, Kevin Best, Jamie Gilmour, Bridget Carr, Pauline Carr, Maureen Carr, Catherine Martin, Richard Bannon, Liliana Rodrigues de Reid, Christopher Browne, Catherine Browne, Teri Frank, Sabina Marshall, Manuel Campello, Pauline Goggins, Mabel and Terry Cooney, Bridget Mole, John Harwood-Stevenson, William McGregor, Rachel Cunningham, Margaret Rayner, Peter Brigdale and Pam Raggett.

Please pray for Betty Boyle, who died recently.