

Newsletter

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The Epiphany of the Lord

8 January 2017

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological.

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Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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Baptism Registration



There will be a Baptism Registration Meeting on Monday,

9 January at 6.00pm in St Mark's annexe.

Families anticipating a baptism this year are strongly advised to register early as dates and places are filling quickly.

With You Always

There will be a meeting for Catechists on Monday, 16 January at 6.30pm in St Mark's Annexe.

The next Sacramental Preparation Family Session is Monday, 30 January 2017. Session times are 4.45pm-5.45pm and 6.00pm-7.00pm in St Andrew's School.

Activities in St Mark's Annexe And Holy Family

In order to update our records, please let the office know if you use the annexe or any room within Holy Family on a regular basis. We require the name of your group, the day and time you require access together with a contact name and number.

Bereavement Group

We are looking at ways of supporting individuals and families with their loss and coping with

grief and are hoping to set up a Bereavement Group which can support members of our Parish community.

If you would like to get involved there will be a meeting in the Parish Office on Tuesday, 17 January at 10.30am to share and explore ideas.

Pilgrimage **Fatima/Santiago de Compostella**

2-7 May 2017

£675 pp half board, sharing plus excursions

Anyone interested should contact Chris Sykes on 01925 245160 or email at

chris.sykes@cursillouk.org

Thank You

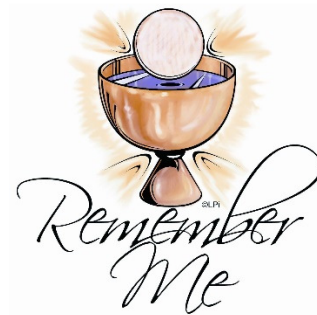
We would like to thank both Kathy Murphy Malpass and Mrs Baxter for their generous donations to the Parish Lourdes Fund.

Also, to the kind parishioner who delivered a plant for display over Christmas. An item of sentimental value was left in the carrier bag which can be collected from the back of church.

Right of Welcome

On Sunday, 8 January the Right of Welcome will take place for Charlotte Alana Low at St Mark's and Austin Thomas Giles at Holy Family.

Holy Communion



Holy Communion is the most sacred part of the Mass for Catholics. If you are not a Catholic but would like to come forward for a blessing, you are most welcome. Please place your hands across your chest.

Faith for Life

Who would benefit from Faith for Life?

- People who are searching and/or looking for ways to deepen their faith.
- Groups who are in the process of forming e.g.

Parish Pastoral Councils and leadership teams.

- People who are already involved at some level in their parish or local community.
- People who are involved in full time or part time ministry.
- People who are considering a change of direction in their life.

The course is open to all denominations and benefits from being ecumenical. The next Faith for Life course will begin in the Archdiocese on the following dates and locations:

Upholland – St Joseph’s Parish,
Crow Orchard Road,
Wrightington, WN6 9PA. 28/29
January, 25/26 March 2017.

Southport – Sacred Heart Parish,
Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, PR8
3BP. 21/22 January, 4/5 March,
13/14 May 2017.

To express an interest or for more information contact Maria Hardacre on 0151 522 1081, email: m.hardacre@rcaol.co.uk or Monica Gannon on 01704 577722

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The Gift

Archbishop Malcolm has invited CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) into the archdiocese to train people involved in faith sharing and evangelisation in the use of their new resource called ‘The Gift’. This is an opportunity to experience an inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith.

The CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) team will lead these two days and Archbishop Malcolm will join on the second day. It is open to priests, catechists, youth workers, chaplains and anyone interested in evangelisation and faith formation. The aim is that those who attend will feel confident in leading the programme themselves.

