

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Sunday: Proper Feast,
then Psalter Week 2 and
propers for Christmastide
after Epiphany.

Reflection

In last week's Gospel we heard old Simeon, the priest in the Temple, making a prophecy that our Lord would be a light for revelation to the Gentiles. This is no small thing; to this point in time, 'true' religion had been the province—one might almost say property—of a small race of rather quarrelsome people. The Messiah was to be one who would save not only the Jews but all people from their sins. In today's Gospel we hear of the showing (epiphany) of their God to the Gentiles for the first time. And yet it is curious that, although the birth of our Lord was heralded for them not by the Jewish scriptures but by (probably) astrology, these Magi see our Lord only in his Jewish context: Where is the infant king of the Jews? they ask.

Who were these Magi? Well, really, we don't know. There is not the slightest suggestion in the Gospel passage today that they were kings; this suggestion, so popular in art and music ('We three kings from Orient are'), derives from the Old Testament, in particular from today's first reading and the psalm, and the identification with this event is not at all clear. They probably refer more generally to the spread of true religion among other races. It is no doubt a better idea to regard these strange visitors simply as wise men and leave it at that. There has been a persistent tradition that they were Persian astrologers, Zoroastrians, whose 'star', certain recent work has suggested, could have been a conjunction of planets in a part of the sky that suggested Judah (the part of the Holy Land around Jerusalem) and royalty, but we have to leave this aside, because we cannot really know, only guess.

The gifts are curious things to give a new born baby; gold, no doubt, would be useful, and myrrh (a spice normally used for embalming), they tell me, used to be used to help teething infants; but incense? Some have suggested that it might be helpful against the odours of a stable, but surely the Holy Family were no longer lodging with the animals. The tradition of the Church (a sound guide to the interpretation of the Scriptures) suggests that the gold is for a King, the incense for God, and the myrrh symbolic of his death which with his resurrection was to be the focus of all his earthly ministry. And no less an authority than 'We three kings' agrees.

But if we are to end on a carol, I would rather it were another with a more spiritual meaning, perhaps that of Christina Rossetti (even though it is a bit soppy):

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb,
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,
But what I have I give him; give my heart.

Office open

The office will reopen on Monday 5th January 2015.

Next Sunday, 11th January, the annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child will take place

Festival 50 Stalls

There is an opportunity for any body who wishes to run a suitable stall at the Festival Day at the Amex to book a space. The focus is of course on the Catholic community, but we would welcome stalls from ecumenical participants as well. If you are interested or know someone who is interested then email festival50@dabnet.org or see the Information Form on the Diocesan website

Redshirts 2015

Calling all students in school years 10 or 11 (or equivalent age). Would you like to spend 10 days next summer in the south of France? Would you like to meet other young people from around the diocese? Would you like to deepen your faith and understanding of God in your life? Would you like to make a difference in other peoples lives? Would you like to have a pilgrimage experience of Faith, Fun, Friendship....and Food? If you have said yes to any of the above then being a Redshirt in 2015 could be just the thing for YOU! Dates are Wednesday 29th July to Friday 7th August.

For successful applicants there will be two gatherings before the pilgrimage to get to know each other and to find out more about The Redshirts on Pilgrimage. If you are interested please email ray mooney (Redshirt Coordinator) abredshirts@gmail.com. Further information can be found on www.ablourdes.org

Festival 50 Pilgrimage

This is being planned as a one off massive pilgrimage starting at Arundel Cathedral to arrive at the Amex for the 50th celebrations of the Diocese on Sunday 5th of July 2015. We would welcome every parish, school and organisation possible to make and bring a banner that represents them, for a pilgrim commissioning service. The banners will be blessed and then brought on pilgrimage to the Amex stadium for the 50th celebrations. For more information and booking form go to www.dabnet.org/Festival50

Diocesan Festival 50 Volunteers Required

The Diocese is looking for volunteers to help with Festival 50 in 2015. Volunteers are needed on the day and in the preparation of the Festival. Do you have any skills from Event Promotion to Music, from Face Painting to Flower Arranging that you would be happy to offer? Would you like to be a Welcomer and Host on the day? There are many jobs and all offers gratefully received. To offer email festival50@dabnet.org or write to Festival 50, DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. More information on the [Diocesan website](#)

New Year's Lunch

Parish elders are invited to attend a New Year's Celebration Lunch on Saturday 17th January at 1pm in the Centenary Hall. For enquiries please contact Karen Rattigan on 07775 996012

Christmas Friends of the Holy Land Appeal

Archbishop Peter Smith has endorsed a request from FHL that parishes donate their crib box collections to help our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, specifically in and around Bethlehem and the Holy Family Parish in Gaza. Every penny collected is distributed by FHL to named families in the greatest need to help them with their day to day living, to supply medicines and fund operations (there is no social service in this area), to repair houses of Christian families damaged in Gaza from the recent war and to support Christian children at the parish school with a special programme to overcome the trauma of the recent conflict. For more information on the work of FHL, please visit our website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk


Mass for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The next monthly Mass will be held on Saturday January 3rd at 1pm (**New Time**) in St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. Diocesan Coordinators and Communicators for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People: Mr Peter Booker and Mrs Maria Booker, c/o DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP. Email: casamariapita@aol.com. Mobile: 07970428601 (sms [text] only) Tel: Mr Jim Mortell on 01273 552159.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:
Offertory: £651.84 (gift aid £271.10)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 4th: No CHILDREN'S liturgy 

Mon: After Mass Teas & Coffee (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15 - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)

Thurs: 7:45pm First Holy Communion Parents session (Old Hall).

