

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfilment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.



The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the *Magnificat* at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honour Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (*Ceremonial of Bishops*). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts.

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

5th -12th January 2020

Sunday 5.01	10.30am 4pm	Bridget Nugent RIP St Stephen Ward Alphonsa & Soji Thanksgiving Antony Matthew Thanksgiving	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12
Monday 6.01		No Mass	
Tue 7.01	10am	People of the Parish	1 John 3:22-4:6 Matt 4:12-17,23-25
Wed 8.01		No Service	
Thu 9.01		No Service	
Friday 10.01		No Service	
Sat 11.01		No Service	
Sunday 12.01	10.30am 4pm	Claire Flanagan RIP (Birthday) Phoebe Philip THanksgiving	Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

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



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 George, please let him know.

	<p>Congratulations to Mrs Isabelle Richardson who celebrated her 92nd birthday last Tuesday, 31st December. Best wishes and love from all the parish.</p>	
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YEAR OF THE WORD - Bishop Patrick writes on the Year of the Word 2020: I would encourage you to engage generously in this 'Year of the Word' initiative of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales in partnership with Bible Society. The 3 themes of; Celebrating God's Word (Encounter), Living God's Word (Discipleship) and Sharing God's Word (Missionary Disciple- ship) weave beautifully and easily into our own 3 Diocesan themes. So may it be a blessed year for our diocese!

Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY) will be having their next Working Group meeting this coming Wednesday, 8th January 2020, at Our Lady of Victories, 1 Fairfield Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9QQ. The meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m. and will finish at 9.00 p.m. A warm invitation is extended to all who are interested in sharing time with our young people, sharing Faith and Fun. A number of celebrations are to take place in 2020 but you might be able to come up with new ideas! Help us to celebrate our Faith through the different liturgies and to energise our young people with this in today's world. We look forward to seeing you! More information if required from paulinepayne@hotmail.com.

Rosmini Centre: Saturday 11th January 3-4.30 pm St. John Henry Newman "Lead kindly light" Newman's conversion, presented by Rev. Bill Myers.

Delaine Takunda Mukopfa (DTM) - Memorial Mass at 11am on 11/01/2020 at Mother of God Church, followed by refreshments in the hall Courtesy of DTM Foundation. All invited. RSVP - Chris Mukopfa - 07722801274

Year of the Word: Day of Prayer

The Nottingham Diocesan Spirituality Network is holding a day of prayer at St Peter's Church, Hinckley, LE10 1LW on Saturday 18th January entitled: Encounter Jesus and be Missionary Disciples through St Matthew's Gospel beginning at 10 am with arrivals from 9.30 and finishing at 3 pm with Liturgy. Refreshments provided, please bring a packed lunch. All Welcome. **See poster in church porch.**

Year of The Word: National Scripture Tour

The Tour arrives in the Diocese of Nottingham on Saturday 22nd February 2020 at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Newark NG24 4AU between 10 am and 4.30 pm. Pete Codling, the artist for the year, will be showcasing his artwork so please do try and pop in during these times and take a look. Other Scripture tents to inspire us are; Mary and the Word, Seeing the Word, Exploring the Word, Sharing The Word, Living The Word. All Welcome, plus, there will be a family competition to enter on the day. **See poster in church porch.**

Nottingham Diocesan Year Book on sale now @ £3.50.

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.**

PILGRIMAGES	<p>Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers by Coach June 13th - 20th 2020. (Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). The cost is £595 per person. This price includes Coach and Ferry travel, overnight stay with Bed and Breakfast at the Welcome Break hotel in Orleans on the way out, full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes, half board at the Kyriad Hotel in Nevers on the way back. In addition to this there's an optional excursion to Gavarnie, a Ski Resort in the Pyrenees. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 9810320.</p> <p>Parish Pilgrimage to Lisieux by Coach March 2nd - 5th 2020. Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). The cost of the Pilgrimage is £345. We will begin our Pilgrimage with a Guided visit to the Cathedral in Lisieux and then to the Basilica dedicated to St. Therese, to the house where she grew up and to the Carmel where she lived and died. In addition to this there'll be an optional excursion to Hon Fleur. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 9810320.</p>
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300 Club: 29th December £100 L Murphy (258). £50 Mr J O'Donoghue (63). £25 B Preston (255), D'Avery (194).

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**

Matthew's Gospel—a sample is in each parish. A suggestion is that all parishioners have a copy of this gospel book. It's a handy size to keep in your pocket or handbag and to get out at any time. It's also a great opportunity for people to create a relationship with Jesus through scriptures written by St Matthew and to encourage further reading of the bible. Why not order some for your parish—bought in bulk it costs £1.20 per copy! Biblesocietymatthewsgospelcatholic.com.

Pope Francis January Intentions: Promotion of World Peace.

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

	<p>~ Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall. Please join us!</p>
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