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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR B



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| Saturday | 6th | 5.00 pm | | Loyola Edirisinghe BD RIP |
| Sunday | 7th | 9.00 am | | Catherine O'Callaghan RIP |
| | | 11.00am | | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 8th | 9.30am&7:30pm | Baptism of The Lord | |
| Tuesday | 9th | 9.30 am | Feria | Goji Joseph's Family |
| Wednesday | 10th | 9.30 am | Feria | Holy Souls |
| Friday | 12th | 9:00 am | Benediction & Mass | |
| 2nd Second Ord Time Year B | | | | |
| Saturday | 13th | 5.00 pm | | |
| Sunday | 14th | 9 & 11.00 am | | |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment | | | | |

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially, Margaret Watson, Patricia Reilly, Mariessa McDonagh, Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Andrew Cash, Mary Maray, Benedict Clifford De Silver, Alexander Nicolaidis, Thomas Kilcommons and Rosalinda Zanre and those whose anniversaries, including Victoria Wos, occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 In those days the Messiah will reveal his glory to all the nations

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Christ is here to save all people, without racial distinction

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi's visit shows the light of Christ for all the nations

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- A gift brought by the Magi

The gifts brought by the Magi call to mind a universalist text in Isaiah: "A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord." (Is 60:6) It was concluded from this text as well that the mode of transport of the magi was camels, although Matt supplies no such detail.

The Magi themselves, symbolising the Gentiles, are an echo in Psalm 72: "May the kings of Tarshish and the islands render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. May all kings fall down before him..." From this reference, it was deducing that the magi were kings. Eventually they were given names – Balthasar, Melchior and Gaspar.

MARY'S MEALS APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we will be hearing about a charity St Pauls has supported over the years – Mary's Meals. The charity began 22 years ago in Scotland and has feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest communities. Relying heavily on volunteers it means costs can be kept remarkably low. Your help – in prayer, by volunteering and making a donation – is vital to it reaching the next hungry child. Please support Mary's Meals next weekend.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD MASSES AT THE PARISH

We will celebrate Baptism of the Lord on Monday January 8, 2024. There will be two Masses: **9:30am** in the morning and **7:30pm** in the evening. This marks the end of the Christmas season so, you are all welcome to take part.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Our Crib Offerings will be donated, as usual, to The Catholic Children's Society (CCS). They will be used to support local children and families in need. The Society is helping families in crisis who are struggling to put food on their table, keep warm and provide a safe home for their children. You can donate at the Crib, or via the CCS website www.cathchild.org.uk/crib

SAFEGUARDING; Achieving a culture of safeguarding in our Parish

To help create a safe space and build a culture of safeguarding, I would like to remind parishioners that, the parish has a Safeguarding representative in the person of Trevor Mills. Contact Trevor on 07954438606/cheshuntsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk. www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk. www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding. The diocesan safeguarding coordinator can be contacted on: 02077989350.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School admissions for a primary, junior or middle school place is open until 15 January 2024. If you would like to apply for a place at St Paul's Catholic Primary School, all you need to do is: make a new in year application via Hertfordshire admissions and complete a Supplementary Information Form which is available on the school website. If you would like to view St Paul's or have any questions, please contact admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk and we will be happy to help.

SUPPORT SVP

"The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of thermal socks, face flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support."

KNOCK PILGRIMAGES

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN JOBS

Are you looking for job opportunities? Westminster Diocese has some opportunities for you. For a list of current vacancies and further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

BROXBOURNE FOOD BANK

We will continue to support the Broxbourne Food Bank. Food donations can be put in the container near the altar. Money donations can be made via BACS to Broxbourne Foodbank, Lloyds Bank, sort code 77-05-13 Account Number 15360568

APPRECIATION

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish. **A personal thank you to you all for your cards and gifts and all the Christmas presents. God bless you. Merry Christmas!**

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