

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>Well Done to all those who enjoyed family nature walks last year. If you kept a note of the gifts of nature you found, I bet they'll bring a smile when you read them. Thank you for noticing the beautiful gifts God has given us to enjoy for free. Look out for the 2026 Challenge!</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: purple;">Thanks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank God for all you have been given.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy New Year </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mary, Mother of God</u> They found Mary, Joseph &amp; the baby. When the 8<sup>th</sup> day came they gave him the name Jesus. Luke 2:16-21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Basil and St. Gregory</u> Turn over a new leaf! What's your New Year's Resolution this year? Visit the Crib and ask Mary, Joseph and Jesus to guide and protect you in 2026.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Love one another as I have loved you..." (John 15:12) Lord – help us to keep your rule this New Year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Epiphany of the Lord (A)</u> Three Kings followed a star to visit the baby Jesus. What were their names and what gifts did they bring? Do you ever wonder why they chose those gifts? Find out why. Matthew 2:1-12</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Don't forget to write thank you letters to everyone who took the time to buy you something special.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Baptism of the Lord</u> Through Jesus, God became one of us. What gift could you bring to Jesus? Make this your best year ever.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Raymond of Penyafort</u> From childhood he had a tender love and devotion to the Blessed Mother. He finished his studies at an early age, and became a famous teacher.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What gift could you bring to Jesus? Make this your best year ever.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>What do you know about your House Saint? Who were they? Find out one interesting fact and offer a prayer of thanks to them.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pray for the special people in your life.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Baptism of the Lord (A)</u> We hear how Jesus was Baptised by John in which river? Water is so important in our lives. Think how we use it &amp; write down as many different ways as you can. Matthew 3:13-17</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Challenge 2026</u> <b>Be Charitable</b> by donating something to a charity shop each month. Find out how the charity helps people. Keep a note to look back on and share in December with your class. Will you donate 12 items?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>Water is so important in our lives. Think how we use it &amp; write down as many different ways as you can</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Share a smile &amp; a kind word. Ask Jesus to draw us all closer together.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Help at home without moaning!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pray for those less fortunate than you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Anthony, Abbot</u> One day in church he heard the words of the Gospel "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor" ~ Matthew 19:21). It seemed Christ had spoken to him &amp; he obeyed. What is he Patron?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (A)</u> The Holy Spirit came down and rested on Jesus after his Baptism. What does John say he saw? How long does the Holy Spirit stay with us after Baptism? Peace Day ~ John 1:29-34</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Christian Unity Week</u></p> <p>Say a prayer for your Friends, where ever they may be.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Abba, Father!" Make time to talk to God. Pray for the Sick. Ask Jesus to heal poorly people everywhere.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Make someone lonely feel needed. Pray for a friend who lives alone.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Have patience today.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Joseph Cafasso</u> A priest who believed in the gentle &amp; loving mercy of God. He was kind, giving courage &amp; hope to people. He became renowned as a confessor. Who did he train?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Francis de Sales</u> God guided Francis who fell from his horse three times whilst riding one day Every time he fell, the sword came out of the scabbard and every time they landed in the shape of the cross</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (A)</u> In difficult times, when sad or frightened, it can feel like everything around us is dark and gloomy. Try and think about how we can bring light to the lives of others. Bring joy and smiles wherever you go. Matthew 4:12-17</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Look around you for God. 'He is Everywhere'</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>Don't forget your New Year's Resolution.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Thomas Aquinas</u> Many people admire his Summa Theologica, but he thought that what he had written was like straw compared to whom God really is, &amp; never finished it. A simple man, he declined the ecclesiastical honours offered to him by the Pope. He died in 1274.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank God for all his love and help this month.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: orange;">Love </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Think of some good things you can try and do this year!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. John Bosco</u> During his first years as a priest, visiting Turin city prisons, always seeing the potential under the dirt, rags, &amp; uncouthness, he resolved to help street children using kindness &amp; encouragement to develop it. Within a few years he had hundreds.</p>	