

# Our Lady and the Magi

On January 1st we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Do you know why Mary is so special? She always says yes to God. When God asked her to be the mother of His Son she said yes, even though she knew she would have to suffer a lot. She accepted Jesus' death on the cross because God willed it.

Mary was the way that God chose to come into the world. He could have come as a grown-up king with great power, but He chose instead to come into the world the way everyone else does, being born of a mother. Mary was the perfect woman- He had made her for Himself- so she deserves to be greatly honoured as God's mother.

On January 3rd this year we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, when the wise men, or magi, came from far away to worship the new baby King Jesus. They travelled for many days and were guided by a star that God put in the sky for them. Finally they came to the house in Bethlehem where Mary and Jesus were staying.

Even though Mary was just a poor young mother and Jesus was a poor helpless baby, the great men fell on their knees before them and worshipped Jesus, offering their expensive treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

God loves the poor so much he made Himself a poor baby. He is honoured every time we are kind to the poor and pray for them. Can you do something kind for someone who is poorer than you, or say a prayer for them today?



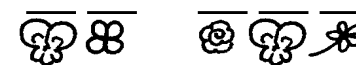
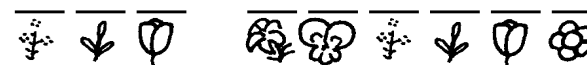
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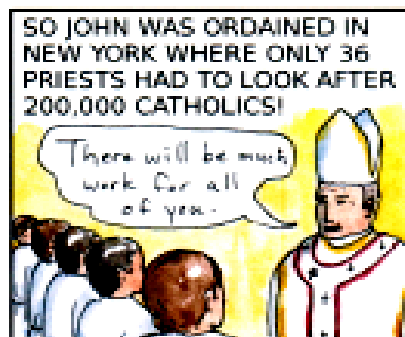
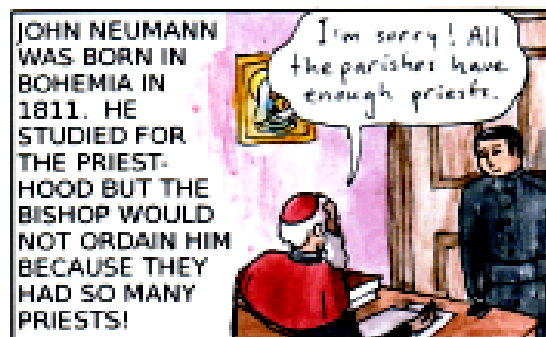


Under what title do we honour Our Lady on January 1st?  
Use the code to find out!



# Saint John Neumann

## January 5



SAINT JOHN NEUMANN WORKED TIRELESSLY TO HELP THE POOR PEOPLE WHO WERE SETTLING IN AMERICA. HE DID NOT LET HIS OWN POVERTY SLOW HIM DOWN. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS EXAMPLE TO USE OUR TALENTS TO BRING GOD TO THE WORLD NO MATTER HOW MUCH OR HOW LITTLE WE HAVE.

# Epiphany: True or False?

*How well do you know the story of the wise men?  
Which of these are true and which are false?*



1. Wise men came from the West to find the Baby Jesus. True or false?
2. The wise men went and asked King Caesar where the Messiah would be born. True or false?
3. The king told them to come back and tell him where the Baby was once they had found Him so that he could go and worship Him. True or false?
4. When the wise men found the Child and His mother they bowed down and gave Him gifts. True or false?
5. The gifts they gave were gold, frankincense and myrrh. True or false?
6. When they were going to go back and tell the king where the Baby was, they had a dream that told them not to. True or false?
7. The wise men went back to their land by the same road that they had come. True or false?

