

Epiphany: A Fourfold Feast.

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man. At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles.

The End of Christmastide.

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the Twelve Days of Christmas (celebrated in the song), which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

COLLECT PRAYER

**Almighty ever-living God,
 who, when Christ had been baptized
 in the River Jordan
 and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
 solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
 grant that your children by adoption,
 reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
 may always be well pleasing to you.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.**

Amen



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**Epiphany of the Lord
 (Solemnity)**

**8th - 15th
 January 2017**

Sunday 8.01	10am 11.30am	Holy Souls & Claire Flanagan RIP & Martin RIP & Mary Doherty RIP Malayalam Mass: Annam & Elsie RIP	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3.5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Monday 9.01	12noon	Roddy & Nancy Hynes Ints	Is 42:1-4.7 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17
Tue 10.01	10am	Pius & Bini Weds Anni	Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28
Wed 11.01	6.30pm	Ann & Eddie Bara Ints	Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39
Thu 12.01	10am	Patricia Popple RIP	Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45
Friday 13.01	10am	Tony Doherty RIP & Malcolm Price RIP James Kennedy BDay	Heb 4:1-5.11 Mk 2:1-12
Sat 14.01	10am 12noon	Mathai Myladiath RIP & Phoebe Philip Thanksgiving Memorial Mass: Delaine RIP	Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17
Sunday 15.01	10am 11.30am	Majella Shackelford Ints & Rosie Michael Ints & Seamus Doherty RIP Malayalam Mass: Lissy & Kora Varghese RIP	Is 49:3.5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass
 Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday or whenever required
 Monday to Friday Mass in the Presbytery, Saturday & Sunday in the church**

Feasts of the week: Monday



Second collection next week for Peace Sunday



Next Sunday is PAX CHRISTI - Peace Sunday

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

Envelopes are available for a donation.

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS. Adult Formation Department will be commencing a new BCC course at Holy Trinity Parish Centre in Newark beginning February 4th 2017. The purpose of the course is to support and enable the catechists in the Diocese of Nottingham to pass on the Catholic faith with effectiveness and confidence by providing appropriate training and formation opportunities. The course aims to cover: the essential fundamentals of the faith; basic skills for catechists and also nurtures spiritual formation. This is a twenty-four-hour course divided into twelve sessions followed by a commissioning service. It costs £100 per person and parishes are encouraged to fund the course for their own catechists.

Memorial Service for Delaine Takunda Mukopfa: Mass 12noon Mother of God Church, Greencoat Road, LE3 6NZ on Saturday 14 January 2017. Followed by free tea. Socializing with some music and reflecting on the life of such a brilliant young person. All welcome. RSVP Chris Mukopfa - 07722801274.

The Delaine Takunda Mukopfa Foundation, requests the pleasure of your company at the TDM Spring Dinner Dance and Fundraising Event. On Saturday 11th March from 5pm to midnight at the Holiday Inn Hotel, St. Nicholas Circle, Leicester City Centre, LE1 5LX. Dress: strictly black tie. Cost £40 per person to include 3 course meal. Super music, loads and loafs of fund raising fun. To buy your ticket or any enquiries, please contact Mr Mavelos Madimu on 07702665445 or Mrs Alice Dube on 07525141230.

LACY: Leics Active Catholic Youth are holding a "Skittles Night" for all young people, families and friends on Saturday 21st January 2017 at The Star and Garter Public House, 114 Leicester Road, Wigston, LE18 1DS. It would be great to see many of our young people sharing a Fun Night. Cost: £8.50 per person. Bookings by Friday 13th January. See poster displayed in the Church or e mail mikesevell@btinternet.com or paulinepayne@hotmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

End the Trafficking: Saturday 14 January 2017 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Gooding Avenue LE3 1JS. From 11am - 2pm. Please Book your place with Diane Williams Email formation@nrcdt.org.uk Tel 0115 9539841. (Coffee and cake from 10.45am and light lunch provided at 1.30pm.) This is a free event and all are welcome.

Churches Together in West Leicester. Week of prayers for Christian Unity at St. Anne's Church, Letchworth Road on Sunday January 15th at 4pm. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Bishop Patrick McKinney will celebrate Mass with all African Catholics in Leicestershire at Blessed Sacrament Church Leicester, Gooding Avenue, LE3 1JS on Sunday 22/01/17 at 10am. Lunch provided after Mass in the Parish Hall.

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s). Theme: Discerning God's Call. Dates: 27th - 29th January 2017, at New Cross, London. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Leicester Winter Night Shelter: The night shelter will be hosted by 7 different faith groups, from December to February and volunteers are needed. Sacred Heart parish on Mere Road, Leicester is hosting Tuesday nights and the co-ordinator is Margaret McGrath who can be contacted on 0116 2624645. Website details are www.oneroof.org.uk/our-work/orl/winter-night-shelter.

Rough Sleepers: If you see someone sleeping rough in the cold please inform streetlink.org.uk or call their 24 hour hotline 0300 5000 914.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Nevers. Saturday June 10th - Saturday June 17th 2017. £550 Full board Travel by Luxury coach from Nottingham to Lourdes and Nevers. Price includes bed and breakfast in Saran (near Orleans) on the outbound journey and bed, breakfast & evening meal in Nevers on the return journey, full board in Lourdes and an optional excursion to Gavarnie in the Pyrenees mountains. The Coach will pick passengers up from Nottingham (Cathedral and Holy Spirit, West Bridgford) Derby (Chaddesden) and Leicester (Southbound Services M1 Junction 21). For more information or a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay on 0115 9810320 or jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk

Financial details: Loose Plate £106.88. Envelopes £315.25. Malayalam £259.52. Retired Priests 279.52.. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 1st January £50 Mrs M Bobs (75).

Thought for the week: "To grow, you must be willing to let your present and future be totally unlike your past. Your history is not your destiny." ~ Alan Cohen

Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish.