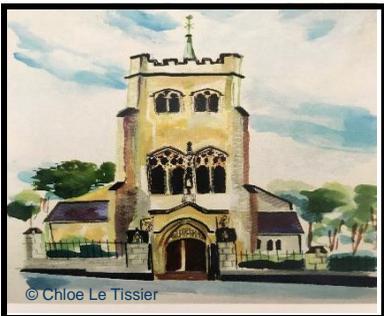


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6TH JANUARY 2019 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

It's perhaps easy to forget that we are still in the Christmas season, trees and decorations have already started to be taken down, even though it's not yet twelfth night. Indeed, if we were living in Rome we would discover that the cribs, in particular, remain in place in homes and churches, until February 2nd, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Today, the feast of the Epiphany, we recall the wise men presenting their gifts to the new-born king. Many of us too will have received gifts during Christmas, and they are a sign remind us of the goodness that surrounds us.

That has certainly been the case for me, I have certainly benefited from the goodness of so many of you. So, thank you very much for your generous Christmas offerings, and as well for the other gifts, and cards, that I received, your kindness is much appreciated. And of course, the wider parish community has benefited too from the goodness of those who ensured that our celebrations were celebrated so reverently and prayerfully. A big 'thank you' to our Altar Servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, as well as our Choir and other musicians; and 'thank you' too to the flower arrangers, church cleaners and stewards. All that you do is very much appreciated and together we have celebrated this wonderful feast in an uplifting, and appropriate way.

Now we begin another new year, it was good to see many of you starting the year so well by coming to Mass on New Years Day; a new year, another new beginning, God giving us yet more new opportunities. We look forward to the coming year, and I hope it will be a happy and blessed time for you, and your families.

Canon Anthony Dwyer

ST DOMINIC SCHOOL

The closing date for applications for places in the Reception Class 2019-20 is 15th January 2019. We are aware that some parents may not have had the opportunity to see the school as yet and therefore a further visit date has been arranged for the **9 January 2019 at 9.15am**. If you would like to make an appointment for this visit, please telephone the school office on 01582 760047 to make a booking. Due to the nature of the visit, we kindly request that you do not bring children with you on this occasion.

ST DOMINIC SCHOOL - ADMISSIONS POLICY

The Governors are consulting on a proposed change to the Admission Policy for September 2020. The consultation will run for 6 weeks from Monday 26th November 2018 to Monday 7th January 2019. Any responses should be sent to the Governing Body by the closing date. Please see the school website for further details.

FREE CALENDARS

The local Funeral Directors have left us some Calendars and diaries in the Porch, please help yourselves.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 5th January

Christmas feria

10.00am Bernard Hardy RIP

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 6th January

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

8.30am Mick Finnegan RIP

9.45am Marie & Owen O'Sullivan
RIP (Anniv)

11.30am Fr David Kow & Parishioners
of St Martin de Porres Uganda



Monday 7th January

Christmas feria

9.15am Jake Nordern RIP

Tuesday 8th January

Christmas feria

9.15am

Wednesday 9th January

Christmas feria

9.15am Canon Vincent Berry (Int)

Thursday 10th January

Christmas feria

11.00am Margaret Foulds RIP

Friday 11th January

Christmas feria

9.15am Service of the Word with Holy
Communion

Saturday 12th January

Christmas feria

10.00am Anne Harrison RIP (Months Mind)

6.00pm Lisa King & Maurice Purtill RIP (Anniv)

Sunday 13th January

The Baptism of the Lord (C)

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am

11.30am Veronica Lee RIP