‘The Gift’ will be held on Saturday, 4 February and 25 February 2017, in Christ the King’s Parish Club, Score Lane, Liverpool, L16 6AW and attendance on both days is essential. To register and for more

information, please contact Sister Moira Meeghan at, 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool, L22 1RD or email; moira@irenaeus.co.uk

Children's Liturgy



As mentioned in our recent safeguarding talk at masses, the Archdiocese recommends that Children's Liturgy is aimed at children of school age upwards. We would therefore advise parents with children under the age of 3 to keep their child/children with them particularly as we are experiencing large numbers as a result of WYA preparation and it becomes a safeguarding risk.

Please feel free though to use the resources at the back of both churches for younger children and return them after mass. Thank you so much for your understanding.

Mass for the Deaf Community

A Mass for the deaf community is held at Christ the King Church,

Queens Drive every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 4.30pm. All welcome.

SVP Foodbank Appeal



The SVP are appealing for non perishable food items to be left at the back of both churches. We are most grateful for your continued support of this important project that helps those in need in our area.

Important Notice Regarding Mass Intentions

Mass intentions submitted to the office will be celebrated at the nearest available date. We currently have a large number of mass intentions outstanding, your continued patience and understanding as we work through this list would be appreciated. In order for us to provide for unexpected life changing moments that need our prayer, events such as funerals, operations and special intentions take priority.

St Mark's Club

Manager: Mrs Emma Harvey,
Telephone 0151 486 4908 opening
times Monday-Friday from
2.00pm, Saturday & Sunday from
12 noon. Regular entertainment on
Sunday evenings, bingo on
Tuesday and Thursdays. Please
note that the Club has a large
function room available for hire for
all family occasions for £55.00
plus returnable security fee. We do
not make a charge for Funeral
Receptions. It is vital for the future
of the Club and for the support of
the work of the Parish, that
parishioners make use of this
excellent facility.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 469.30
Other Envelopes	£ 108.00
Loose GASDS	£ 367.46
Total Offertory	£ 944.76
Standing Orders	£ 265.00
Bonus Ball 32	£ 29.00

Second Collection

The second collection this
weekend is for the Parish Building
Fund. The second collection next
weekend is for SVP.

* School's Prayer *

*St John Vianney, give us strength
so we'll do our best. Help us,
guide us and look after us in work,
fun and rest. Make us patient,
kind and loving and always
willing to try. And let us see for
ourselves that we are unique in
God's love.*

* Parish Prayers *

*"Almighty and merciful God, you
made St John Vianney glorious by
his pastoral zeal and constant
prayer and penance. Through his
intercession may your holy spirit
lead us and guide us as we
endeavour to follow Your Son
Jesus, wherever He leads. Bless
our young people. Bless our sick
and housebound. Bless our family
and friends. Bless those most in
need at this time. Unite us all in
your love. May St John Vianney
help us to hear the voice of Your
Son Jesus when he says: "Be
calm, do not be afraid, it is I". St
John Vianney, pray for us".*

We are asked to pray for Margaret Jenkins, Rita Margaret McKenna and Elsie May Meyler and all those who have died and we also remember to pray for their families.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants

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Headteacher: Sr Brigid Halligan

Question of the Week

Adults: The Magi were strangers from another land. How do you welcome immigrants and strangers in the name of Christ?

Children: What could you do to be like a star and lead someone to know about Jesus?

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Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 7 January Christmas Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Mike Churchill)	
Sunday, 8 January The Epiphany of the Lord	11.00 am – Mass (Neil Hughes Family)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday, 9 January The Baptism of the Lord		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 10 January Weekday First Week in Ordinary Time		12.00 – Funeral Mass for Margaret Jenkins
Wednesday, 11 January Weekday	12.00 – Funeral Mass for Rita Margaret McKenna	
Thursday, 12 January Weekday		12.00 – Funeral Mass for Elsie May Meyler
Friday, 13 January Weekday, St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church		10.00 am – Mass (Mark Boner)
Saturday, 14 January Weekday	5.15 pm - Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 15 January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Matt Talbott)	9.15 am – Mass (Terry Cliff)

Next Week's Readings – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I – Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Reading II – Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel – John 1:29-34