



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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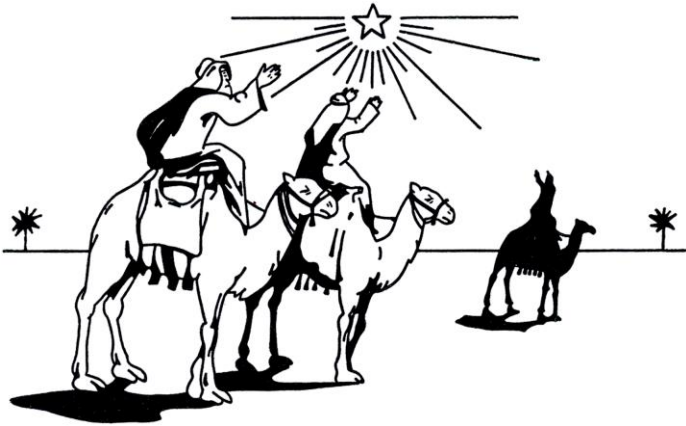
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Saturday 5th/Sunday 6th January 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord



THE WISE MEN came searching for Jesus. They found Him, worshipped Him and offered Him gifts.

At the Epiphany, Jesus was revealed as the Saviour, not of a few people or a select group but of all people. The Epiphany broke down the age old barrier between Jews and Gentiles. The Epiphany is a beautiful feast because it brings all peoples together. It also challenges us to open our hearts to other people. Jesus no longer needs our gifts but other people may. He wants us to share ourselves with one another. Talking across the fences is important.

As Christians we are called to be agents of a love that can bridge divisions and heal wounds. As a Church and a people we ought to be a place and people where all barriers fall down so that we can share our love of Jesus with everyone.

"God our Father, You are the light of every faithful soul. Fill the world with Your glory and reveal to all people the splendour of Your presence."

A NEW YEAR BLESSING

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out His blessing in abundance and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

Amen.

May He give you integrity in the faith, endurance in hope and perseverance in charity, with holy patience to the end.

Amen.

May He order your days and your deeds in His peace, grant your prayers in this and in every place and lead you happily to eternal life.

Amen.

And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 7th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 8th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Wednesday 9th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Thursday 10th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Friday 11th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Saturday 12th

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - The Parishioners

Sunday 13th

10.00 a.m. Mass - Frank Rogerson

CAFOD
Just one world

THE STALL, with a selection of Fair Trade goods, will be at the back of church after both the Masses next weekend. Tea and Coffee will also be served after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.

The **"DID YOU KNOW"** column will return shortly.

A REMINDER

- There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday morning 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon.
- The church is open for private prayer from 8.00 a.m. until dusk.
- Please remember to bring in food for the Foxton Centre and clothes/bedding for the Rwanda Charity shop. There are boxes at the back of church and in the church porch.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Hughie Gaile, Chris Wilson, Rigby Family, Topping Family, Joe Holmes, Cecilia & Patrick and Marie & Richard Singleton.

MASS ATTENDANCES

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday 22nd December 6.30 p.m. 85
 Sunday 23rd December 10.00 a.m. 165

Christmas 24th/25th December

6.30 p.m. 300 Midnight 93 10.00 a.m. 132

Holy Family

Saturday 29th December 6.30 p.m. 76
 Sunday 30th December 10.00 a.m. 112

LANCASTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The pilgrimage this year runs from Friday 26th July to Friday 2nd August. The Lourdes Group will fully sponsor two sick pilgrims and one young person and will give two helpers £400 each towards their fares. If you would like a chance of sponsorship, please write your name and contact number in the relevant category on the list at the back of church. This year's Lourdes Prize Bingo will be held on Wednesday 30th January in St. Gregory's Social Centre, 7:00 p.m. for a 7:30.p.m. start. There will be a raffle and a hot-pot supper. Donations of prizes will be greatly appreciated. These can be brought to church or given to Fr. Ted, Deacon Jim or a member of the Lourdes Group.



YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

For Francis Burns, Sam Dowd, Pam Raggett, Betty Whiteside, Eric Grimes, Jackie Lyons, Maureen Hetko, Maria Butterworth, Fred Griffiths, Bernadette

Benson, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Rainie Tallon, Hughie Gaile, Joan Muir, Susan Lavelle, Mary Gallagher, Fiona Turnbull, Teresa Flanagan, May Eccles, Marian Roberts, Jim Durnian, Mary Randall and for all who are sick.

For the housebound and those in hospital.

For carers and all who are anxious for the health of their loved ones.

For the relief, comfort and solace of all refugees and the homeless.

For missionaries and for all victims of strife and terrorism.

For peace in all the troubled areas of our world.

For our clergy and all our parishioners.

Our Lady, our Mother, comfort of the afflicted, pray for them.

For all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



COLLECTION 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (including Buildings' Fund):	£713.00
CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:	£1733.00
COLLECTION HOLY FAMILY (including Buildings' Fund):	£495.50
CRIB COLLECTION (for School)	£424.53
SPECIAL COLLECTION 24TH DECEMBER - Lourdes Group	£66.00
SPECIAL COLLECTION 31ST DECEMBER - CAFOD	£53.44
PARISH BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE =	£11,285.76

Sincere Thanks for a donation of £100.00 towards the Christmas Flowers

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	John 3 v 22 to 4 v 6	Matthew 4 vv 12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	John 4 vv 7-10	Mark 6 vv 34-44
Wednesday	John 4 vv 11-18	Mark 6 vv 45-52
Thursday	John 4 v 19 to 5 v 4	Luke 4 vv 14-22
Friday	John 5 vv 5-13	Luke 5 vv 12-16
Saturday	John 5 vv 14-21	John 3 vv 22-30
	Sunday - Baptism of the Lord	
	Isaiah 42 vv 1-4, 6-7	Acts 10 vv 34-38
	Luke 3 vv 15-16, 21-22	

PARISH CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW

1 st	£50.00 Cash	Douglas
2 nd	Food Hamper	Marek
3 rd	Glenfiddich, Shortbread	Marian Vaughn
4 th	Bayliss/Harding, Chocolates	Joan
5 th	Bottle Set, Wine	Willow
6 th	Clock, Quality Street, Mug Set	Sharon Platt
7 th	Smellies, Hankies, Biscuits	Cynthia
8 th	Christmas Mugs, Chocolates	Jackson
9 th	Bayliss/Harding, Tea Towels, Biscuits	Vera Eaves
10 th	Tea Light Holder, Scarf, Quality Street	Mary Hammond
11 th	Clock, Bracelet, Chocolate Orange	Vera Eaves
12 th	Smellies, Embroidery, Bracelet	Sheila Allen
13 th	Jewellery Box, Bracelet, Xmas Dishes	Christine Hills
14 th	Belgian Chocolates, Pill Box, Candle	Maureen
15 th	Whisky, jigsaw, Candle	Mary Hammond
16 th	Shoe Cleaning, Biscuits, Vase	Marian Cross
17 th	Storage Jars, Celebrations, Candle	Natalie Bancroft
18 th	Sangria, Note Book, Ornaments	Marian
19 th	Smellies, ½ Whisky, Xmas Set	Margaret Nuttall
20 th	Next Passion, Toy, Sweets	Jim O'Donnell
21 st	Wine, Bracelet, Sweets, Smellies	Teresa
22 nd	Wine, Xmas Set, Bracelet	Agnes Jordan
23 rd	Wine, Calendar, Smellies	Christine Hills
24 th	Crib, Sweets, Candle	Marek
25 th	Picture, Cake, Wine	Joe Bamber
26 th	Fruit Salad Wine, Fragile Gift	Swan

The Raffle raised £602.50 for the Parish Buildings' Fund



ST. GREGORY'S '300' CLUB PARISH DRAW

The next draw will take place in church after the 10.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday 13th January. Tea and Coffee is available and there are Fairtrade goods on the CAFOD stall so why not linger for a while, have a drink, socialise and, who knows, you may hear your name drawn out as a winner! New members are always welcome.

