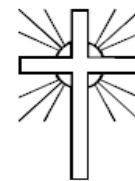


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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 2020

Sunday 5th January 2020

Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Teresa Dale, who died recently.

May her soul, & the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mrs Dale's funeral is expected to take place at St Mary's at 10.30 am on Monday 13th January; final confirmation of these arrangements had not been received as this newsletter went to press.

A Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, Thank you that you make all things new.

Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us in each step of this New Year.

We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else.

We ask for your wisdom and for your strength to be constantly present within us and our families and friends.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us.

May we make a difference in this world for your glory, Amen.

Our Parish Prayer Group

The prayer group meets up weekly, on Friday evenings. In the winter, we meet at All Saints church, in the summer months, at St Mary's church. We start at 7.45pm and generally finish around 9.15pm.

There is no formal structure, but this is an example of how the meetings go. We begin with a prayer of thanks, followed by a short period of silence. We generally use the Magnificat publication to look at the readings for the following Sunday, with the Prego Plus resources to develop our understanding of the scriptures. We share any meditations or reflections which have been helpful to us in the preceding week. We ask for God's help for people we know who are struggling with difficulties.

We occasionally visit places as a group such as talks, retreats and special days.

We have been given some copies of St Matthew's gospel and if you decide to join us, you will receive a free copy.

If you'd like to join the group, and need more information, please contact me. We would love to welcome you if you wish to enjoy some fellowship, strengthen your prayer life, spirituality, and knowledge of the bible.

Jenny Cieslik.

Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading: Mt 2: 1 - 12

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt.

Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi.

They come from the East, journey to Bethlehem following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel doesn't say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus.

In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to see the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation:

Gold as representing Jesus' kingship,

Frankincense a symbol of divinity because priests burned it in the Temple,

Myrrh, used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

The story is full of symbolism. The star is guidance for those seeking to find God - the "light" of today's first reading.

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St Mary's First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme begins this January.

Please speak to Mrs. Rudd, Tina Coomber or Father Martin if your child, Year 3 or above, wishes to join the group.

Your child does not have to attend a Catholic school but must be a baptised Catholic. Thank you.

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Parish events this week

SMC = St Mary Crowned Church AS = All Saints Church SMS = St Mary's School

Sat 4th Jan	6.00 pm	AS	Holy Mass (Holy Souls)
Sun 5th Jan	Epiphany of the Lord – Readings p. 115		
	9.15 am	SMC	Holy Mass (Alish McMullan RIP)
	11.15 am	AS	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
Mon 6th Jan	10.00 am	AS	Holy Mass (Linda Griffiths – Christmas Blessing (J&M))
	Please pray for today's PPC meeting		
Tues 7th Jan	St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest		
	10.00 am	SMC	Holy Mass (Moira & Michael Rodgers – Mass Bouquet)
	Please pray for today's Sycamore Course Session		
Weds 8th Jan	10.00 am	AS	Holy Mass (Tony Payne RIP – Christmas Memories)
	<i>Children from All Saints School will join parishioners for this Mass, and after Holy Mass the children will treat parishioners to a performance of highlights from this year's Nativity Play. Refreshments will follow.</i>		
Thurs 9th Jan	9.00 am	SMC	Holy Mass (Roy Egan RIP)
	Please pray for today's Day of Recollection for Priests		
Fri 10th Jan	10.00 am	AS	Holy Mass (Golden Wedding Anniversary – Peter & Kath Perkin)
Sat 11th Jan	10.00 am	SMC	Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation
	10.45 am	SMC	Benediction
	6.00 pm	AS	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
Sun 12th Jan	The Baptism of the Lord – Readings p. 118		
	9.15 am	SMC	Holy Mass (Anne Walsh – Christmas Blessing (CW))
	11.15 am	AS	Holy Mass (Deceased members of the Morrisey, Chamberlain & Malone Families)

Our offerings last week: <i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>				
	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£69.00	£143.10	£129.00	£341.10
St Mary's	£178.25	£162.50	£225.00	£565.25

Parish Diary for the next few months:	
Jan 7th	Associates meeting at Monica's, 7.30pm
Jan 10th	Youth Club, 6.30pm – 8.00pm, St Mary's Hall

Many thanks for your support for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund: AS £ 50.20 ; SMC £31.00
Parish Rotas: Weekend of 11th / 12th January

Sacristans: All Saints, 6pm Sue O'C; 11.15am Peter G; St Mary's, Chris;
Welcomers: All Saints, 6pm Gee; 11.15am Natalie & Tracey; St Mary's, Cath B & Jean M;
Ministers: All Saints, 6pm Monica & David; 11.15am Ann & Barbara; St Mary's, Helen, Steve & John;
Readers: All Saints, 6pm, TBA, 11.15am TBA; St Mary's, Tony, Mark & Sarah;
Bidding Prayers: Maddy (following week – Jim)

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers by Coach, June 13th – 20th 2020 (Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester)

The cost is £595 per person. This price includes Coach and Ferry travel, overnight stay with Bed and Breakfast at the Welcome Break hotel in Orleans on the way, full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes, half board at the Kyriad Hotel in Nevers coming back. In addition there's an optional excursion to Gavarnie, a Ski Resort in the Pyrenees. For more information/booking form contact Fr. John McCay on 0115 9810320.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lisieux by Coach March 2nd – 5th 2020 The Pilgrimage will cost £345, beginning with a guided visit to the Cathedral in Lisieux, then to the Basilica dedicated to St. Therese, to the house where she grew up and to the Carmel where she lived and died. In addition to this an optional excursion to Hon Fleur.

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St Mary's Grotto: Sadly, there has been an increasing misuse of the Grotto and the surrounding area recently, including some vandalism of the Grotto and the area around it. Please can parishioners be vigilant of our Grotto and if you see any litter of any kind, then remove it at once to discourage people from thinking that the Grotto is an area for litter dropping or activities leading to litter being dropped. Thank you.