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**New Year's Eve 6.00pm Vigil Mass**  
**New Year's Day 9.30am Mass of the Feast**  
**1st January Mary, the Holy Mother of God.**

Tuesday 3rd	10.00am	Mass. The Most Holy Name of Jesus.
Wednesday 4th	10.00am	Mass.
Thursday 5th	5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	<b>6.30pm.</b>	<b>Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord</b>
Friday 6th	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>Mass The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
		<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
Saturday 7th	11.00am - 11.30am	Exposition and Confessions
	<b>6.00pm.</b>	<b>Vigil Mass for The Baptism of the Lord</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass for the Baptism of the Lord.</b>
		(This feast brings to an end Christmastide.)



**On the First day of 2023, the Solemnity of Mary under the title of Mother of God, can I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed New Year.**  
**May God and His Holy Mother be with you and yours whatever the next twelve months bring.**

Many of the ancient Ikons of Mary have the key letters of the two Greek Words for Mother and God as seen in this ancient mosaic.

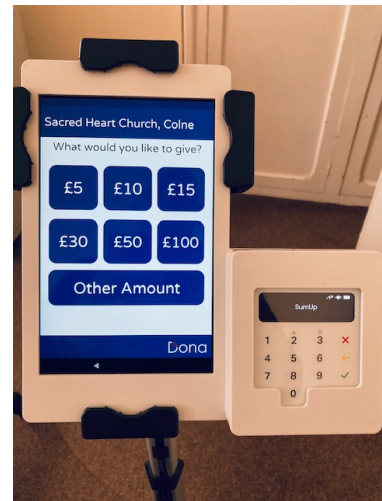
## Digital Collection Plate

After indicating the amount you wish to give, you will be asked if you wish to 'gift aid' your donation. This will bring an extra 25%, but please ensure that you only 'gift aid' if you are paying tax. If you do indicate that you wish to 'gift aid' you will be taken to a screen which first asks for

1. your first name,
2. your surname,
3. your house number or house name
4. your post code
5. your email address.

In future transactions you will not need to re-enter this information because your card will be recognised. After giving a 'gift aided' donation, you will receive a confirmation email later that day.

At the moment, any donation will be credited to the parish, but at some stage we will be able to programme it so that you can choose to give to the parish, or a special collection or any other preset recipient such as SVP or Cafod.



### Deaf Awareness Training:

Clergy and parishioners are invited to attend this free training session on 10th January 2023 from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at St Anne's Cobham Rd, Accrington BB5 2AD. You can book a place by emailing: [m.moffatt-feldman@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.moffatt-feldman@caritassalford.org.uk)

This week sees the first Tuesday and Wednesday of the month and so we can confirm that:

**Church cleaning** will be after the Mass on Tuesday morning, 3rd January and **The Friendship and Bereavement Group** will meet after the Mass on Wednesday 4th January.

## Do you have any warm, winter woollens, clean and in good condition, which could keep someone warm this winter?

I've been approached by someone associated with a group in the town who are collecting warm, woollen garments to keep people warm. They are looking for hats, scarves, gloves, jumpers etc. They must be clean and in good condition. Supporting peoples' dignity is as important as the items that you give them. Suitable items can be left at the back of church for collection. Thank you.

*For those of you who are already making entries into next year's diary, here's one for you:*

## Catenian Burns Night



The Broughton-in-Craven circle of the Catenian Association is having a Burns Night event on Saturday 28th January 2023 at Colne Golf Club.

The event will be celebrated with poems, short speeches, plenty of jokes and of course good food. Cost £30.00 per person. If you are interested, please contact Pius 07599840018.



As the Christmas Season heads towards its close and once again it will be time to pack everything away, and as a new year begins, on behalf of the parish can I sincerely thank everyone who has played a part, large or small, in supporting the parish this year, which has not been an easy one. Support comes in many shapes and sizes, from giving time and talents, to enhancing the liturgy and the teaching ministry of the parish, to being part of the worshipping community, to making the parish a welcoming place, to making the parish an agency of mercy to people in need both locally and abroad, to a ministry of private prayer for others and not least, to contributing financially which helps to keep the whole thing together.

However you have contributed, may God richly reward you and bless you and yours in 2023.

Fr. Peter

# Requiescat In Pace

## May he rest in Peace.



This morning we heard the expected news that the former Pope, Pope Benedict XVI, had finally had his hopes fulfilled and had gone to stand before God and see His Redeemer, whom he had faithfully served to the best of his many talents, finally face to face.

Pope Benedict was perhaps one of the most intellectual theologians and philosophers of the 20 century into this century and yet his faith was simple and his basic message, no matter how much theology is was couched in, was two-fold. God is love.

Faith is only genuine when it is a living relationship with that loving God.

May he receive the reward of his labours.

Loving Father,

We ask you to welcome Pope Benedict into eternal life, rewarding him for his selfless devotion and service of your Church.

May his example live on in our Church as we seek to be ambassadors of Christ in our daily living.

As the family of the Church, we pray in communion that you will forgive any human frailty or transgression and bring him into the light of your presence where, one day, we may celebrate your infinite love and mercy together.