

MASS TIMES: Bourton (B) Stow (S)

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Saturday evening 5th Sept: **Vigil Mass 6 pm (B)**. INTENTION: The Parish.

Sunday morning 6th September. **9 am Mass (S)**. INTENTION: Repose of souls of Jim and Joan Phillips.

Monday 7th Sept. Weekday in Ordinary Time. **9 am Mass (S)** INTENTION: All pupils and teachers at Catholic schools as they start a new year.

Tuesday 8th Sept. Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary **10 am Mass (B)** INTENTION: Married couples who long for children.

NO Masses WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY (9th-11th September) INCLUSIVE as Fr. Stephen is away.

No Mass, as usual, on Saturday morning.

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER. 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Saturday evening 12th Sept: **Vigil Mass 6 pm (B)**. INTENTION:

Sunday morning 13th September. **9 am Mass (S)**. INTENTION: The Merritt family

11 am Baptism of George Peter Merritt.

Monday 14th Sept. **EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. 9 am Mass (S)**

INTENTION: Thanksgiving for our redemption through the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Tuesday 15th Sept. Our Lady of Sorrows: **10 am Mass (B)** INTENTION: Repose of soul of Uvedale Lambert.

Wed. 16th. Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs. **9 am Mass (S)** INTENTION: Pope Francis

Thur. 17th. St Edith of Wilton. **10 am Mass (B)** INTENTION: The diocese of Clifton

Fri. 18th. Weekday in Ordinary Time. **9 am Mass (S)** INTENTION:

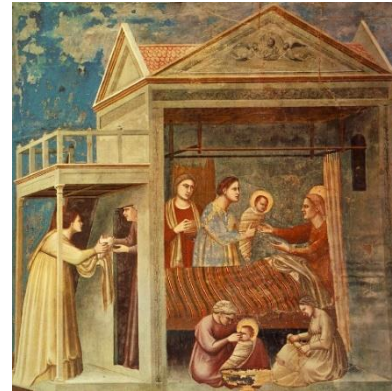
SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Saturday evening 19th Sept: **Vigil Mass 6 pm (B)**. INTENTION:

Sunday morning 20th September. **9 am Mass (S)**. INTENTION: Benedict Skipper, to be ordained to the priesthood today.



MISSIO BOXES: Deborah James writes: *Missio boxes are due to be handed in by the end of September. Please drop them into either Church.*



The Nativity of Our Lady. 8th September.

We know very little about the early life of Our Lady. What tradition tells us is derived from the 2nd Century (noncanonical) Gospel of James. Her parents were Saint Joachim and St. Anne. Both were of the tribe of David. Neither are mentioned in the New Testament. Joachim was a pious man, apparently from Nazareth. Anne is thought to have come from Bethlehem. A legend tells us that Anne could not have children but Joachim went on a 'Retreat' in the Desert and prayed unceasingly for a child. An angel is said to have appeared to him to promise that his prayers had been answered. (Compare the parallels of Abraham and Sarah, the parents of

Isaac; Zechariah and Elizabeth, the parents of John the Baptist).

We are often frustrated by having so little 'domestic' detail about Our Lord's early life, as well as so many of the other giant figures of the New Testament, including Our Lady. We know more about the early life of many of the Saints who came later. But the writers of the New Testament declined to dwell on what they thought was unnecessary detail. They concentrated on what we know as 'salvation history' – the events of Our Lord's birth, his public Ministry, and his Passion, Resurrection and Ascension. This was more than enough material for them to pass on, without getting into detail about Jesus's youth or, indeed, domestic history about his mother's parents. Below: Painting of SS Joachim and Anne:



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