

From Sunday's Gospel—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus was born in Bethlehem when Herod was the king. Wise men came from the East to Jerusalem and said, "Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the sky and have come to worship him." King Herod was very worried. He called together the priests and leaders of the people and asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In the town of Bethlehem, in Judaea" they told him. So Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem and told them, "When you find the child let me know so that I might worship him." So they set off. The star went before them and stopped over the place where the child Jesus was. The wise men knelt down and worshipped Jesus. They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then God warned them not to go back to Herod.



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

"We will never be disillusioned or lose our way if we are guided by God." This

Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany when

the wise men from the east were guided by a star to find the baby Jesus. They met king Herod on the way and he tried to trick them into getting them to tell him where they found Jesus. But the wise men were guided in a dream by God not to tell Herod but to return home by a different way. Like the wise men we need good guidance if we are to walk in the way Jesus would want.

Ministers

January 7th

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am J.McMahon
10.00am FF Family

Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

January 14th

6.00pm P.Redshaw
8.30am C.Ivatts
10.00am J.Sheard

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
G.Leggat/C.Hall

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £333.19 Second: £145.67 Shop closed Thank You

The Charity Shop will reopen on Tuesday January 9th 2018

Votive Candles: £40.53 Thank You

Christmas Offerings £1234.77 Thank You

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The Epiphany

January 7th 2017 (Mark's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am
10.00am

Tara Dyson
People of the Parish
Winifred & Matthew Hynes

Monday 9.30am
Tuesday 9.30am
Wednesday 12.00 noon
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 10.00am
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am
10.00am

Family Faith Formation after Mass

Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Michelle Bickers
November Dead List
Special Intention (H&E)
Geoff Haigh
Peter Quinlan
Sam Reynolds
Louisa Keogh
People of the Parish

Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request

Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday

When there is A Service of the Word & Holy Communion there is NO Exposition

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Family Faith Formation



The next meeting of Family Faith Formation will take place THIS Sunday, January 7th after the 10.00am Mass. It is the Feast of the Epiphany, a wonderful, inspiring day on which to meet and reflect on God's generosity to us all.

Liturgical Year—Ordinary Time



The Feast of the Epiphany brings to a close the Season of Christmas and tomorrow, Monday 8th January, we begin what is called Ordinary Time in the Church's Liturgical Year. On Sundays (Year B) the Gospel of Mark will be our major guide throughout Ordinary Time. Mark was the first Gospel to be written and is the shortest of the four Gospels.

The Readings for weekdays are taken from Year II. If you are looking for them in the daily missal Week I of Year II begins on page 2058 (though this year The Baptism of the Lord is on Monday and this takes precedence). The prayers for weekdays when there is no Memorial or Feast day begin on page 1623.

The Charity Shop



The Shop will re-open this coming Tuesday after the Christmas break. Our thanks to all who contribute in any way to the shop and to those who support it throughout the year.

Thought for the week



As we begin this New Year of 2018 may we do so with confidence that the God who created us in love and who sustains us in love will be with us in all the circumstances of our lives. May God guide us throughout this year showing us the way forward and helping us become the people God wants us to be.

THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

A Reflection on the Feast of the Epiphany



A cold coming we had of it, Just the worst time of the year For a journey, and such a long journey: The ways deep and the weather sharp, The very dead of winter. And the camels galled, sore footed, refractory, Lying down in the melting snow. There were times we regretted The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces, And the silken girls bringing sherbet.

Then the camel men cursing and grumbling And running away, and wanting their liquor and women, And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters, And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly And the villages dirty and charging high prices: A hard time we had of it.

At the end we preferred to travel all night, Sleeping in snatches, With the voices singing in our ears, saying That this was all folly. Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley, Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation; With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness, And three trees on the low sky, And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow. Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel, Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver, And feet kicking the empty wine-skins. But there was no information, and so we continued And arriving at evening, not a moment too soon Finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember, And I would do it again, but set down This set down This: were we led all that way for Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death, But had thought they were different: the Birth was Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death. We returned to our places, these Kingdoms. But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation, With an alien people clutching their gods. I should be glad of another death. (T.S. Elliott)