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Mass this Sunday: Epiphany of The Lord (A) 5th January 2020

Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6 The light of the Lord's glory shines out and draws people from all over the world: they come to worship and to praise the Lord.

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6 The writer tells how the non-Jewish nations now share in the same inheritance and promise as the chosen people, through Christ Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-12 The magi, who represent the Gentile nations, come to Jerusalem as they search for the recently born king of the Jews; they are sent on to Bethlehem, the city of King David.

Mass This Week

Saturday 4 th	6:30pm	
Sunday 5 th	9:00am	
	10:30am	
Tuesday 7 th	7:30pm	Weekday
Wednesday 8 th	9:15am	Weekday
Thursday 9 th	9:15am	Weekday
Friday 10 th	9:15am	Weekday

Intention

For Our Parishioners
Australia and victims of bush fires
Tessa Piper (anniversary)
Fr John Carberry RIP
New School Term
Fr Bernard Crowe RIP
Fr Patrick Nolan RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for The Mission of our Parish

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £374.58. Many thanks for all your generosity. **Text Giving** If you wish to support the parish by giving £5 via your mobile 'phone, just text PARISH ROYST to 70800.

Crib Offering This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese. There are some Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of church.

Rosaries there are some lovely rosaries (handmade by one of our artistic parishioners) available in the Sacristy, suggested donation of £10.

First Holy Communion The next meeting for the parents of the First Holy Communion candidates is on **Wednesday 8th January at 7.30pm** in the Sacristy. The children's workshop takes place on **Saturday 11th January** in the Parish Hall.

The 10:30 am Mass on **Sunday 12th January** will be a Link Mass.

RCIA Our next session will be at 9:45am on Wednesday 8th January in the Presbytery.

Churches Together in Royston and District meet in Bassingbourn on Tuesday 7th January at 7:45pm

Westminster Year Book 2020 (containing the 2020 Liturgical Calendar) Copies are now available at the back of the church priced at £4.50.

White Flower Appeal 2020 The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. On 21st October 2019, the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the government of Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up until at least 24 weeks, and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

Proclamation of the Moveable Feasts of 2020

Roman Missal p1505

Know, dear brethren (brothers and sisters), that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the twenty-sixth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the twelfth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the twenty-first day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the thirty-first day of May, the feast of Pentecost. On the fourteenth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the twenty-ninth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

Prayer intention for evangelisation - Promotion of World Peace. We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Blessing your house with blessed Chalk

What to pray at your home

The lintel of the main door of the house (and other doors if desired) is marked in the following way:

20 + C + M + B + 20

whilst saying the following prayer:

	<i>write</i>
The Three Wise Men	
Casper	C
Melchior	M
and Balthazar	B
followed the star of God's Son who became man	
Two Thousand	20
and Twenty years ago	20

May Christ bless our home	+ +
and remain with us through the new year	
	+ +

If others are present, you may continue:

Almighty God, incline your ear.
Bless us and all who are gathered here.
Send your holy angel
who will defend us and fill with grace
all who dwell here. Amen.

C M B may also stand for Christus mansionem benedicat: *May God bless this house*

Cleaning Rota Monday – Ruth Friday – Theresa & Jo



In the darkness, a light shines. Isaiah says that the light is the Lord and that it is His glory that arises and beckons nations and kings to its rising. And the picture is truly beautiful. A people that had been huddling in the darkness and in fear, are suddenly drawn. They all head to the light. A big homecoming feast – sons and daughters and abundance all stream towards the light, camels from Arabia, and mysterious visitors bearing gold and frankincense, all proclaiming the praises of God, the God who comes among us to shine His light in our darkness.

William Weedon

