

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1:** Page 115: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6;

Matthew 2:1-12

**Next Week: The Baptism of the Lord:** Page: 118: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17



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### Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on [www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

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### Dear Friends

I guess it could be argued that I have had a blessed life, for example, I've never lived in a war zone, I've never experienced hunger or poverty. I have a loving wife and two children, BUT I do sometimes think that if I have one regret in my life it is that I haven't travelled as much as I would have liked. Sometimes in my life there seems to be a cultural experience that I think "wouldn't it be great if I could experience this or if I could visit that." For some reason I would love to visit Antarctica and I really don't know why. Who knows? Perhaps one day I will be able to do so.

Another "journey experience" that I don't feel so excluded from is astrology although I realise that there are many in our society (not in our church I hope), who do value horoscopes or even consult mediums who claim to be able to contact their deceased loved ones.

The Magi that we have heard about in today's Gospel were perhaps both travellers and astrologers. But more importantly than that in coming to visit the infant Jesus, they illustrated to us that our Father in Heaven had revealed to us his infant Son as the Messiah, and in doing so he revealed to us that the Messiah was there for everyone not just the Israelites that were so often favoured in the Old Testament.

The Magi came as gentiles, and were of course from the East and therefore would not have been Israelites. The gifts that they brought, Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh (two of which - Gold and Frankincense - had been prophesied in Isaiah). Why did they bring these gifts? Gold to illustrate that Jesus was a King (A true king, not like Herod who was only King because the Romans said he could be king) They brought Frankincense to illustrate that Jesus was divine (re-enforcing the Christmas Day narratives of Jesus' humanity and divinity) and they brought Myrrh (please remember that in biblical times Myrrh was used to embalm the dead) so in giving Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, God was revealing to us through these gifts that the Magi had brought, that Jesus was both fully human and at the same time fully divine and that the death of Christ was inevitable.

Twelve days ago on Christmas Day (I hope that those of us who are no longer children would agree) that Christmas Day was more about what we give as opposed to what we get. Today, the Feast of the Epiphany is about what we get and not what we give.

Whilst it could be argued that a possible visit by myself to Antarctica at some point in the future would undoubtedly bring some temporary happiness to my life, that happiness would be insignificant when compared to the eternal happiness that can only be given to us by God. Those gifts given to our Lord Jesus Christ by the Magi in the Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh represent the humanity and divinity of Christ but also the gift of salvation and the gift of eternal life.

Have a blessed week,

**Deacon Colin**

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

A warm welcome to Beaux Joy De Rees-Spenceleley who was baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to her family.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

We meet on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Classes will resume on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January** at 4.30pm followed by 6pm Mass

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes resume on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January** at 10am.

### ENROLMENT FOR THE SECOND CONFIRMATION GROUP

Registration Forms are available in the porch for the Second Group of Candidates. Please complete and bring your form to the Church on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January** or **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** between **4.30-6.30pm** to meet with Jordan. Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate if you were not baptised at St Lawrence's. Classes will start on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 10am** in the Presbytery.

## PARISH NOTICES

### UCM

The UCM will re-start on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.30pm. this will be the beginning of the New Year 2020. We all look forward to seeing one another again after the Christmas break. A happy New Year to you all.

### SENIOR CITIZEN'S PARTY

The Parish Annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" party will take place on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January** from 12noon to 4pm. 60 places only. Please put your name down **once only** on the lists in the porch if you would like to come or if you can help. Details from Philomena Franklin.

### RECEPTION SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available to see families applying for admission to Reception Class on **January – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-10.30am**. To book an appointment please put your name on the list in the Church porch. There are a maximum of 20 appointment slots. On the day of your appointment please come with your child and wait in Church. Make sure you bring your child's Baptism Certificate and your Certificate of Catholic Practice

### STAMP COLLECTING

Caritas Deaf Service collects old stamps to send to Macmillan Cancer Care. If you are able to collect your stamps over the festive period and drop them into Box in the porch marked **Stamps for Caritas** by **12<sup>th</sup> January**, these will be given to Joseph our local Caritas Development worker. Please cut around the stamps leaving a border of about 1cm.

### ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE MORNING

Helen Hurley will be travelling to Zimbabwe and will be holding a Coffee morning to raise funds for the Zimbabwean orphans. This will be on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Offers of help and donations of cakes would be most welcome.

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES STATUE IN THE PORCH

Please **DO NOT** leave lit candles or votive candles or flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes statue in the porch. The candles are a fire hazard especially with all the paper around.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** at 6.30pm.

## HELP WITH REMOVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREE, CRIB AND DECORATIONS

We are appealing for help to remove the decorations, crib and tree the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January. The Christmas Tree will be collected by the Council on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January so needs to be out by the entrance to Church grounds on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Katherine Soares RIP, Eugenie Sellors RIP, James Swinney RIP, Philomena Griffin RIP and Anthony Murphy RIP** who have died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them. May they rest in peace.

**JAMES SWINNEY RIP** – His Requiem will take place here on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** at 10.50am

**PHILOMENA GRIFFIN RIP** – Her Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** at 1.00pm.

**ANTHONY MURPHY RIP**. His Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January** at 2.00pm

**EUGENIE SELLORS RIP** – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** at 12noon.

Katherine Soares' funeral took place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Cristiano Do Rego (Intention) Baptism of Beaux Joy De Rees-Spenceleley Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 5	09.00  11.00 13.00 18.00	Noble & Refinha in Thanksgiving – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary Thomas Harrison RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Edith & Patrick Maple in Thanksgiving 63 <sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Mon 6	09.30 10.50 18.00	Derrick Juriansz REQUIEM MASS – JAMES SWINNEY RIP Mass in Ukrainian for Feast of the Epiphany
Tues 7	09.30	Jacinto & Francisca Do Rosario RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 8	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thurs 9	09.30 18.00	Kathleen Fahy RIP Sacred Heart of Jesus devotions
Fri 10	09.30	Nguyen Family in Thanksgiving
Sat 11	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Maria Webb and Family in Thanksgiving Sacrament of Reconciliation Steve Walsh RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 12	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Desmond & Ruth Quinn RIP Trevor Clarke (Get Well) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian People of the Parish People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Jacinto & Francisca Do Rosario RIP		

### Thank you for your generosity in collections in the last few weeks:

**21-22 December:** Envelopes £776.97 Loose £1,078.69  
Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £2,624.66**

**CHRISTMAS: Total £4,986.50.**

**27-28 December:** Envelopes £518.80 Loose £1,024.97  
Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £2,312.77**

**Flowers for Christmas: £320.00**