Fri: Youth Club - Film night

Sun 11th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Mass Teas & Coffee after Mass

First Holy Communion Children's first Session (Cent Hall)

New Year's Resolution – Volunteer For CAFOD!

Would you like to use your spare time to help people in poverty throughout the world? The Catholic Agency For Overseas Development are in need of volunteers in the area to help in particular in schools (experience of teaching is not required) but also in Parishes and in various other ways. 2015 is a very key year for CAFOD, could you help them? If so, get in touch with the local CAFOD office on 01483 898 866 or arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk See <http://cafodarundelbrighton.wordpress.com/> for more information on volunteering and our 'Understanding CAFOD' sessions later in January. We would like to say a big 'Thank you' for all of your generous support this past year.

Youth Club will return on Friday 9th January for a film night starting at 7pm in the Old Hall. Entry £1 including popcorn and drinks. Youth Club is open for all children in school years 3 to 6. For more information contact Mel Flaherty youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com

Next Week

Fr Seán will be away next week (9th—16th January) on a sort of busman's holiday, acting as chaplain to the Benedictine nuns at Minster Abbey near Ramsgate, and helping with the Confirmation Candidates' live-in for the young people from his old parish. During that week, instead of daily Mass, there will be Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion, together with the other customary devotions (Exposition/Rosary). There will also not be confessions on Saturday 10th.

Masses on Sunday 11th will be celebrated by Fr Gerard Bradley, Director of Spirituality at St John's Seminary, Wonersh.



Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound.

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Jim & Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rower; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; Olive Wood; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen & John Gilford.

Mass Time

Don't forget that from Sunday 4th January the 10:30am Mass will move to 10:45am for a trial period.

The next meeting of the 9am Leaven Group is at 10am following the 9am Mass on Sunday 11th January. If anyone has anything they would like discussed then please talk to one of the Group Members. - Pat Magnus, Mark Ryland, Moira Brohier, Joy Cutler, Richard Williams, Valory Williams, Rosemary Kinman, Tree Dodington, Emma Brooks or Cheryl Daly.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Jim Horrocks who has died. Please remember particularly his family, who have been struck with a double bereavement this Christmas time. The funeral of Connie Cronin will take place this Wednesday, 7th January, at 10.00. So there will not be a Latin Mass that day.

Going to Hospital?

Please note that chaplains are no longer automatically informed about Catholics being admitted to hospital. Therefore, if you would like to be able to receive Holy Communion - If you or one of your relatives are being admitted to East Surrey Hospital, or are admitted in an emergency, please contact St Joseph's Church, Redhill and inform the Hospital Chaplains: Tel: 01737 761017. For those being admitted to Croydon University (Mayday) Hospital, you should contact the chaplain through the ward sister.

And for St George's, please contact Fr Jonathan on 0208 725 3086.

Should your illness be of a serious nature, please do not be shy of asking Fr Seán for the Sacrament of the Sick.

Mass Intentions - Please don't forget to add your Gift Aid number to your Mass Intention envelopes. Thank you.

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Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
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5th Caterham Scouts

Paul Lovell: 07712 436591
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Chill Club

(Last Friday during school term. 7pm)
Veronique Wood

St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler
01883 342005

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Felicia Ogbear (J Eziashi)
5:15pm Mass	Tom Loughrey (G Seymour)
Monday 5th	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>
10:00am Mass	Jacqueline Filly (A. Nicolotti)
Tuesday 6th	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>
10:00am Mass	Rita Masha & family (J Eziashi)
7:00pm Sung Latin Mass	Thomas Finnegan RIP
Wednesday 7th	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>
10:00am	Requiem Mass Connie Cronin
Thursday 8th	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>
10:00am Mass	John McLoughlin RIP
Friday 9th	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>
No Mass	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion Only
Saturday 10th	<i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>
No Mass	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion Only
Sunday 11th	<i>The Baptism of The Lord</i>
9:00am Mass	Tom Hill RIP
10:45am Mass	People of the Parish
5:15pm Mass	Bridget Barrett (J Tippen)



Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

Lauds Mondays at 9:45 am

Rosary Wednesday & Thursday at 9:40am & Friday at 6:40pm

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament