



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH LITURGY ON THIS FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD.

THE PRESIDER IS

New Year's Eve	4:45 pm	Fr. W. Bolton, SJ
New Year's Day:	10:00 am	Fr. J. Sullivan, SJ

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Our response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Opening** On this feast of Mary Mother of God, the first day of the new year, let us turn to God, our Father in heaven for all our needs.

Let us pray for the church: that with Mary's example, we will stay focused on Jesus, and present him to the world and help us to build your kingdom here on earth, we pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for all mothers, who must flee their homes or countries, in order to protect their children, for all victims of violence and their families, that through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood at the foot of the cross, may experience peace, healing and reconciliation to their hearts and their lives, we pray to the Lord.

For our country, that we will respect the unborn, of the frail, vulnerable and those whose health is compromised or considered to be of little or no worth, and for all who work to advocate for them, we pray to the Lord.

For all who are sick, in mind, body or spirit who have died in the last year, both family and friends and members of our parish and for all those who no one remembers; may the Christ Child welcome them into his heavenly kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

For our parish faith community, that with God's blessing, we will also be vibrant, welcoming, engaging and supportive to all who need us, as we extend the work of spiritual renewal in our parish, St. Pius X pray for us, St. Ignatius Loyola pray for us, St. John the Baptist, pray for us, we pray to the Lord.

Let us turn to Our Lady, Mary Mother of God and mother of us all, to intercede for us as we say, Hail Mary...

**Closing** God our loving Father, we pray that you will accept these prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.