



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION
Saturday 6 th January	4:30pm	Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord-Vigil Mass	Christmas List
Sunday 7 th January	10am	Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord	Dianne Reeve (R) K & J (SI) Parishioners
Monday 8 th January	12 noon	Baptism of The Lord	Helen McCourt (R)
Tuesday 9 th January		NO MASS	
Wednesday 10 th January		NO MASS	
Thursday 11 th January		NO MASS	
Friday 12 th January		NO MASS	
Saturday 13 th January	4:30pm	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Vigil Mass	Margaret Moran (R) Parishioners
Sunday 14 th January	10am	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Alan Murray John Murray Mary Murray



Reconciliation : Each Saturday 11:00am – 12 noon
(with Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)



SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORSHIP : The light burns for Kate & Alan Doran

Our Lady Candle : The candle burns this week for Maryann & Adyieru Okafor

CHURCH FLOWERS : For Parishioners

Father, you used the star to led the Magi to the stable. May you use us as Your little lights today as we live in a world that is still covered by darkness. We live in a world that is searching for hope and many still need to make the pilgrimage to the manger, the cross, and to the empty tomb. May our lives reflect your light as we seek to serve where you have placed us to make a kingdom impact. We pray for our world to have a year of epiphanies and receive the gift of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

We pray for all who are sick: Kevin McAllister, Tracey McCaldon, Mary Dickinson, Nancy Boyle, David Rens, Gabrielle Johnson, Joyce Morgan, Baby Rory Broderick, Michael Bartlett, Moya Russell, Robin Bartlett, Roy Hannan, Rose Shiels, Dymphna Fitzgerald, Josephine Baker, June Hoffland, James Irwin, Baby Billie Eira Williams

We pray for all who have died: Ste Doran, Alan Haselden, Mary Mwanje, Winnie Beaumont, Monica Shiels, Kathleen Phelan, Joan Cranham, Philip Fitzpatrick

We pray for those whose anniversary occur at this time: Deacon Gerard Anwyl, Bishop Colin Davies, Deacon Tony Grayson



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Lee BA

Pastoral Team: Pastoral Assistant: Mrs Jackie Brougham; Dcn (rtd) Charles Hegarty, Peter Ludley, Joan Jones, Vera Miles, Paul Whelan, Veronica Broadfoot & Eric Broadfoot

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: 7th January 2024



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, the manifestation, the revelation of the Light of Jesus as the Saviour of the World. The wise men having seen the sign of the star, they grasped its message and set off on a long journey. They point out to us the path of our journey through life: by following a light, they sought *the* light. They set out in search of God. They took the risk. I think there are many times in our lives when we are presented with opportunities to do good and to be part of something better. But we must take the risk and go for it.

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Learn from the Magi

(Epiphany reflection by Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter *Admirabile Signum*, on the meaning and importance of the nativity scene)

At the feast of Epiphany we place the statues of the Three Kings in the Christmas crèche. Observing the star, those wise men from the East set out for Bethlehem, in order to find Jesus and to offer him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These costly gifts have an allegorical meaning: gold honours Jesus' kingship, incense his divinity, myrrh his sacred humanity that was to experience death and burial.

As we contemplate this aspect of the nativity scene, we are called to reflect on the responsibility of every Christian to spread the Gospel. Each of us is called to bear glad tidings to all, testifying by our practical works of mercy to the joy of knowing Jesus and his love. The Magi teach us that people can come to Christ by a very long route. Men of wealth, sages from afar, thirsting for the infinite, they set out on the long and perilous journey that would lead them to Bethlehem (cf. *Mt 2:1-12*). Great joy comes over them in the presence of the Infant King. They are not scandalized by the poor surroundings, but immediately fall to their knees to worship him. Kneeling before him, they understand that the God who with sovereign wisdom guides the course of the stars also guides the course of history, casting down the mighty and raising up the lowly. Upon their return home, they would certainly have told others of this amazing encounter with the Messiah, thus initiating the spread of the Gospel among the nations.

ST MARK'S GOSPEL: Fr Chris Thomas, the famous leader of the Irenaeus Spirituality Project, is teaching us about this Gospel, the one used on all Sundays this year, Year B. 2 sessions are offered, on **Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th January, 10.30am to 1.00pm in the Social Centre, St Teresas' Church, L11 3BW** open to all in our deanery. The sessions complete each other but stand separate. Come for one or both, as you can. Please sign up now to come and join us for one or both sessions by contacting Annie on 0151 226 1354 or st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk.

No charge, donations welcome, open to all and especially recommended for all parishioners giving ministry as Readers at Mass.

First Holy Communion 2024: REMINDER: Next meeting for those enrolled on our First Holy Communion programme is on Sunday 21st, Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 24th January, all start at 4pm. Please ensure your child attends 1 of the sessions.

The Pope's January Intention: For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Pope Francis calls for prayers to the Holy Spirit "to help us recognize the gift of different charisms within Christian communities and to discover the richness of various ritual traditions within the Catholic Church."

Pax Christi: Peace Sunday 14th January 2024



Next Sunday is Peace Sunday, which offers us an opportunity to reflect on the Holy Father's World Peace Day message.

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make today a day of prayer for world peace and to reflect on the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the annual World Peace Day:

'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'

Pax Christi, the international Catholic Movement for Peace, has produced prayers and resources to help us reflect on the theme and on its work. Working for peace and justice is an essential part of the calling of all Christians, young or old.

Beyond Peace Sunday : This World Peace Day theme lends itself to wider opportunities than just Peace Sunday. Extend its message throughout the coming year by looking for occasions when understanding about peace and justice can be developed and celebrated with young and old, **by** young and old.

To find out more about its work write to: **Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, Hendon, London NW4 4TY**, or visit www.paxchristi.org.uk

Sacrament of Confirmation: If there are any pupils in year 8 and above and who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Parish Groups and Associations: Everyone is most welcome!

Knit & Natter: Next meeting 9th January @ 12.30pm

Legion of Mary: Members meet every Tuesday at 7pm



Union of Catholic Mothers: Members meet on Wednesday 10th January @ 3pm.

Thursday Social Club : Members meet on Thursday 11th January @ 12 noon

Outreach Team : Next meeting TBA.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING: Come and join us for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and some biscuits this **Sunday 7th January** after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Centre. It's a good place to meet people and make friends. All are welcome.

White Flower Appeal: Next week there will be a collection for SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children). SPUC defend the right to life from the moment of conception until natural death. For further details see their website : www.spuc.org.uk

Debt Advice Service : The service is open for clients to drop in every Tuesday from 10:30am to 2:30pm or you can contact the Norris Green Debt Advice office on 0151 270 1688 to arrange an appointment.

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CEDAR: Catholics Experiencing Domestic Abuse Resources. Their aim is to create an environment within the Catholic community in which domestic abuse is understood and recognised as unacceptable. For more information visit <http://www.cedar.uk.net/index.htm>