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+ EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Year B)

7th January 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL. Our first Sunday of this year is this wonderful feast of the Epiphany. This reminds us that God has come to our lives to bring us LIGHT, LIFE and PEACE. As we begin this new calendar year let us search for ways of making God's Light, Life and Peace present to those we will meet throughout 2018.

CHURCH DECORATION Sincere thanks to all those involved in decorating our church for the Christmas season – led by Carmelita. So many people have commented on how beautiful it is looking. THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED.

THE SHELTER PROJECT HOUNSLOW – Volunteers are required for our Sunday- Monday night/morning. Sunday night shift – 10pm-2am & 2-6am, Morning breakfast 6-8am, Morning pack-up 6.30-8.30am. Please be as generous with your time as possible – REMEMBER the GOSPEL today! Contact CHA on 0794 765 2234

CRIB OFFERINGS taken at the crib will go to help the work of the Catholic Children's Society (Crusade of Rescue)

Please Note: Monday 8th Jan – Mass 9am & 6pm.
Tuesday 9th Jan – Mass 9am & Eucharistic Service 6pm.
Friday 12th Jan - No Confessions at 6pm.

BIBLE TIMELINE: Next course will begin in January. The theme will be the 'Psalms'. Please watch this space.

SUNDAY MASS

Sat Vigil 6.15pm
9am, 10.30am*
12noon, 6pm
*Children Liturgy
(Year 5 & Below)

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Sat 9am
Mon & Thu 6pm
Fri 7pm

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE

Tue & Wed 6pm

CONFESSIONS

Fri 6pm – *No Confessions*
Sat 9.30-10.15 *Fr. Frans*
Sat 4.30-5.30pm *Fr Fortunato*

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

Sat 4.30-5.30pm

ROSARY

Mon-Sat 8.20am

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday : 9.30am - 1.00pm
OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY

Parish Priest: Fr Derek McGuire
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(Away)

Assistant Priest: Fr Fortunato Pantisano
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DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT**

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(BOOKINGS TAKEN BY PHONE MON, THURS, FRI 7.00-8.30AM, AND TUES/WED 4.00-5.00PM, OR BY EMAIL)

Child Protection Carer: *Appointment pending*

PARISH NOTICES

RECEPTION SCHOOL FORMS 2017-18 If you have missed your appointments, please contact Fr Fortunato to arrange an appointment. Contact details overleaf. The deadline is 15 January 2018. **Please read the notes below and Guidelines that are available on the Parish website.**

SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR SCHOOLS

1. The Archdiocese requires that families attend regularly (this means attending Mass every Sunday or Saturday evening) for at least **TWO years** before a priest is able to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice.
 - **Attendance Card** is used to indicate the presence of families at Mass.
 - *If you are new to the parish – you will need a letter from your previous Parish Priest.*
2. Parents, please visit the Local Council & Schools or their websites for forms and other guidelines. Once your application is ready, then contact the priest as below.
3. For signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Nursery, Reception & Secondary Transfer, please keep reading the newsletter near the time for online appointment(s) or visit the website.
4. For other school years, please make an appointment directly with the priest, details available overleaf.
5. Please make sure you have the attendance card(s) or a letter from your previous Parish.

TEXT GIVING THROUGH YOUR MOBILE PHONE! By using your mobile telephone, you can now text £5 as an offering to help support the running cost, ministries and programmes or the cost of maintenance and repair to our buildings.

Simple text "Parish HOURS" to this number:

70800

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS ROTA: A copy of the rota is available for collection in the sacristy & parish website.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTS & POSTERS: This should reach the parish office **by Wednesday**. The church notice board is updated by Lavina each week. Any Poster or Leaflets left in the church without prior permission will be recycled.

PARISH GROUPS – BOOKING RENEWALS: If you have missed this. Please email Senorita & Lavina about your Group Meetings Timetable 2018 for Church & Parish Centre bookings ASAP. This will also help us to update the Newsletter adverts each week. We would like to thank all the Groups for their support throughout the year.

REGULAR NOTICES

NEW PARISHIONER OR FAMILY? CHANGE IN ADDRESS? ADDITION OF A NEW FAMILY MEMBER TO THE EXISTING RECORD? Please fill in the Parish Registration Form (GREEN COLOUR) available in the Church porch & drop the completed form into the mail-box, Parish Office.

MARRIAGE PAPERWORK – Over the past few months a number of couples have come to the parish to complete their paperwork. A **GENTLE REMINDER** – you need to give **6 MONTHS NOTICE** of **ANY MARRIAGE** – whether it is taking place **HERE** or **ABROAD** in **INDIA, PHILIPPINES** or elsewhere. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE.** Couples or individuals should speak to a priest **VERY EARLY IN THE PROCESS** – so that there is no last minute rush.

PLANNED GIVING: If you would like a box of envelopes, please complete the Planned Giving form (Pink). If you are a tax-payer, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration form (White) attached and visit the Parish office during office hours. Please **CHECK THE DATE** on the envelopes before use. If you have not received your box of envelopes, please collect it from the parish office.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD - STICKERS FOR THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEAR 5 AND UNDER.

