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The Epiphany of the Lord

7th/8th January 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: (Missal Page: 115): Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Next Week: – Second Sunday of the Year Page 125: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34



The Christmas season is a short one. Already there are signs in the streets that work has resumed, the sales have started, cards and decorations are put away and schools have re-opened. Liturgically the season of Christmas is coming to an end. This week we begin 'ordinary' time.

Today's feast of the Epiphany, meaning a 'manifestation'; 'a revelation'; 'a drawing back of the veil' on a great mystery that Jesus is the light of all the nations.

Epiphany is a festival of light in the darkness of our world. When we were baptised, we received the light of Christ from the candle and we are urged to keep that flame of faith burning brightly in our daily lives, bringing the light of Christ to all people.

As someone once said "when the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flock, the work of Christmas begins; to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to rebuild the nations and to make music in the heart".

May the light of faith never fail us, may it's light see us through the darkness of this world, until we reach our home in heaven where we see our Lord and Saviour in glory.

Prayer at the start of the New Year

Lord, I sometimes wonder where I'm going and what is the meaning of my life.

I wonder especially what the New Year holds for me.

Will it bring joy or sorrow, success or failure, life or death?

But when I remember that you came on earth;

and that you still travel the road of life with me.

And so I say to my soul: 'Go out into the darkness,

And put your hand in the hand of Christ, your Brother;

That will be better than a light, and safer than a known path.'

FR. JOHN

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm

Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday 12 noon

Morning Prayer: Monday – Friday - 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays: 10am

Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays: 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your greetings and gifts this Christmas, and to everyone who has given so much to our parish community these last few weeks; our choirs and organist, Readers, Altar Servers, Ministers of Holy Communion, flower arrangers, cleaners, those who wash the altar linens and albs, Welcomers, sacristans, Lisa and her team for the Advent workshop, Lodge Brothers for the Christmas Tree, and all those who have helped to make this season so special. Equal thanks must go to those who serve our parish so well throughout the year; to Florie in the Parish Office, Bridget for all her work with our children, young people and adults, Fr Gerry, Sisters Katherine, Mary and Nora; Margaret and Sharyn our housekeepers; our catechists, Sunday School teachers, Children's Liturgy leaders, youth club leaders, our Finance Committee, collectors and money counters, prayer group and faith sharing groups, our UCM and over 50's Club, Mother and Toddlers group, Knight of St Columba, our Missio, CAFOD and LIFE groups. Not forgetting the work of St Lawrence's School Staff, Governors and Friends of St Lawrence's.

I would also like to thank Fr Frans Azzopardi for supplying whilst I was away.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 9th January** at 7.30pm after the Christmas Break. There will be stories of Christmas and the coming term for discussion among our members. All ladies of the Parish are invited to come and see the enjoyment during the evening.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2017

Fr John will be available to sign forms on **Tuesday 10th January**. To make an appointment to see him please put your name on one of the lists. Make sure you bring your child with you for the appointment, along with their Baptism Certificate and the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

The CAFOD Coffee morning will take place on **Friday 13 January** after the 9.30am Mass.

COFFEE MORNING FOR ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS

There will be a Cake and Coffee morning in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 15th January** in aid of the Zimbabwean Orphans. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received also help on the day with setting and clearing up. For details please contact Helen Hurley

ST LAWRENCE'S [PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will reconvene on **Thursday 12th January** at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

There will be a meeting for all those going to the Holy Land on **Saturday 25th February** at 12.45am in the Parish Centre. We will be hiring a coach to transport us from Feltham to Luton Airport and back. The cost per person for the return journey is £15.00. Please could you pay this money to Florie in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

THE SHELTER PROJECT

The Shelter Project for homeless people in Hounslow Borough provides emergency overnight accommodation with a hot meal in the evening and a cooked breakfast from December to March. Volunteers help to run the shelter at several church locations. More information about the project can be found on <http://www.tsph.org/>. If you are interested to help please contact Andrew Logathanan on 07564 639899 or ssmmshelter@gmail.com.

REST IN PEACE

FRANCIS AIDEN DORAN RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Francis (Frank) Aiden Doran RIP who died recently. His funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 18th January at 11.20am**. Please keep in your prayers all the family and friends who mourn him.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Collections:

31st/1st: Envelopes £993.11 Loose: 1,121.75
Standing Orders: £785.80 **Total: £2,900.66**

Crib Appeal: £167.18

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

Money banked as at 3/1/2017 - £95,053.95

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 7 th | 11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 12.45 18.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Derrick Juriansz RIP (Anniversary) Baptisms of Wesley and Wayne Ackah-Benson and Susanna Emily Fernandes NO CONFESSION Steve Walsh RIP (Anniversary) |
| Sun 8 th | 09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00 | John Ring RIP Patrick & Edith Maple in Thanksgiving – 60 th Wedding Anniversary Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish |
| Mon 9 th | 09.30 | Jacinto Do Rosario RIP (A) |
| Tues 10 th | 09.30 | Anne & Bill Ufflemann RIP |
| Wed 11 th | 09.30 | Eileen Carroll RIP |
| Thurs 12 th | 09.30 | Celebrants Intention |
| Fri 13 th | 09.30 | In Thanksgiving – Helen Hurley |
| Sat 14 th | 11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Dermot Farry RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Monte Carmelina de Bragança RIP (First Anniversary) |
| Sun 15 th | 09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00 | Mary Fogarty (Intentions) People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Philip & Anne Sheridan RIP |
| Sanctuary Lamp: In Thanksgiving – Fernandes Family | | |