

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

	<p>Mother of God Greencoat Road LE3 6NZ Leicester</p> <p>☎(0116) 287 5232 ✉mogparish@gmail.com www.motherofgodleicester.co.uk</p> <p>NRCDT- Registered Charity</p>	<p>Parish Priest: Fr. Gabriel Offor</p> <p>Parish Deacon: Joseph Sebastian</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Our Schools:</p> <p>Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 www.ctk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/</p>		



Epiphany of the Lord

*7th – 14th
January 2018*

Sunday 7.01	10am 11.30am	Claire Flanagan RIP Mrs Nora Freyne	Isaiah 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mat 2:1-12
Monday 8.01	10am	Gordon Price RIP	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mark 1:7-11
Tue 9.01	10am	Patrick O'Connor RIP	1 Samuel 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28
Wed 10.01	6.30pm	Kenny & Walsh Families	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Mark 1:29-39
Thu 11.01	10am	Rose Kennedy's Intentions	1 Samuel 4:1-11 Mark 1:40-45
Friday 12.01	10am	Tom Reape RIP	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22 Mark 2:1-12
Sat 13.01	10am	Phoebe Philip - Thanksgiving	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Mark 2:13-17
Sunday 14.01	10am 11.30am	M. M. Mathai RIP Brendon Burke's Int.	1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 John 1:35-42

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday, or whenever required.**

Feasts of the week: Monday



NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd Collection for Sick and Retired Priests Fund

Dates for your diary:

23rd Jan - CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

26th Jan - Fr Gabriel's induction mass at 7.00pm.

Healing Service at the Rosmini Centre on Friday 12 January 2018 led by Fr Ted Mullen. Mass at 7.00 pm followed by Adoration and prayers for healing.

Memorial Mass for Delaine Takunda Mukopfa. On Saturday 13 January 2018 at 12 noon at St Patricks Church Catholic Church, 100 Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester LE4 2BD. Please join us for mass in remembrance of a talented young person. The Foundation will also be issuing grants to young people (to successful applicants). If any young people up to 18 years old would like to benefit, please send your application to Fr. Martin Hardy at St Patrick's Church. Free refreshments after Mass, compliments of DTM Active Foundation Trust.

GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE from the Delaine Takunda Mukopfa (DTM) Active Foundation (Reg Charity no. 1169837): A young man Delaine Takunda Mukopfa tragically taken away on 10th January 2015 aged just 10 years. In recognition of this inspirational young man the family and well-wishers established the Delaine Takunda Mukopfa Foundation to carry out these objectives: *"To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society."* Interested young people may apply for funding support from: Fr Martin Hardy, Chair, DTM Foundation, 100 Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester LE4 2BD. Text, phone or send a WhatsApp message to 07944536597; 07710575815; 07722801274 as soon as possible.

Marriage preparation Courses for engaged couples to be held on four Saturdays at St Patrick's church hall, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester LE4 2BD on the following dates: 10th March, 2018 - 21st April, 2018 - 7th July, 2018 and 15th September, 2018. If you are interested, please see Fr. Gabriel and ask for a booking form.

Pilgrimage to Lisieux- April 9th - 12th 2018. Full Board £300 sharing. £320 single room with En Suite facilities. Travel by Coach and and Ferry. Follow in the footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux. Guided tour of the museum also included. Full guided pilgrimage by a Guide from the Pilgrim Centre in Lisieux. For more information & a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or on 07853068189. Also a Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Nevers in June. If you would like to find out more, contact Fr John McCay on 0115 981 0320 Email jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk See details in church porch.

VACANCY: "St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Stamford: has a vacancy for a permanent full-time head teacher commencing 1 September 2018. Full details are available from EPM, the school's HR providers, at headship@EPM.co.uk. Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Mrs Sue Bray, School Business Manager, on 01780 762094. The closing date for applications is noon Monday 22nd January 2018 with interviews being held on Friday 26th January."

Parish Hall Bookings. For any enquiries on how to book the Hall, please contact 07527829413 or email moghallbooking@gmail.com

Inspire Younger Generations: Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly in a local school or help with a Confirmation preparation session in church? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will relish the time you spend discussing issues of global justice with children and young people. For more information contact your local CAFOD volunteer centre or www.cafod.org.uk

Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish. If you know of anyone who would like a visit from Father Gabriel, please let him know.

Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. Thank you.

Financial details: Loose Plate £104.36. Envelopes £165.25. Donations £200. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 31 December £100 E Waldron (85). £50 J Campbell (159). £25 J Dhonau (139), Miss E Letts (71).

Thought for the week: "No matter how far you have gone down the wrong road, it is never too late to turn around and start a new journey on the right road." ~ **Author Unknown**

Pope Francis January 2018 Intentions: Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.



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 in the porch for your donations.