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## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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### Eucharistic Adoration

Mon 9AM - 7PM

Fri 6PM - 7PM

Sun 9AM - 10AM

### Confessions

Fri 6PM, Sat 10AM,

Sun 9:30AM



**O Star of Wonder...** The mysterious Magi arrive to present Jesus with symbolic gifts of gold (for a king), frankincense (for God) and myrrh (for death). Even though they were wealthy and wise, what were they doing? A star inspired them to embark on a long, risky journey. Nothing else: they have faith in its power to lead. They're not sure where the journey will lead them or who they'll meet. Herod the local king, who is full of murderous jealousy, gives them bad advice when they ask him for help. They arrive, offer the gifts and worship, and then, believing their dreams, must deceive Herod and travel the long way home. This journey is not recorded solely for us to hear a nice story. Every Christian is a traveller, a follower of Jesus. We follow by faith. Some would discourage us or give us false guidance. God talks to us through signs and wonders. And, if we persevere, at the end of the journey is Jesus who expects our hearts rather than gold, frankincense, or myrrh. We all have so many gifts to offer to the Infant King! We share His call to care for our neighbours, and thus are called to be ministers of comfort and joy. This ministry is apostolic, because it brings Jesus to those who need Him. He rewards each of us who comes to Him, He gives gifts in return, gifts too numerous to count. If we take the time to reflect on these gifts, we will be astonished, and equally astonished at how easily we forget to thank Him for them! While we thank our families and friends for our material Christmas gifts, let us also take time to thank God for His gifts and pray for the grace to use them for His glory and the good of our neighbours. The Epiphany celebrates the message of Christ's birth as the gift for all peoples; it is a message of going forth, of being sent to proclaim it to places yet unreached. These places are often closer to home than we think. So, where might I take the light of the Star of Wonder in the days ahead? **...guide us by thy perfect light!**

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Christmas Feria	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Robert & Margaret Hawkins RIP
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	10:00 AM 18.00 PM	Aiden Doyle/Eugenie & George Ward RIP Nancy Kent RIP
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Christmas Feria	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	John & Michelle Curry (wellbeing) Margaret Ranai
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Christmas Feria	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Zophia Liptak Paddy Lynch RIP
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Christmas Feria	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Diego D'Souza Peter Burke RIP
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Christmas Feria	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Thanksgiving Margaret Ranai
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Christmas Feria	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Mary O'Reilly (wellbeing) Patrick Regan RIP
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Christmas Feria	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	Ann Martin George & Lucy Welton RIP

## 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 the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you,  
O Lord.**

#### Thank you

To all of our parishioners for your support and generosity throughout the past year. We are indebted to all our volunteers for the generosity of their time for which we are grateful, be it singing, playing the organ, cleaning, preparing for feast days etc. Thank you to you, all our parishioners, as you gave so generously in the Christmas donations to the Institute of Charity.

#### Crib Donations

This year the donations given will be going to the Rosminian Missionaries in South India, with a focus on the parish in Keezharoor. The money will go to those who need it the most, for food, their homes, those in need of educational material, health supplies etc. Thank you for your generosity.

#### RCIA & Confirmation Classes

The RCIA classes will resume on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7PM in the Coach House.

Confirmation classes begin on Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 5:45pm – 6:45PM in the Coach House.

#### Holy Year and Indulgences

The 2025 Holy Year, which began with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and runs to the Feast of Epiphany 2026, is themed "Pilgrims of Hope," and is all about embracing God's mercy and finding spiritual renewal. A big part of this celebration is the chance to receive a plenary indulgence. To receive this special gift, there are a few meaningful steps which can be found in the guide at the back of church. Pilgrims are encouraged to visit key churches - like the famous basilicas in Rome – pray, and perform acts of kindness and mercy. If you can't make the trip, don't worry! The following Jubilee churches and sites have been chosen by His Grace as particular places of pilgrimage in our diocese;

St Chad's Cathedral – Shrine of St Chad, St Anne's Church, Caversham – Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford – Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, St Michael's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton – Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis, The Immaculate Conception & St Eugin Church – Shrine of Our Lady of Evesham, Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster, & Bl. Dominic Barberi Church & St John Henry Newman College, Littlemore, Oxford.

You can still participate through heartfelt prayer and by offering your struggles to God. This Holy Year is a beautiful reminder that God's mercy is always within reach, wherever you are. There are Companion Booklets at the back of Church produced by the Archdiocese which you can also purchase.



#### Light for Night

This week the light for night is lit up for;

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Jan - Deceased members of the Walsh family

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - Jess Cottam

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - Peace in the Middle East

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Jan - Tony Underwood

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Jan - All souls in Purgatory

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Jan - Moira

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Jan - All Parishioners

We remember them all in our prayers



#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Noreen Slow, Tony Underwood

#### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Mary Clarke, Veronica Saunders, Nora O'Driscoll, Patrick Lynch, Stephen O'Neill, Pauline Pritchard, Michael Adams, Edward Piniacki, Thomas Watters, Jadirja Zapasnik, Agnes Tucker, David Margerison, Fr Antony Baxter, Michael Griffin, Gordon Adcock

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Val Muir, Lenny & Marie Niner, 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, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock, Johnny Stott, Alan Parish, Emariciana D'Souza, Joseph Deery, William Keaney