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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



Confessions
 After Saturday
 9.30AM Mass
 Fridays 6-7PM
 with Adoration



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Dates for the Diary

Monday 9AM-7PM & Friday 6-7PM - Adoration

Monday to Friday - Divine Mercy 3PM

Wednesday 17th January – RCIA in Coach House

Monday 29th January – UCM 90th Celebratory Mass 10AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There is adoration every Monday 9AM - 7PM & on Fridays 6PM - 7PM

You are all invited to come and spend time in the presence of the Lord; if you would like to dedicate one hour of your time to the Lord, please sign your name on the form at the back of church.

The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." St. Teresa of Calcutta

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3PM

Every weekday (Mon-Fri) the church is open to pray the **Devine Mercy Chaplet at 3PM**, you are most welcome to join us for this Chaplet or to come in and say a quiet prayer, reflect or give thanks. Bring your children as you collect them from school, you are always welcome.

"I realize more and more how much every soul needs God's mercy throughout life and particularly at the hour of death. This chaplet (of Divine Mercy) mitigates God's anger, as He Himself told me." St. Faustina

Sat 6th Jan 2024	Christmas Feira	09:30AM 18.00PM	All Parishioners For the unwell and house bound in the Parish
Sun 7th Jan 2024	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	10.00AM 18.00PM	Margaret & Bill Butler Sister Maria Giovanna Antonietti RIP
Mon 8th Jan 2024	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	10.00AM 19.00PM	Maureen & Richard Clarke Maris Golovackis
Tue 9th Jan 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Joseph TV RIP (Anniversary) First Holy Communion & Confirmation candidates
Wed 10th Jan 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Mr & Mrs McElhinney Private Intention
Thurs 11th Jan 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Maureen Borg For the Protection of the Unborn Child
Fri 12th Jan 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Mr & Mrs Margaret Farrell Chloe Logan
Sat 13th Jan 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30AM 18.00PM	All Parishioners For Peace

This week's Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12
'The visit of the Magi'

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: *And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.*' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Responsorial Psalm

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Peace Sunday 2nd Collection

Next week there will be a collection for Pax Christi.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany of the Lord, when we recall the wise men who came a great distance to adore Christ, to give him their homage much more than gold, frankincense and myrrh. They had searched for the star, searched for the truth, and had found that the truth had a name, Jesus. Everything changed as a result. They had found that reassurance, that pearl of great price, and had given up what they had to give Jesus, the best they had. Like the wise men, we must search for the truth, we must follow the star wherever it leads us. This solemnity focuses in a special way on the reality of Jesus being the Light of the world that shines in the darkness, the reason light is closely associated with the feast of the Epiphany is the story of the Magi and how they followed a star to find Jesus. Pope Benedict XVI in his Epiphany homily of 2012: *'We may well look to these figures, the first Gentiles to find the pathway to Christ... No doubt there were many astronomers in ancient Babylon, but only these few set off to follow the star that they recognized as the star of the promise, pointing them along the path towards the true King and Saviour.'* All of us have a calling to follow the Lord and we need to focus harder on hearing God's voice. The Magi were almost certainly not kings, and we are not sure if they were rich. But one thing is certain – they were wise. They recognised Christ is the Saviour of the World. Whereas his own people, the Jews, for the most part rejected him. What does Christ mean to me? To what extent is he the 'star' that I follow? He is the one who reveals God's love, the Good Shepherd, the Light of the World. He is, as it were, the explosion of God's love, which causes the great white light of his heart to shine upon the world. As we celebrate the Epiphany, may we follow the saints who lead us to the light of Christ and shows us the path to God.

Weddings 2024

If you are planning to get married in 2024, and have not already made contact with the parish office, please do so. Even if you are planning to get married elsewhere than St Marie's, if you live in the parish your first point of contact should be with the parish priest.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes will be commencing in the forthcoming weeks, if you have not returned the form with the Baptismal certificate please do so as soon as possible. Thank you

Rosminian Italian Pilgrimage

Fr Tobin, will be at the back of church after mass with booking forms and information for this beautiful pilgrimage following in the footsteps of Blessed Antonio Rosmini, the founder of the Institute of Charity who's missionaries have served here at St. Marie's since 1847. The visit takes you to Roverto; birthplace of Rosmini, Bergamo; city of Pope John XXIII, and Domodossola; from where Rosmini sent his missionaries from the beautiful Sacro Monte Calvario for the conversion of England. This will take place from 13-23 May 2024 costing £1645 for an ensuite room including flights, hotels, food, transfers etc. For more info; please speak with Fr David Tobin at the end of Mass.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brendan O'Rourke, Brian McGloin, Fr Chris Greaney

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Mary Clarke, Nora O'Driscoll, Veronica Saunders, Stephen O'Neill, Pauline Pritchard, Michael Adams, Edward Piniacki, Thomas Watters, Agnes Tucker, David Margerison, Aiden Meghan, Gordon Adcock, Fr Anthony Baxter, Fr John Bland, Daniel Coffey, Donald Fletcher, Mary Graham, Marieanne Palmer, Agnes Coffey, Zygmunt Krause, Maureen Hanby, Irena Anczarska

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Avito D'Souza, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Paddy Lynch, Stuart Woodcock