

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Year B, 6th & 7th January 2018

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

The Jewish nation was celebrating. These were thrilling times. They had returned from exile and experienced salvation. Then they began to realise this salvation covered the whole world. They saw curious animals and exotic nations all thronging towards Jerusalem. Christ brings salvation not just to us, not only to those who come to our Church, but to the whole world, even the grumpy and the downhearted. Even to those who have not yet found Jesus. The Epiphany was a time when Jesus went public as shown by the visits of the Wise Men from the East. They were the first people outside his sphere to greet him. It is a time of joy for us, one which we can share with others. Spread it abroad or perhaps it is better to just show our happiness to all those we meet. The wise men with their knowledge represent all that is best in worldly values. These come to Jesus and when they find him humbly bow before him. We ask ourselves – what is the best way I can express my joy in Christ's salvation?

Deacon Terry

PARISH NOTICES

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the Repose of the soul of Patricia Mary (Paddy) Gribbon who died on 9th December. Her Requiem Mass will be held at St Edward's Church on Monday, 8th January at 10.30am followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The Parish Monday Club will not be able to meet at the usual time on 8th January because there is a Requiem Mass at St Edward's, but we'll have tea/coffee/cake in the Parish Rooms after Mass and everyone is very welcome.

COMPLINE AT ST EDWARD'S

Following the Christmas break Compline will resume on Thursday, 11th January.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next Church Walk will take place on Monday, 15th January and will be lead by David and Pauline Warren. The walk will commence from the church at 9.30am and follow good footpaths and tracks through Earsdon and Holywell down to the coast. We will return via St Mary's Lighthouse and Whitley Bay Golf Course. Telephone 0191 2515404 for further information.

PARISH MINISTRIES – THANKS

This weekend, we express our thanks for all in the Parish who so generously give themselves in service of their brothers and sisters.

RED BOXES

St Edward's - it is now time for the first quarter of the year for mission boxes to be emptied. The books are now ready in the Narthex for collection. Could all monies, including parishioners who bring their boxes to the church, be returned to Mary Nugent by the end of this month.

IMMACULATE HEART PYX AMNESTY

If anyone has a Pyx which belongs to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church that is not being used regularly could it be returned to the Sacristy please? Could those who do use one regularly please let us know so we can keep track of them. Deirdre James 0191 2513740 deirdrejames40@yahoo.co.uk

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next journey in faith session is being held in the parish rooms at St Edward's at 7.30pm on Thursday, 11th January 2018. Further dates in 2018 will be 25th January, 1st February, 8th February, 1st March, 8th March, 15th March, 22nd March and 5th April.

DATES OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- ST EDWARD'S 6.00pm on Monday, 8th January 2018 in the Parish house
- IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - 10th January 2018

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: BAPTISM, 13TH & 14TH JANUARY 2018

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and their families to continue their journey in preparation for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The second session on 'Baptism' will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 13th January and at St Edward's on Sunday, 14th January. Please keep them and the Catechists in your prayers.

Parking: Please note, because of the additional numbers, parking may be difficult in the church car parks. We suggest therefore, if possible, and as a matter of courtesy and consideration to our elder or infirm parishioners, candidate's families attending mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church park in Sainsbury's car park and those attending mass at St Edward's Church park at the Playhouse.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

Next weekend there will be an appeal on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can.

THANKS

- The Christmas Tombola held at Our Lady's and St Edmund's realised £133.50 for the International Refugee Trust. We offer a big thank you to everyone who helped make this such a great success, especially those helping on the day and beforehand for those that wrapped and made up the surprises - it looked so festive.
- Thank you also to the people who save jars for the jam and marmalade project. We have enough jars at the moment so ask that you recycle them until we need them again.

GIFT AID

The parish have received a refund from the Inland Revenue of £12,791 for the year ended 31st March 2017. Our thanks to all who Gift Aid their contributions. If any tax payer would like to join the scheme please contact Michael Reynolds on 0191 6704364.

CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTIONS

The collections at the Vigil and Day Masses on Christmas Day raised the fantastic sum of **£2,121**. Monsignor Andrew has decided that **£1,000** will be sent to support the Salesians of Don Bosco, Ajjanahalli, India. They run a school and home for poor and abandoned children. The money will be used to help equip their building with either solar lighting or solar panels that can power their whole building, as currently for most of the day they have no power. In addition to the collections, many generous and private donations have also been received over the festive period. Many thanks to all for your generosity.

OTHER NOTICES

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018 – 24th JANUARY, ST PAUL'S CHURCH, WHITLEY BAY

There will be a Unity Service in St Paul's Church, Whitey Bay, at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 24th January. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 6th January	9.30am Audrey Beckwith (LL) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm The Murray & Gallagher Families (TM)	
Sunday 7th January EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	11.00am Steven George Knowles (PK)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 8th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	10.30am Requiem Mass, Patricia Mary Gribbon		
Tuesday 9th January	7.00pm Mary Moss & Mary Young (FJ)	10.00am Desmond Coyle (M&C McA)	
Wednesday 10th January	9.30am Maureen Cairns (AW) 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am June Carroll (LC)	
Thursday 11th January ST AELRED OF RIEVALUX	9.30am Fr Michael Conaty (MS) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Thanksgiving - Mary Howell	
Friday 12th January ST BENET BISCOP	9.30am Alan Conors-Fowler (BCF)	10.00am Margaret Thomson (J&MR)	
Saturday 13th January ST HILARY	9.30am Jack & Rita Donnelly & Kathleen Keeler (M&MQ) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Deceased Memebtrs of The Wilkinson Family (LS)	
Sunday 14th January 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Deceased Members of The Scanlan Family (GR)		9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
14th January, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Fletcher James Johnson

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: John Little, Norma Smith, Tatyana Zynovieva, Norah Blewitt, Maureen Langlands, Judy Ashton and Josie Gilboy. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Margaret Thomson, Robert Chrisp, Patricia Mary Gribbon, Maureen Cairns and Norah Annie McLackland.

Hospital Chaplaincies

North Tyneside General Hospital, Rake Lane, North Shields & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Northumbria Way, Cramlington: Contact Fr Stephen Watson or Fr Lee Barrett on 07768 3873931.

RVI, Freeman and Walkergate Hospitals: Contact Fr Arockia Mariadass Pagyasamy OCD, at St Teresa's, Heaton Road, Newcastle on 0191 265 5290.

Newcastle General Hospital: Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

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Priests' telephone numbers

Monsignor Andrew Faley 0191 2528021, Father Martin Stempczyk 0191 2513770,
Father Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr John McElhone 0191 2632159, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882.
Deacon Terry McGann contact via Parish Office 0191 2527066.

Parish Office opening hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10.00am—12.00noon.

For bulletin entries please contact the Parish Secretary - email parishofficecolss@btconnect.com or telephone 0191 2527066.

Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12.00 noon on Thursdays.

READINGS AT MASS
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, 7TH JANUARY 2018
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

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. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,10-13

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

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

Second reading

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

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 Jesus Christ, through the gospel. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you. Lord Jesus Christ.**

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.