

## MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

8th January –14th January 2024

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
<b>MON 8TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS BREDA MCGILLICUDDY <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>
<b>TUES 9TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS LISA, MARK & FAMILY
<b>WED 10TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS MARY RICHARDS
<b>THURS 11TH</b>	8.30AM	<b>9.00AM</b>	INTS ANNEGIRT HILL
<b>FRI 12TH</b>	10 AM 11 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>
<b>SAT 13TH</b>	9 TO 11 AM	<b>9.30 AM</b>	INTS BREADA MOLLOY <b>SAINT HILARY</b> <b>CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION AFTER MASS</b>
<b>SUN 14TH</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY ORD. TIME</b>	<b>6 PM SAT EVENING</b> <b>9.30AM</b> <b>11.30AM</b>	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH GLORIA GREGORY RIP INTS ELEANOR, JEAN & ALISON

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## St Thomas More Catholic Church

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**RED MISSIO BOXES**—If you have a mission box, please bring it to church so that it can be emptied and counted. These can be left in the sacristy.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS**—The parish would like to extend grateful thanks to Anna Ellul, who for many years has overseen and coordinated coffee after the 9.30 mass and other events. As she steps back, we welcome Meghan who has offered to take up this role, so that together with the other volunteers on the rota, we can continue to offer coffee and tea each week after mass.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** –There are still a few things remaining from the Christmas Fayre, which are available at the back of church for a donation. Please take a look this weekend and make an offering. The total we have raised to date towards parish costs, is **£1404.71 plus £81.95** from the sale of Christmas Cards donated by Edwin, which is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to everyone who donated, helped organise and attended.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** If your child is in in Year 9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 22nd June 2024 at 12pm, forms are now available to complete at the back of church to join the programme that starts in the New Year. Please return to the parish office by the **end of January**.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Life Ascending Group**—meeting next on **Wednesday 10th January** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

**Foodbank-** Thank you for all the contributions. The next collection will be on **Tuesday 16th January**.

**Funeral Service** -the funeral of the late Denis Quigley will take place on **Wednesday 17th January** at 12 noon in the church.

**SPUC white flower appeal**– There will be a second collection, at all the masses on the weekend of **27th and 28th January**.

## SUNDAY 7th January 2024 +The Epiphany of the Lord+

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6TH/7TH JANUARY

06:00PM ANN BEVAN RIP

9.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30AM CARMEL GUILFOYLE



### FOR OUR PRAYERS

#### SICK PARISHIONERS

Pat Wilby, Gloria Lewis, Betty O'Neill, Pauline Fitzgerald, Audrey Farrell and those in our local nursing homes especially Mary Richards, Kitty Goldie, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce and Katie Loftus.

#### FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY

Peggy McMahan, Norma Kolakowska, Yvonne Grasso and Hilda Minoli,

#### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME

Mary & Patrick Tobin, Frances Reynolds, and Michael Murphy

### WE PRAY FOR

the repose of the soul of

**Denis Quigley**  
recently departed



### THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY AND THE CRIB

burns this coming week for

**Edward Gorman RIP** and  
for the intentions of **Nora**



Dear Parishioners,

*"Where is the new-born king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of our Lord's Epiphany – or appearing – to the Magi, commonly called the three Wise Men or three Kings. These Magi, who represent the wider world beyond the chosen people of Israel, were called by God to encounter the Saviour of the world. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. When the Wise Men saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. God called them through the star and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey. They also wanted to show their veneration and devotion in ways that were known to them and so they presented Joseph and Mary with gold, frankincense and myrrh. God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to make known his calling. Many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them 'fishers of men.' This is part of the meaning of Emmanuel, God with us; God now speaks to us through ways that we can understand because he has become like us. In Jesus, God has come so close to us that he is even able to sacrifice himself for us and offer his body and blood on a cross and offer himself to us in the Holy Mass. In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek him out and worship him. Our parish is an initial place to consider where we are given an 'epiphany' of God. The parish environment seems 'ordinary', but through it we receive the gift of eternal life and membership of God's Church. Today is a good day to ask how God is calling us. In what way is God sending us a star to follow in this new year ahead? What gifts from our daily life can we offer to God to show him our love and devotion? We can learn from the Magi to generously respond when God calls us to follow him with deeper trust, surrender and worship.

*God Bless you, Fr Martin*

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** -will meet in the Library after the 9.30 am Mass today. All are welcome to come along and see what they do, to help those in need of support locally.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024**- Parents who have registered their child for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2024, have been e mailed the programme dates, which start next Sunday 14th. If you have not received the details, please contact the Parish Office.

**100 CLUB**– The draw for December will take place this weekend. Winners will be announced in the newsletter next week.