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Sunday 7 January 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Year B

NEXT WEEK in

Holy Trinity:

Monday 8 January

Mass at 9:15am

The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday 9 January

Mass at 9:15am

Wednesday 10 January

Thursday 11 January

Mass 9:15am

Friday 12 January

Saint Aelred of Rievaulx

Praying the Holy Rosary

for Peace 9:15am

Saturday 13 January

Saint Hilary; Blessed Virgin

Mary

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 14 January

Mass 11am

Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

ALL WELCOME

**Weekday Masses in our
sister parish St Teresa's
Charlbury 9.15am on
Wednesday, Friday and
Sunday.**

Dear Parishioners

Today is Epiphany, that ancient feast which originally encompassed the Nativity, the coming of the Wise Men, the Baptism of the Lord, the Wedding at Cana and the first miracle! Over time these separate elements have been drawn out and reinterpreted in differing ways across the Universal Church. So, in the Orthodox tradition, Epiphany centres on the Baptism of the Lord and is treated as we treat Christmas. There is an echo of that in Spanish and Italian cultures where Tres Reyes (Three Kings) in Spain and Hispanic countries, and La Befana in Italy...these see the giving of presents in the same way we in UK and Anglo-Saxon countries view Christmas Day. All very confusing but testimony to the way the Christian Faith embeds itself organically into localities and times. All these manifestations exhibit a similar theme...joy and celebration with food and drink at the arrival of the Saviour for all nations.

This is what the Wise men symbolise. The Old Covenant with one chosen people tasked to bear the message of One God is giving way to the New Covenant when the long-awaited Messiah brings the same message to all peoples. Faith is no longer ethnically-bound but free to all men and women regardless of race. The star of Bethlehem still shines even in the terrible darkness that mankind can engender and all the tin-pot Herods of this passing world cannot extinguish the Hope of the Ages, Jesus Christ the Saviour.

It is traditional on Epiphany to proclaim the important Liturgical days for the year and please see our Parish Notices for the details.

Sarah and I have enjoyed a lovely if wet break in Bath this last week and I feel recharged after the Christmas festivities...which I enjoyed greatly! This coming Wednesday(10th) Serhii, Hannah and the three girls are due to arrive in the UK from Kharkhiv, Ukraine. David Bowers and I are travelling up to collect them and to bring them back to Holy Trinity. Please remember them in your prayers and also the Holy Family Catholic parish in Gaza for whom we have a final Crib collection this weekend. Many thanks for generosity shown.

God Bless, Father Clive

Parish Notices

The Important Liturgical days for 2024:

Ash Wednesday: 14th February

Easter Sunday: 31st March

Ascension: 9th May

Pentecost: 19th May

Corpus Christi: 30th May

Advent: 1st December

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January 2024: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes: Carol Wilson, Tom Cantwell, Bridget Kennelly, Audrey Nellis, Richard O'Farrell, Mary Ward, Paula Biggs, Lynette Murphy, Betty, Ania.

In addition to your own daily prayers please remember: All those who mourn the loss of loved ones: The repose of the souls of those who have died: People whose anniversaries occur at this time: The people of the Middle East, Morocco, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Tammy Lawson**. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.