SUNDAY GOSPEL STORIES

Mary Kept It in Her Heart

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Friday 1 January 2027

Luke 2:16-21

A FAMILY BOOKLET

READ TOGETHER

The Gospel story



The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem after hearing the angel's news. There they found Mary, Joseph and Jesus. The baby lay in a manger, a trough where animals were usually fed.

The shepherds told what they had heard about this child. Everyone who heard them was amazed, and the shepherds went back praising God. Everything had turned out just as the angel had said.

Mary held all the events close and took time to think about them. Eight days after his birth, the child was circumcised as was customary among his people. He was given the name Jesus, the name the angel had spoken before Mary was expecting him. On this feast the Church honours Mary as the mother of Jesus, the Son of God.

An original retelling of Luke 2:16-21

REMEMBER THE GOSPEL

Draw or write

What would you like to keep in your heart?

Draw a large heart. Inside it, draw or write one memory you want to keep and thank God for it.

AT HOME

Talk and pray

SAY TOGETHER

Jesus, thank you for Mary, your mother. Teach us to listen and keep your gifts in our hearts. Amen.



WONDER TOGETHER

What do you think Mary wanted to remember from the shepherds' visit?

TRY ONE THING

At dinner or bedtime, let everyone name one thing they want to remember from today. Take one quiet breath together after each person shares.

Liturgy Office calendar

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