



The Epiphany of the Lord

The Feast of the Epiphany invites us to celebrate the wonderful reality that Jesus came as a light to all people, not just to one small part of the human race. Thus, the exclusion of anyone contradicts the good news of Jesus Christ.

The behaviour of Herod reflects the behaviour of one who is afraid. The news about a new child to be king threatens him. He is not only afraid of change, but afraid of real community. Rather than learning from the wisdom of the foreign visitors, he is afraid, and seeks to destroy what they came to discover.

The behaviour of the foreign visitors or magi is the behaviour of those who seek the truth at great cost. The child offers a vision that is worth travelling a long distance to experience. Jesus offers a light that is worth sharing. In the wisdom of a child born in humble circumstances, they find a wonderful light, powerful good news, and a liberation from sin, injustice and prejudice.

The foreigners experience the power and the gift of Christ. They also bring gifts with them. Gifts that are given to the child but also gifts that open our eyes to the experience of the light of Christ as a gift for the whole world. This is part of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Giving and receiving happen at the same time. This must be true in our ministry for justice.

No one is to be excluded from the light of Christ.

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

Under the pastoral care of the Pallottines, Society of the Catholic Apostolate.
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COMMUNITY

Fr. Eugene Lynch SCA, Fr. Tom Daly SCA,
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OFFICE HOURS

25th December to 2nd January **CLOSED**
Tuesday 3rd January 9.00 am to 4.00 pm

	MASSES
Monday – Friday	12.00 noon
Saturday	12.00 noon
Sunday	7.00 pm Saturday – Vigil Mass 8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Confessions (Saturday)	11.00 am – 12.00 noon and 6.15 pm – 6.45 pm

8th JANUARY 2017

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The readings for today's Masses start on
page 90 of the Mass book.

The Creed – page 11 The Lord's Prayer - page 56

The response to the Psalm

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

The Acclamation is:

*When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.*

*The FEAST of the BAPTISM of the LORD
will take place on Monday 9th January.
Mass will be at 12.00 noon.*

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a very special collection for the Pallottine Missions in Sunday 22nd January. Bro. Steve Buckley will be speaking at all Masses for the weekend.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please could all new Eucharistic Ministers collect the application forms for their DBS checks from Gabrielle Munnely, Safeguarding Representative, in the Parish Office. Once you have completed the form, return it to Gabrielle for processing, and if you have any questions she will be happy to answer them.

It is very important that the checks are carried out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School re-starts this weekend, 8th January, at 10.00 am in the Parish Centre.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017

There will be a parents' meeting this Thursday 12th January, at 2.00 pm and 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre.

FAMILY PREPARATION MASS

The Family Mass for the First Holy Communion programme will be next Sunday 15th January at 9.00 am, during which the children will receive their bibles.

CONFIRMATION 2017

Sessions will resume this coming week for the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday groups.

RCIA

The Rites of Acceptance and Welcome Mass will take place this Sunday, 8th January at 7.00 pm. Please keep in your prayers those who are undertaking this journey in faith. The meetings will start again on Monday 9th January at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre.

*Next week's Second Collection will be for
the St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

BAPTISM MEETING

The next Baptism meeting will be at 10.00 am on Sunday, 5th February, 2017, in the Church Meeting Room, which is around the Church and up the ramp near the car park. Please remember to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

The next Evening of Devotion will be on Friday 3rd February, 2017.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC meeting scheduled for the 22nd January has had to be postponed, the new date will be announced shortly. With apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

NEW BABY GROUP

If you are expecting, or have just had, a baby, you are very welcome to come along to our small, friendly group for a coffee and chat. We meet every Tuesday, from 1.30 to 3.30 pm, in the Church Meeting Room, which is around the church and up the ramp near the car park. For more details, please call Terry on 020-8575-3060 or 07971-821511.

SUNDAY PARKING REMINDER

***PLEASE PARK WITH CONSIDERATION
FOR OTHERS.
AVOID BLOCKING OTHER VEHICLES OR
OBSTRUCTING THE ALLEYWAY, WHICH IS TO
BE USED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.
THE SAFETY OF ALL IS PARAMOUNT!!!***