



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – YEAR OF THE WORD

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Mass Times and Intentions for – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 5th January 2020

Saturday 4th January	6.00 pm	Kathleen Keegan (Ann.)	
Sunday 5th January EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Patrick Culliney (B'day Rem.) Fred Maher (3rd Ann.) Mary & Tommy Quinn (50th Ann.)	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Frank Murphy Tony Hurley	Monday After Epiphany
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Julia Linnen (19th Ann.)	Tuesday After Epiphany <u>Adoration HF 10.30am</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Nancy, Mary & D'cd Higgins Family Eileen McGuinnis	Wednesday After Epiphany
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Special Intention NO MASS	Thursday After Epiphany
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Priest's Intention NO MASS	Friday After Epiphany
Saturday 11th January	12.00 pm	Jim Mullen	Saturday After Epiphany
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	Neil Bramfit (3rd Ann.)	
Sunday 12th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Veronica Williamson (Ann.) Annette "Nettie" Lynch Catherine (Rena) Nixon	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturdays 11.00 am – 11.50 am
Also by appointment with
Father Woolley

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

By arrangement with
Father Woolley

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

SJ: £1662.91 HF: £293.46
Thank you for your continued
generosity to the parish.

A Beginner's Guide to Guiding Stars

God reaches out far and wide to announce the birth of his Son. He reaches out to simple shepherds in the fields around Bethlehem, and to great intellects from the East. He reaches out to those of different religions, to politicians and to scientists. The revelation that a saviour has been born is bigger than anybody. The story of the Magi, who followed the star and sidestepped the evil Herod, is tempting in its appeal to romanticise, but if we are to learn anything we have to focus on the nature of God's revelation.

It mightn't feel much as though God is reaching out to us. The stable with its shepherds and kings might seem very far away as we take down our Christmas decorations and recycle our Christmas cards. There's a sense of 'back to normal', and for most of us that means a hum drum cycle of boring jobs and making ends meet. Today's story tells us that it doesn't have to be that way. To follow the star is to make a conscious decision to cut out everything that is unimportant. The rules are simple. We have to make the right choices on a daily basis no matter what the consequences. In the light of poor decisions, we must learn to ask forgiveness and move away from regret. We must find time in a world full of distractions to listen to our inner voice. Most importantly we have to ask God to guide us as he guided the Magi.

Most of us get through life relying on the knowledge we already have. Today's challenge is to look for something new. Knowing where to look for our own guiding star is up to us, but one thing is for sure, if we are not looking for revelation, we will never find it. If we carry on doing the same things we will only get the same results.

Entrance Antiphon : **Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.**

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

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

Communion Antiphon: **We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

Year A

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm 71

Ephesians 3: 2-3.5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

MONDAYS TOGETHER

The next Mondays Together will be this Monday 6th January 2.00pm – 4.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. All welcome to come along with your suggestions for anything you would like to have at these social meetings throughout the rest of the year.

CAFOD FUN RUN

The 36th CAFOD Christmas Run / Walk took place on Friday 27th December at Wavertree Park, Liverpool. The 5km (2.5km) course was walked/run in cold conditions by 22 parishioners/friends – the youngest 3 yrs and the oldest 87 yrs.

Final collection of sponsorship / donations will be made after ALL masses this weekend. Help CAFOD – to help other to help themselves.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place some time in May 2020. Forms are available in the sacristy for anyone wishing to be confirmed next year. The Confirmation Programme will begin in the New Year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

Unfortunately, due to a new policy of the supplier we have had to stop delivery of the Catholic papers. They now want us to order a year in advance and we have to pay for them regardless of whether they are sold or not.

You can order the papers from Groves in Sale.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS SHEETS

The Priests' Prayer Sheets for January are now available at the back of church.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Constance Gabrielle Killen, Poppy Lois Killen and James Michael Manock** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Constance, Poppy and James** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

You don't need to be much of an expert to know that the basis of most world religions are values such as love and kindness and peace by which to live our lives. So if living by a universally agreed set of values is central to all beliefs, how do we find it so difficult to get along? One of the answers seems to be a difficulty in accepting each other's traditions, culture and rituals. We are so comfortable with our own way of doing things and our own traditions that it can be quite an uncomfortable experience to sit in someone else's church with a different group of people doing things in a different way. This month we are asked to step outside our comfort zones and look at what other people believe with fresh eyes. Together we stand a better chance of creating a better world. *Pope Francis asks us to ".... Pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world."*

WELCOME BACK

We welcome our schools back on Monday and hope all staff and children have had a lovely and restful Christmas. We wish them a successful term.

BITESIZE

There is no need to reach high for the stars. They are already within you — just reach deep into yourself!

Terri Guillemets

FISH 'N' CHIP SUPPER

Fish 'N' Chip supper begins at 6.30pm this evening (Sunday) in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

Tickets still available.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Please support *Caritas* by placing your offerings in the basket by the side of the Crib. Thank you.

READERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Readers next Sunday 12th January at 2.30pm in church. Please do your best to attend.

ST. JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

January walk Sunday 19th January

An easy 1 boot, 4.5 mile walk in Tatton Park (wheelchair route also available).

Meet at St Joseph's car park **12.45pm for 1.00pm departure (note early start time)**

See poster in narthex for details

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE

The annual Mass for those celebrating special wedding anniversaries is to be held on Saturday 8th February 2020 at St. Joseph's in Birkenhead. If you have such an occasion next year, and would like an invitation to attend, please let Father Woolley have your details.

HELP WANTED

Have you ever wondered how you might get to Mass as you get older? **Do you attend the 9.00 am Sunday Mass?** If so, would you be willing to assist another parishioner attend Mass too? (from near Marsland Road).

We need 4 or 5 volunteers (or more). This would mean that you would only be required to assist less than a dozen times a year – **a way of putting your faith into action!**

If you are willing to assist please leave your details on the clipboard at the back of Church or pass your details to **Fr Stephen.**

APF – MISSIO

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks.

Last quarter's total was £1566.87.

If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468.

Thank you for your continued support.

REPOSITORY

We still have a few 2020 diaries and calendars. The 2020 Diocesan Yearbooks are also available.

SAINTS CLUB

Would all current members please ensure payments are up to date.

The winners for December are:

- 1st Prize St Irenaeus
- 2nd Prize St Perpetua (Perpetua & Felicity)
- 3rd Prize St Polycarp
- 4th Prize St Wenceslaus
- 5th Prize John the Gardener, Servant of God

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How has an encounter with the Lord led me in a new way? Am I willing to change my route in the future?