



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST MARY & ST ANDREW

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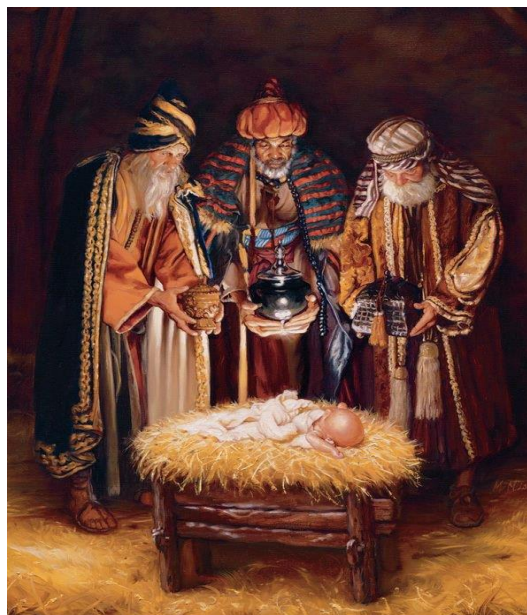
Luisa Rayworth - Parish Secretary

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	David Dinneen, the Crowe & O'Brien families RIP
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Pat McCarthy RIP
	10.30am	John Clarke RIP
	12noon	Calogero Vullo & the Vullo family 'A'
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	John Clarke RIP
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Catherine Sullivan 'A'
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mary Ann Murphy INT'
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	No service
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	No service
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Ediri Udoh Birthday INT'
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Packie Joe, Kathleen & Denis Healy 'A'
	10.30am	Floriano & Rita Carvalho 'A'
	12noon	Tommy Douthant RIP



*"We saw his star and have come to do the king homage"  
Matthew 2: 1-12*

**AVAILABILITY** - If you would like to see Fr Michael without having first made an appointment, he will next be available on **Monday between 5pm- 6pm**

**The Epiphany** is the feast of the catholicity of the Church. This means that the Church is for everyone, in all places and at all times. The opposite of catholic is exclusive. But the Church is not exclusive; it's all embracing and catholic. We don't stand like nightclub bouncers at our Church entrances, deciding on who should be let in and who should be excluded. We stand there to welcome in anyone of any race, colour or creed who wants to know more about Jesus Christ, the God who became one of us. And so the wise men entered the stable at Bethlehem at the end of their star-led journey to find this new king and to pay him homage. The Magi from the East show that Christ's message was not just for the neighbours, but for everyone. Epiphany is Christ's manifestation to the whole world, far and wide. You and I are called on today to be both stars and wise men. It was a star that led the Magi to know where to find Jesus. In a world that seems so often to flounder in a sea of darkness we are called to shine, to shed our light on the difficult task of making sense of life. We are to offer the wisdom of God to a world that seeks true meaning. We must presume that, when the Magi left, they returned home to tell other people about what they had seen and heard. It would be pointless to keep it to themselves. So too with us. We cannot leave it to those with theology degrees to let the world know what a difference believing in Jesus makes. We must be Magi, wise men and women. A simple test of how we are doing as Magi in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is to ask ourselves what sort of advert we are for Christianity? Are we ashamed of Good News or proud to let others know how much it means to us? And at the end of this new year how many people will we have led to Jesus **by the way we live?**

### FUNERAL

Please pray for the soul of  
**RAY DEANE**  
may he rest in peace  
Requiem Mass: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am



### FUNERAL

Please pray for the soul of  
**NOEL McCAUL**  
may he rest in peace  
Requiem Mass: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am



**Next weekend there will be an appeal and collection after all masses.**

Today 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, more than 50 of these will be children.

Leprosy is a curable disease that affects the nerve endings in the hands and feet and can affect the blink reflex of the eyelids. If not treated early enough it can cause life-changing disabilities. For 100 years Lepra's research has led to new and innovative approaches to healthcare programmes.

Please be as generous as you can. Thank you

### Contactless Donations - You will find our DIGITAL

COLLECTION PLATE (contactless terminal) in the church on the wall just inside the main doors. **PLEASE DO NOT STAND IN FRONT OF IT AND BLOCK IT.** Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

For standing orders, the Parish bank account details are:  
Name: **WRCDT St. Mary and St Andrews Church**  
Sort Code: **40-05-20** Acct Number: **21308211**



**OR** you can donate to the parish by scanning the QR code (on the left) with your smart phone or device.



### CRIB APPEAL 2023

This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work with disadvantaged children & families.

This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese. *Thank you.*

### [Our Lady of Grace Infant School](#) [Admissions for September 2024,](#) [Nursery and Reception](#)

Applications now available on the website at [www.ologinfants.brent.sch.uk](http://www.ologinfants.brent.sch.uk) for children due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024

### Repository (Piety shop)

#### Weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> January

7pm: Marion McGirr

8.30am: Phyllis Lynch & Eileen Buckley

10.30am: Natalia Kasiaz

12noon: Julie Hamill

#### Weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January

7pm: Lina Clinton

8.30am: Phyllis Lynch, Eileen Buckley

10.30am: Natalia Kasiaz

12noon: Julie Hamill



### COUNTERS

#### 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> January

Maria Cosgrave & Mary O'Neill

#### 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January

Ania Gryko & Stefan Vnuk



**The next Pre-Baptism** meeting will take place on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am** in the side chapel for parents who wish to have their child baptised. Please see Fr Michael beforehand to fill in an application form. Please note:

- \*at least one parent should be baptised Catholic,
- \*parents should be attending regular Sunday mass
- \*they should be living within the parish boundaries, and be registered with St Mary & St Andrew Church.
- \*at least one Godparent should be a practising Catholic, both should be Christian.



### CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES/GROUPS

**ZUMBA GOLD & TONING** – *Mondays* at 10.30am in the parish centre – Book your place at [www.fitter4u.co.uk](http://www.fitter4u.co.uk)  
- Contact Maggie Hollowed on 07736 070 101

**BIAS** (Brent Irish Advisory Service) – Active Aging Social Club Tuesday 12noon to 3pm. Music, Bingo, Snacks and Refreshments. £5. For details contact Maggie Hollowed on 07514 945 095

**TAE-KWON-DO CLUB** – *Tuesdays* 6.00pm to 8pm & *Fridays* 6.00pm to 8.00pm  
Contact **Julian Marton to book on 07947 689 304**

**Rhyme Time with Gifty** — For Babies & Toddlers – **please note that this is currently suspended due to low attendance.**  
If you are interested in bringing your child along, please contact Gifty on 07949 764 986  
Wednesdays 10 to 11am **Term Time Only**

**IRISH DANCING** - *Wednesdays 4.30pm to 5.30pm* Beginners 4+ **Term time only**  
Contact **Marian Keely on 07903 977 658**

**PILATES CLASS** – Wednesday evenings– Book your place at [www.fitter4u.co.uk](http://www.fitter4u.co.uk)  
7.15pm to 8.15pm - Contact **Maggie Hollowed on 07736 070 101**

**360 ARTS DRAMA CLASS** – *Saturday* mornings in the parish centre 10.00am to 1.00pm  
Contact **Carol Brophy on 07961 025 582**

**The Parish Safeguarding Representative is: Theresa Rowley**

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