- Stickers are issued at the start of the Mass and will not be given at the end.
- All parents are reminded that a sticker will only be issued if the child is present for the Mass.

- Stickers will not be given if the card is not presented.
- Any issues please speak to Fr. Derek, do not abuse the ushers and those handing out the stickers.
- Parents please remember to have the picture of your child and their name on the card.

GOING IN TO HOSPITAL? - If you find yourself going in to hospital please be aware that the staff there will NOT ask you about your religion. You have to notify them by telling them that you are a Roman Catholic and that you would like the CHAPLAIN to know that you are in the hospital OR YOU CAN NOTIFY US DIRECTLY.

REPOSITORY

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA - *New CD of the Month: "Desires of the heart – Receiving the gifts of the Father" by Sister Bethany Madonna who make it clear that 'receiving is the gift that we give' to the Lord and that, He wants us to be invited into every aspect of our lives. Speaking from her own life experience, she shows the importance of asking in order to receive all the Lord has in mind of us. On sale by the Repository - £2.50 each.*

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – for children in year 5 or below will go into the Parish Centre for the Gospel at their level. We will resume today.

BAPTISM PREPARATION - session 1 on 14th January, 12noon-1:15pm in the Parish Centre. Parents are required to pre-register for the course.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS: A shorter programme for baptised and practising Catholics to be confirmed begins on Thursday, 1st February at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. If you wish to find out more please contact Natalie via email.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS – M&S stores until 31 January, Sainbury.

EVENTS

TALKING FAITH ON HEAVENS ROAD

CATHOLIC RADIO: Mental health is profoundly prevalent and is a growing public health concern all over the world. In the United Kingdom -1 in 6 people in the past week have experienced a common mental health problem. What is the Catholic Church's role in addressing mental health? In this broadcast of "Talking Faith," Lavoisier Fernandes talks to Bishop Richard Moth who currently serves the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton and also heads the Catholic mental health project for the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. The broadcast goes on air on Heaven's road Radio FM on Monday 8th January at 0900/1500/2100/0300 GMT. Tune in using smartphones, iPhone, iPad or tablets via the free app TuneIn Radio (search for heavens Catholic radio) OR via the web www.heavensroadfm.com or there is a LISTEN AGAIN option if you miss the show.

HARROW SUPPORT GROUP for divorced and separated Catholics. The next meeting will be on Monday 8 January in the hall at St Bernard's Church, Northolt (not far from Northolt Station). All are welcome, whatever your situation.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR

LIFE: On Friday 12 January, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. **Please also pray that buffer zones around abortion centers will not be introduced.** For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html>

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

Isaiah 60:1-6 Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Psalm response: *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6 It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

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

Divine Office: Week I

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3-10.19 Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Psalm resp: *Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20 Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ

John 1:35-42 They saw where he lived, and stayed with him

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Christmas Collection

Envelopes	£ 5,252.70
Loose	£ 6,846.11
TOTAL	£ 12,098.81

30/31 December 2017

Envelopes	£ 2,538.47
Loose	£ 1,598.80
TOTAL	£ 4,137.27

IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Marcelle Baroudi, Pam Khoos, Clementine Parker, Tallula Parker, Laura D'Souza, Maralyn McNamara, Socorio Rozario Vaz.

RIP: Evelyn Dennis, Ron Allen, Felix Largo, Anthony Callus, Margaret McMahon, Millicent Payne, Felix De Souza, Gilbert Hawkin, Francisco Menezes.

GROUP MEETINGS

PARISH COUNTING GROUP ROTA

This week: Group C (John Radley)
Next week: Group D (Joe Furey)

SYRO MALABAR MASS: Sunday 7th January, 3.30pm.

GHANAIAN ASSOCIATION MEETING: Sunday 7th January at 1.15pm in the Parish Centre

ASCENT GROUP MEETING: Every Monday 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

YEAR 8 YOUTH GROUP meets every Tuesday 6pm - 7.15pm in the Parish Centre. All girls and boys are welcome.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS: will recommence on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

UCM: No meeting next week. *Happy New year to all our UCM members.*

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Wednesday evenings at 5.30pm, Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) MEETINGS

are held on **Weekday:** 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:30pm, **Weekend:** 2nd & 4th Saturday at 10am in the Parish Centre. New members are welcomed.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: Every Thursday from 5pm in the Church.

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN AND CLOSURE OF ABORTION CLINICS IN UK every last Friday of the month at 9.30am.

LIVING WORD CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP meets every Friday from 7- 9pm at the Parish Centre.

CHURCH CLEANING: Every Saturday after 9am Mass. Please give a hand for half an hour.

YOUNG ADULTS: (AGE 18-35) meets every Sunday, 1.30-2.30pm in the Parish Centre.

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS on Sunday, 14 January at 4pm in the Church.

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY Meeting on Sunday, 14 January at 1.15pm in the Parish Centre.