

From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus was born in Bethlehem when Herod was 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 rise in the East and have come to worship him." King Herod was very worried and asked the religious leaders where the Christ was to be born. They told him Bethlehem, so he told the wise men and asked them to return to him when they had seen the child. The wise men set off and went into the place over which the star had stopped and worshipped the child. They then returned home by a different route."



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, we can ask the Lord to grant us the gift of wisdom." Today's word is **Wisdom.** In this Sunday's gospel we see

wisdom in action. Because of their closeness to God the wise men knew not to return to Herod who wanted to do away with Jesus. Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly, enabling us to discover what God wants us to do and make the right choices in life. What are we going to do to help us grow in God's wisdom during this coming year?

Ministers

January 5th

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am J.McMahon
10.00am S.Rudd

Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
C.Ward/K.McKune

January 5th

6.00pm P.Redshaw
8.30am C.Ivatts
10.00am FFFamily

C.Hall/S.Dyson
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
M.Farmer/M.Kehoe

New Rotas at the back of the church. New Readers and changes to Ministers.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £393.11 Second: £154.18 Shop (December 18th) £138.19 Thank You
Votive Candles: £58.05 Thank You

Cheques please to DIOCESE OF LEEDS— SACRED HEART



Sacred Heart & St William

31 High Street

Uppermill OL3 6HS

Web: www.sacredheartparish.org.uk

The Epiphany of the Lord ***January 5th 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)***

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30am	Pat Sparkes
	10.00am	Christine Walsh
Refreshments after Mass		
Monday	9.30am	Special Intention (MF)
Tuesday	9.30am	Geoff Haigh
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Jill Bickers & Michelle Bickers
Thursday	9.30am	November Dead List
Friday	9.30am	Frank Holmes
Saturday	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30am	Deceased members of the Crewdson & O'Leary Families
	10.00am	Johanna Katharine Friedrich

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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Mrs Michelle Moore



The Epiphany January 6th

Although the 6th is a Monday the Church is celebrating the Epiphany on the weekend of the 4th-5th January. The word 'Epiphany' means literally 'shining around' and celebrates the 'manifestation' of the infant Jesus as the light for ALL Nations. The wise men, after paying homage to Jesus, returned home by a different route. But it wasn't just their journey that changed, their lives were changed, as ours can be when we meet Jesus and do him homage.



Family Faith Formation

The first meeting of 2020 will take place after the 10.00am Mass next Sunday, January 12th. Those who will be celebrating first Forgiveness and First Holy Communion will be formally enrolled during the 10.00am Mass next Sunday when the First Holy Communion Medals will be distributed.



Crib Offerings this year

This weekend will be the last opportunity to make a crib offering in the box by the side of the crib. The offerings will be sent to the **Friends of the Holy Land**. Every penny given will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs. FHL is non-political and ecumenical.



The Charity Shop will reopen this **Tuesday 7th January 2020** after the Christmas and New Year break. Our sincere thanks as a parish to all contribute in any way to the shop and to those who support it throughout the year.

Parish Council Meeting will take place on **THURSDAY 9th January at 7.00pm** in the Parish Centre. Agenda items to Nick or Susan please. Thank You



"Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind."
Henry James

The God who Speaks—The Year of the Word in the Catholic Church in England and Wales 2020.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols writes:



It gives me great pleasure to launch our initiative—*The God who Speaks: The Year of the Word*. In partnership with the Bible Society, this initiative focuses on celebrating, living and sharing God's word throughout the Catholic Church in England and Wales until the end of December 2020.

The year 2020 sees the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI on The Word of the Lord. The year 2020 is also the 1,600th anniversary of St Jerome's death. These are strong reasons for us to embark at this time on a creative and deeper engagement with the Holy Scripture across the life of each diocese. 30th of September is the feast of St Jerome and it was he who said, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

Please pray that, during this special year, we may all be enriched and renewed by the living Word of God. Then we shall be moved afresh to share the love of Christ to the ends of the earth.

May God bless us all during this time of "The God who speaks: The Year of the Word"!

Please go to godwhospeaks.uk where you will find out how you can get involved in your local area.

The First Diocese of Leeds Year of the Word Lecture is:

The God who's there—The Psalms and Mental Health by Dr Simon Hewitt

Thursday 9th January at 7.00pm in Hinsley Hall, Leeds.

Please see the Notice Board in the Porch for full list of Speakers

Official Prayer for the Year—**Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us through the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fear and shows us how to love one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world.**