

The Jewish shepherds had arrived in Bethlehem having been told by an angel of the birth of our Saviour Jesus and after praising God for this wonderful gift, had returned to their work in nearby fields. The next visitors were the Magi, the three astrologers - Casper, Balthasar, and Melchior - who had been led by a bright star and had probably set out from Arabia, Mesopotamia or Babylon (Modern Irag), these Gentile kings found their way to Jerusalem and alerted Herod of the birth of the Messiah and promised to identify the location to him on their return. Following the star again, they were guided to the stable and found the baby Jesus with his Mother and Father and bowed down and worshipped Him. They presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were warned by angels of Herod's intention and returned to their homeland by another way. Epiphany is about rejoicing and celebrating the revelation of God in human flesh. Like the Magi, we also are seekers on our human journey. Whatever the age, culture, civilization or nation, believers of all denominations are always searching through faith, looking for the truth and seeking God. 'O Jesus, I rejoice in your presence. I adore you as my Lord and my God in the Holy Eucharist. Never let me forget or take for granted the amazing mystery of your real presence in the Eucharist'.

DEACON TERRY

JOURNEY IN FAITH

We are Re-starting our Journey in Faith programme. We want to encourage more people to be inspired to share, explore and develop the faith that the Church professes. Please join us on Monday 14th January for our first session. The topic will be **How do we know God? The Old Testament**. Remember that on the Journey in Faith no-one is an expert and we are all on our own journeys of faith. This is an opportunity to share how we do that and to inspire and help us to practise our faith in our parish life. This Journey in Faith gathering takes place at 7:30 pm in the Parish office. Please come along and join in. Everyone is welcome.

SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Ossie Bishop, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Anne Galvin, Teresa Goddard, John Griffiths, Peter Hayward, Arthur Harding, Maurice Hughes, Stephen Hurley, Bryn and Bridie Howells, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Anna Kennedy, Harold Johnson, Linda Lowe, Sandra Pearson, Anne Jennings, Grace Elizabeth Sharron, Joan Evelyn Rawlings, Sheila Shearon.

RECENT DEAD & ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember in your prayers Maureen Finn and all those who have died recently. Please also remember in your prayers: Irene McNulty, Della King, Ellen Dyer, Anne Forde, Maureen Leighton, Rosario Adamo, Tony Brennan, Peter Bolger, Peter O'Grady, Lawrence, Woods, Raymond Cutler, Philomena Skeen, Robert Koyce, George Flynn, Father Becker, Nellie Tonks, John Toner, Maureen Mann, Nora Cruise, Sylvia Twohey, Mary Brian, Edith Stadniczuk, Francis Gilligan, Violet Atkinson, Steven Chan, May Elizabeth Small, Michael Bergin, John Butler, Joe Brereton, Elaine Sturt, Ivy Heathcock, Carole and Avtar Kola, Miechyslaw Kowalski and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Requiem Mass for Maureen Finn is on Wednesday 16th January at 11:30am followed by Burial at Oscott Cemetery 1:15pm.

The Reception of the Body will be on Tuesday 15th January at 4:30pm.

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTION ENVELOPS

These new Request for Mass Intention Envelops are available from the Church Porch or the Parish Office. When you request a Mass Intention, please fill in one of these forms clearly and give it to the clergy or the Parish Office. Please note that Requiems and unforeseen circumstances can mean the date you requested or booked has to be changed. Where possible, efforts will be made to contact the requested person about the change. Intentions are mostly offered at Holy Name but, if anyone wishes an intention to be offered quickly then please indicate in the form your wish. Those intentions will be sent to mission countries like India to help the missionaries and also to the retired priest. Please also note that no intentions are taken for Christmas Eve or day and Easter Sunday. If you wish to make donations by cheque, please make cheques payable to "Sacred Heart Fathers & Brothers". Many Thanks. Fr. Vincent SCJ 2

