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The Epiphany of the Lord

6th/7th January 2018

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Page 115: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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Next Week: Second Sunday of the Year: Page: 127; 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42



The Feast of the Epiphany shows us the colourful exotic figures in the crib, and their gifts, introducing the Eastern visitors into the Christmas story. So what does the story tell us about Jesus and our faith in him?

1. That Jesus is the one who is awaited by all the nations
2. That God has sent us His Son Jesus and today we rejoice that this mystery of God-is-with us, is not something that is confined to a select few, but is for all humanity.
3. That Jesus and his Gospel is seen as the fulfilment of human longings and our search for the truth.

May we today encounter Jesus as the Wise Men did. May the light of Jesus guide us as we return to work or school or college. May we carry the light with us and like the Wise Men, return to our everyday lives 'by a different way'.

FR. JOHN

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THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your greetings and gifts this Christmas, and to everyone who has given so much to our parish community these last few weeks; our choirs and organist, Readers, Altar Servers, Ministers of Holy Communion, flower arrangers, cleaners, those who wash the altar linens and albs, Welcomers, sacristans, Lisa and her team for the Advent workshop, Lodge Brothers for the Christmas Tree, and all those who have helped to make this season so special. Equal thanks must go to those who serve our parish so well throughout the year; to Florie in the Parish Office, Bridget for all her work with our children, young people and adults, Fr Gerry, Sisters Katherine, Mary and Nora; Margaret and Sharyn our housekeepers; our catechists, Sunday School teachers, Children's Liturgy leaders, youth club leaders, our Finance Committee, collectors and money counters, prayer group and faith sharing groups, our UCM and over 50's Club, Mother and Toddlers group, Knight of St Columba, our Missio, CAFOD and LIFE groups. Not forgetting the work of St Lawrence's School Staff, Governors and Friends of St Lawrence's.

I would also like to thank Fr Frans Azzopardi, Fr Aloysius Beebwa and Fr Michael Chima for supplying whilst I was away. *Fr John*

Fr Gerry, Sr Katherine, Sr Mary, Sr Nora, Bridget and Florie wish to thank you all for your Christmas greetings and most generous gifts.

SACRAMENTS

WALK WITH JESUS

The Tuesday Group begins again on **Tuesday 9th January at 4.30pm** in the Parish Centre.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The programme continues on **Wednesday 10th January at 7.15pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2018

We have a small number of places left on our Confirmation Preparation Course. If you would like register for the course candidates should see Bridget at any of the weekend Masses on the 6th, 7th, 20th or 21st January to register.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be a Baptism Preparation Course on **Saturday 3rd February** from 1.30 to 3.30pm in the Parish Centre for all those who are expecting their first child and for parents who have a child that needs baptism.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 8th January** at 7.30pm for the beginning of our new term. We hope members who were unable to attend during last term will be able to start the New Year afresh.

PRAYER GROUP

The St Lawrence's Prayer Group will convene on **Thursday 11th January 2018** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery Prayer Room. New members welcome.

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY

We welcome members of the Ukrainian community who will be having a Mass on **Sunday 14th January** at 3pm.

LINE DANCING

The Line Dancing starts again on **Monday 15th January** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Sessions are £4.00 per person.

POLISH COMMUNITY

On **20th January** the Polish will be celebrating their Confirmation and also the 5th Anniversary of celebrating Mass at St Lawrence's. On **Sunday 21 January** the Polish Community will be having a concert from 1-4pm in Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2018

Fr John will be available to see families on **Tuesday 9th January from 3.45pm to 5.30pm.** To make an appointment to see him please put your name on one of the lists on the noticeboard in the Church porch. Make sure you bring your child with you for the appointment, along with their Baptism Certificate and the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

There will be a service for Christian Unity at St Dunstan's on **Sunday 21st January** at 4pm. All welcome to attend.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

There will be a collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (White Flower Appeal) at the end of all Masses on **20th/21st January.**

UNWANTED GIFTS?

I hope you got lots of nice gifts for Christmas. However, if you have got gifts you would like to re-gift please bring them to the Parish Office and we can use them at future fundraising events in the parish.

REST IN PEACE

VITTORIO CERULLO RIP

We pray for the soul of **Vittorio Cerullo RIP** who died recently. His funeral will take place here on **Friday 12th January at 10am.** Please note that this will be the only Mass in Church that day. Please also keep in your prayers his family and all who mourn him.

CHRISTOPHER (CHRISTIE) BLANCHFIELD RIP

We pray for the repose of **Christopher (Christie) Blanchfield RIP**, uncle of Theresa Power, who died recently. Please pray for the repose of his soul and also keep in your prayers Theresa and all the family who mourn him. Funeral arrangements will be announced shortly.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

30-31 December: Envelopes £875.41; Loose: £1,002.07

Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £2,544.48**

Crib Appeal to Date: £420.12

Parish Centre – December £2,605.17 (includes Standing Orders, Bricks, donations)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Derrick Juriansz RIP (Anniversary) Sacrament of Reconciliation Steve Walsh RIP
Sun 7 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Joe & Francisca Do Rosario RIP (Anniversary) Patrick & Edith Maple in Thanksgiving – 61 st Wedding Anniversary Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Mon 8 th	09.30	Mary Smith and Family (Intentions)
Tues 9 th	09.30	Gerry Twomey (Intentions) Readings: Weekday Lectionary Year 2 Wk1
Wed 10 th	09.30	Lucy Murphy (Get Well)
Thurs 11 th	09.30	Sr Mary Jo Brennan RIP and Sr Mary Emmanuel Hanningan RIP
Fri 12 th	10.00	FUNERAL MASS – VITTORIO CERULLO RIP
Sat 13 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Eileen Carroll RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 14 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Monty Carmelina Braganza, Joao Emiterio Do Rego and Domingos Do Rego RIP Preston Family (Intentions) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Jose Manuel Capelo in Thanksgiving
Sanctuary Lamp: The Wilson Family in Thanksgiving		

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 and 5pm