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**The Epiphany of the Lord – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016**

**SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Bryan & James Bryan Ruddick	<i>Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3.5-6 Matt 2:1-12</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday after Epiphany	St M	9.30am	Doris Wall	<i>1 John 3:22; 4:6, Matt 4: 12-25</i>
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday after Epiphany	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	<i>1 John 4: 7-10, Mark 6: 34-44</i>
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday after Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Bernadette Joyce	<i>1 John 4:11-18, Mark 6: 45-52</i>
Thu	7 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday after Epiphany	St M	9.30am	<i>Class Mass Year</i>	<i>1 John 4:19; 5:4, Luke 4 14-22</i>
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday after Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Rev Wilfred Coates	<i>1 John 5: 5-13, Luke 5: 12-16</i>
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday after Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Dec'd Coates & Shanks Family	<i>1 John 5: 14-21, John 3: 22-30</i>
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	Baptism of the Lord	St O	9.30am	Rae Walton	<i>Is 40: 1-11, Titus 2:11-14:3:4-7 Luke 3: 15-22</i>
			St M	11.00am	Tony Dargavel	

**SACRAMENT OF GOD'S MERCY:** Saturdays 10.00-10.15am at St Oswin's - *and available on request*  
(Rosary at St Oswin (St O) – Fri after Mass: St Mary's (St M) Exposition Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm)

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in January:** New list available.

**Anniversaries:** Maureen Kay, Sydney Snowball, Bernadette Fielding, Richard Leslie, Mary Collins, Nancy Cawood, Alexander Howells, George Hinton, Ted Harding, Fr Aidan Pickering, James Birkett, Annie Spence, Bernadette Joyce, Frances Robson.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of **Rose Hyett and Rae Walton**, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**White Flower Appeal** – The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **next** Sunday (10 Jan). SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life issues. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. *Please give generously for this worthy cause.*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January 2016.** The following services will be held at noon each day from 18 - 22 January:

Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's, Farringdon Road
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	St Aidan's, Billy Mill
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	St George's, Cullercoats
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Cullercoats Methodist
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Hilda's, Marden

Light refreshments will be served.

*We welcome into the family of God through Baptism*  
**EMILY JADE FENN**  
*who was baptised at St Mary's Church, 20 Dec 2015*

**Northern Catholic Calendars 2015** – are now on sale, at back of Church price **£2.50**.

**Celebrating God's Mercy** – Services for the Year of Mercy around the Diocese. List available on noticeboards with full dates. A Service of Inner Healing at St Mary's Cathedral on **Weds 27 Jan at 7pm**. Please check out all information for The Year of Mercy on the Diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) which is updated regularly.

**Day of Reflection** - with Fr Chris Thomas - 'Exploring the Scriptures' – to be held at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields on **Sat 23 Jan 2016** from 10.30am-3.30pm. Please bring packed lunch. See *Poster on noticeboard for full details.*

**The Children's Liturgy Group** would love some help. No qualifications necessary. All you need is a DBS disclosure and some willingness to help the session leader. Please see anyone from the group. Next meeting **3 Jan 16** after mass.

**Laura & Alan Hails** would like to thank Fr. Martin for the blessing and gifts they received recently for their golden wedding anniversary, and to the parishioners for their warm congratulations. *'God Bless.'*

## First Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

*The prophet cheers the exiles who returned from Babylon with a vision of a restored city. The prophecy is fulfilled in Christ and in the new Israel, the Church.*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71

*Response:* **All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

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| 1. O God, give your judgement to the king,<br>to a king's son your justice,<br>that he may judge your people in justice<br>and your poor in right judgement.  | 2. In his days justice shall flourish<br>and peace till the moon fails.<br>He shall rule from sea to sea,<br>from the Great River to earth's bounds. |
| 3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts<br>shall pay him tribute.<br>The kings of Sheba and Seba<br>shall bring him gifts<br>Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,<br>all nations shall serve him. | 4. For he shall save the poor when they cry<br>and the needy who are helpless.<br>He will have pity on the weak<br>and save the lives of the poor.   |

## Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

*This reading expresses the theological meaning of today's feast: God invites Jews and Gentiles to share in the salvation brought by Christ.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

*Gentiles came from a far country to pay homage to the Christ-child, while the Jewish leaders rejected him.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

### Question of the week

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

### **How can we best lead others to Christ Jesus?**