This Week 5th January – 13th January (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 5th January Christmas Feria	10:00am Patrick Logan RIP 10:30am - Confessions 12:30pm Gerard O'Sullivan RIP	
Sunday 6th January SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	8:30am Enid Roche RIP 10:30am Helen Byrne RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass. C.A.M.P (Angela Hayes)
Monday 7th January Christmas Feria	11:00am Divine Mercy 11:30am Denise Burns RIP	
Tuesday 8th January Christmas Feria	11:30am (Mass in Church) Ints of John Melia	
Wednesday 9th January Christmas Feria	11:00am Rosary 11:30am Anne, Andrew, Mary Junior and Sean Kelly RIP	
Thursday 10th January Christmas Feria	9:15am Mass at St Mark's School - The Tideswell Family	
Friday 11th January Christmas Feria	9:15am Mass at HN School Ints of Anne and Stuart Sommerville	
Saturday 12th January Christmas Feria	10:00am Andrew Boland RIP 10:30am - Confessions 12:30pm Nell Nonnelly	
Sunday 13th January FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8:30am Ints of Sr Lily 10:30am Delia McMulkin 12:00 Noon Baptism	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass. Scouts (Ann Marie) 8.00pm-9:30pm Bingo in the Parish Centre.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

This Session Prayer takes place at Marist convent in Great Barr on Thursday 10th January 2019 at 2:15pm. For more details please speak to one of the sisters. CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Children's Liturgy group will start again next Sunday. This takes place during 10:30am Mass. Please encourage your children to be part of this group. Many Thanks.

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Loose Money: £567.40 Gift Aid Envelope : £315.02 Mass Attendance Last Sunday: 365

Thank you for supporting our Parish.

PARISH EXERCISE CLASS The class will start on Tuesday 8th and

Thursday 10th January 2019.

OUR PARISH CENTRE

We need your support. For bookings contact Jackie Mooney on 0745 552 6003 or www.holynamepari shcentre.wix.com/ event



Next Sunday's Mass Readings Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11: Ps103; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16,21-22

HOLY NAME PARISH CHOIR

Holy Name Choir needs singers and organists/ musicians of all abilities to help in worshiping Our Lord. We lead the 10:30 Mass and other special occasions such as Easter and Christmas. If you are interested please phone the presbytery 0121 357 1351 and leave your name and number or pop up and see us at the 10:30 Mass. Your help would be very much appreciated.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE

Father Hudson's Care is organising 115 Annual Fundraising Ball on the 26th January 2019 from 7:30pm- 1:00am at National Conference Centre, Solihull B92 0EJ. You are invited to join us for dinner and dancing to raise funds to help Father Hudson's Care Support. Tickets are £40.00 each. For more details please see the poster in the Church Notice Board or contact 01675434059

VOBIS GRATIAS AGO - THANK YOU

I would like to express my gratitude to all parishioners for showing us (Sacred Heart Community) your love, hospitality, kindness, generosity and support during 2018. I would like to say a big Thank You to all those members of different groups of the parish who have helped me in so many different ways during this year. Most importantly, my sincere thanks to all those who helped prepare the Church and Liturgy, especially at Christmas. Also the Sacred Heart Community would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone in our parish community for your Christmas cards, Christmas offering, prayers, presents, support and help. Deacon Terry also shares with us a word of thanksgiving for all the Christmas cards and gifts received. we also thank you for the kind Crib Offerings. This year we are donating this money to the Sacred Heart and Brothers missions in India. Finally, May we wish you a very happy and Peaceful and prosperous New Year 2019. Fr Vincent SCJ

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you wish to make a donation towards the flowers, in remembrance of a loved one, please put donation in an envelope with details, and hand in to the Parish Office.

SENIOR CITIZENS EASTER CELEBRATION

We are planning an Easter celebration for our senior citizens on 13th April but we need some volunteers. Anyone interested in helping can you please call Theresa ASAP on 07847886522.

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