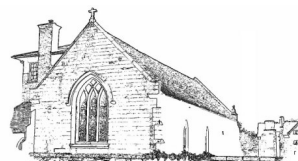


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MASSES THIS WEEK

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| Sunday 1 January 2023 | Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God |
| 8.30am | <i>Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish</i> |
| 10.30am | <i>Mass intention for: Jack Andrews R.I.P.</i> |
| Monday 2 January | Memorial of Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church |
| No Public Mass today | <i>Mass Intention for: Private Intention</i> |
| Tuesday 3 January | Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus |
| 10.00am | <i>Mass Intention for: Christopher Morrissey R.I.P.</i> |
| Wednesday 4 January | Christmas Feria |
| 10.00 am | <i>Mass Intention for: Brenda O'Sullivan</i> |
| Thursday 5 January | Memorial of St Charles of St Andrew |
| 11.00am | <i>Mass Intention for: Alphonso & Gioconda Salsano R.I.P.</i> |
| Friday 6 January | Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord |
| 11.00am | <i>Mass Intention for: Mary Gibbons R.I.P.</i> |
| Saturday 7 January | Memorial of St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest |
| 10.00am | <i>Mass Intention for: Private Intention</i> |
| The SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) is available in church following this Mass and by appointment at other times. | |
| Sunday 8 January | Feast of The Baptism of The Lord |
| 8.30am | <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i> |
| 10.30am | <i>Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish</i> |

Anniversaries in January: Rev John Morgan (1718), Thomas Mewburn Crook (1949), Charles Keeffe (1977), Margaret Steele (1978), Ronald Fry (1978), Leofric Howell (1995), Sir Robert Grant Ferris (1997), Juliet Bradley (2001), Eve Mary Smith (2001), Anne Mulroy (2004), Elizabeth Bashford (2005), Bernadette Pinfield (2007), William Eardley 2009, Thaddeus Keane 2010, Pam Taft (2011), Denis Thomas Kimberlin (2014), Ellie Tansey (2019), Ray Fogg (2019), Noel Clark (2019)



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael Hodgetts KSG** who died recently.
Michael's funeral will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on Thursday 12th January at 11.00am



In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers: Deirdre Brookes, Lionel Cornish, Shirley Grant, Jane & Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Clare Saich, Patricia Newton, Ann Parry, Karen Wright, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 18-25 December

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£45.00
Loose cash:	£161.41

Direct Debit, forms are available from the table in the porch. Please complete and either hand to Fr John or post through his house letterbox.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS on **SUNDAYS** will be taken in the pews. On **OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK** offerings may be placed **in the basket on the sanctuary step in front of the altar.**



PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH. If you should wish to make a donation when Mass is not taking place and the church is otherwise empty, please post your offering (in an envelope) in the letterbox in the door of the Priest's House.

COVID PRECAUTIONS: Whilst there is no legal requirement to wear a face covering the government suggests that we still 'Consider wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces'. In addition, if members of the congregation would like to ensure social distancing they may use a 'Please Leave Space' sign (available in the porch) and place it on the seat beside them in their pew.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Valerie Nolan, sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call 0121 230 6240. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER:

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EMERGENCY EXIT from the church: is via the sacristy and through the house.

Answers to the Christmas Quiz 'Name the carol from the lyrics':

1. "The stars in the sky looked down where he lay..."
= **Away in a Manger**
2. "Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels!"
= **O Come All Ye Faithful**
3. "The angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around."
= **While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks**
4. "Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child, bye bye, lully, lullay."
= **Coventry Carol**
5. "Sleep in heavenly peace..."
= **Silent Night**
6. "The angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around."
= **While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks**
7. "When the snow lay 'round about deep and crisp and even..."
= **Good King Wenceslas**
8. "O, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir."
= **The Holly And The Ivy**
9. "The Lord is come; let earth receive her King..."
= **Joy To The World**
10. "How still we see the lie!"
= **O Little Town of Bethlehem**
11. "Field and fountain, moor and mountain..."
= **We Three Kings of Orient Are**
12. "When Christ was born of Mary free, in Bethlehem in that fair city..."
= **In Excelsis Gloria**
13. "Come and behold Him, born the King of angels..."
= **O Come, All Ye Faithful**
14. "The virgin Mary and Christ were there on Christmas Day in the morning."
= **I Saw Three Ships**



Thank You

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... to the many parishioners who contributed to the decoration of the church for Christmas including the donation then dressing of the Christmas tree, the setting up of the crib, the beautiful floral arrangements along with all the cleaning and polishing that made St Mary's ready for the arrival of Christ.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS to Fr John.

Fr John wishes to express his sincere thanks to everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts and offerings you have given to him. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Though overshadowed by falling so soon after Christmas, Epiphany is one of the three major Christian celebrations along with Christmas and Easter. It commemorates the presentation of the infant Jesus to the Magi or the three wise men. In some countries, it may be known as 'Three Kings Day'.

Interestingly, the bible doesn't mention how many wise men there were - just that three gifts were given and that they came from the east. The common consensus is that there were between two and twenty wise men. They were likely to have been Zoroastrian Priests. It wasn't until about 500AD that three was accepted to be the standard number of wise men - the reasoning simply due to the number of gifts.

To further complicate matters, the wise men may not even have been men or wise. In 2004, a report by the general synod of the Church of England concluded that 'magi' gives no indication as to number, or gender, or even to the level of wisdom.

The distinct lack of Biblical detail hasn't stopped the Magi being counted, coronated and christened - the traditional names of the three kings are Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, who are said to represent Europe, Arabia and Africa respectively.

Epiphany is derived from the Greek word 'epiphaneia' and means manifestation. In religious use, the term means the appearance of an invisible divine being in a visible form.

The celebration of the Epiphany began in the Eastern Church and included a celebration of Christ's birth. However, by the 4th century AD, the various calendar reforms had moved the birth of Christ to December 25th and the church in Rome began celebrating January 6th as Epiphany. Armenian Orthodox Christians still celebrate the birth of Christ on January 6th as their Church was established before Rome made the date change.