



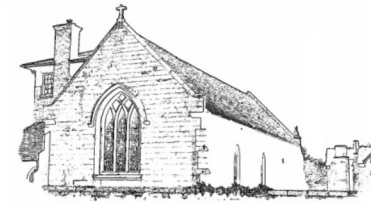
THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Times of Holy Mass and Intentions (YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 6 January

8.30 am -
10.30 am -

Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord

For the People of The Parish
Betty Grant R.I.P.

Monday 7 January

9.00 am -

Christmas Feria

Marian Trafford's intentions

Tuesday 8 January

9.00 am -

Christmas Feria

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

Wednesday 9 January

9.00 am -
9.30 am -

Christmas Feria

Discussion Group Members, past & present
Discussion Group (please see note below)

Thursday 10 January

11.30 am -

Christmas Feria

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

Friday 11 January

11.30 am -

Christmas Feria

Deceased members of the Grogan family

Saturday 12 January

10.00 am -

Christmas Feria

Alfonso & Gioconna Salsanno R.I.P.

Sunday 13 January

8.30 am -
10.30 am -

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

For the People of The Parish
Martin Purcell R.I.P.

There will be a retiring collection on Sunday 13 January for the White Flower Appeal



"Where two or three
come together in my
name, there I am
with them."
Matt 18:20

The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the **GROUP DISCUSSION** on **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a coffee and an exchange of ideas!

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)

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ellie Tansey who died on 1 January.
Ellie was a parishioner here at St Marys and resident of the Dame Mary Yate Almshouses on Harvington Hall Lane for many years.
May she Rest In Peace.

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Prayers for the sick:

Denis Conway, Kathleen Clarke, Ray Fogg, Anthony Mitchell, Jeannie Morrison, Charles Paice, Michael Bird.

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Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 6 January Eddie Picardo, Bridget Robson
Mary Meese, Jean Lloyd
Sunday 13 January Greg Kelly, Paul Walmsley
Elizabeth Mountford, Carla Tucker

Readers:

Sunday 6 January Geoff Summers
Terry Mulroy
Sunday 13 January Martin Dawson
David Lewis

Church Cleaners:

Friday 11 January Anne Quinn & Pauline Teare
Friday 18 January Teresa & Greg Oakley

Money Counters:

For the 6 Jan collection Mr & Mrs S Brown
For the 13 Jan collection Mr & Mrs T Greenfield

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Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 30 December

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£138.00
Loose cash	£199.22



This year's Crib Offerings will be sent to FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND.



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As mentioned in the pastoral letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley read in Masses last Sunday, His Grace will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage on **Sunday 3 February**, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral.

The Diocesan Office are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019.

Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary are asked to contact Lianne Pap, Family Ministry Worker, Maryvale Institute, via email: lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marking the email 'Marriage Mass' or by telephone: 0121 360 8118 ex 166

Lianne is also trying to find the longest married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies. To date the longest married couple to get in touch is 62 years.



The FLOWER ARRANGERS are meeting on Thursday 10 January at 10.30am in the stable.

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ARCHDIOCESE DIRECTORIES for 2019 are available for sale in the porch today. £2.50 for the regular binding, £3.50 for spiral bound version. Please put the money in the box on the wall labelled "BOOKLETS".

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs J Lloyd - 01562 754448

- 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 **0800 800 5000**.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Mr M Dawson

EMERGENCY EXIT: This is via the sacristy and through the house