

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 in the sky and have come to worship him. King Herod was worried so he called together the priests and teachers and asked where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem," they said. Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem and told them to let him know when they had found him so he could worship him. The star stopped over the place where Jesus was and the wise men knelt down and worshipped him offering him gold, frankincense and myrrh."



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

"Jesus came so that our life might be guided by God. May Christ's love guide our steps." Today's word is **Guidance**. As we

journey through life to God we need good guidance to help us along the way. So we need to ask ourselves, who or what guides us on our journey through life? The wise men were guided to Jesus by a star, and Jesus guides us by his stories and parables, his teaching and healing, his promise to be with us always until the end of time.

Ministers

January 6th

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am E.Davies
10.00am S.Rudd

Liturgy of the Eucharist

T.Spalding/C.Hall
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
K.McKune/M.Farmer

January 13th

6.00pm P.Redshaw
8.30am M.Crewdson
10.00am FFF Family

C.Hall/S.Dyson
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
K.Kehoe/G.Leggat

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £444.63 Second: £181.66 Shop Closed Thank You

Votive Candles: £121.41 Thank You

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Sacred Heart & St William

31 High Street

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The Epiphany ***January 6th 2019 (Luke's Gospel)***

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00am	Anne Jones
Sunday	8.30am	Special intention (PS)
	10.00am	People of the Parish

Refreshments after Mass

Monday	9.30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday	9.30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday	12.00noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday	9.30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday	9.30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Saturday	10.00am	Vera Ackerley
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Eileen & Graham Partington
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Stephen Sinclair

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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This weekend, the 5th and 6th of January we celebrate the feast of the **Epiphany** which reminds us that people journey to the Lord in different ways, from different starting places, at different times and at different speeds. All of us are on that journey, belonging as we do to the Church which is the

pilgrim people of God. Today we reflect on the many gifts and blessings we have received, and in the spirit of the visitors from the East, what gifts we want to give back to God. **“What can I give him, poor as I am, if I were a shepherd I would give a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part, but what can I give him, give my heart.”**



Friends of the Holy Land

Bishop Marcus has asked that the Crib Offerings this year be sent to the Friends of the Holy Land to enable them to give hope and practical support to the most vulnerable Christian in and around Bethlehem. **Friends of the Holy Land** is **apolitical** and **ecumenical**.

Family Faith Formation



The next meeting of FFF is **NEXT Sunday, 13th January** the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Our children and newly confirmed will meet in their groups and the parents in Church.



The Charity Shop

After a very well earned Christmas and New Year break, the shop re-opens this coming **Tuesday, January 8th**. Last year was another very successful year thanks to the generosity of so many people and to the faithful service of those who prepare the shop, those who serve in it and those who get the parish centre back for use on a Wednesday. If you are having a New Year ‘Clear Out’, please do think of bringing items to the shop for resale. Thank You



Samaritan's Purse sends **SPECIAL THANKS** to **Sacred Heart & St William Church, Uppermill** for sharing love and joy in the form of a simple shoebox gift through **Operation Christmas Child**.
Nick Cole, Director of Operation Christmas Child UK



New Year Blessing

(A Number of people asked for a copy of the blessing by Joyce Rupp which was read at Mass on New Year's Day. Please find it below.)

I hope for you in this new year of 2019

That the single, most significant dimension of life is your relationship with the Source of Goodness who never ceases to sing love songs to your soul

That you find meaning, purpose, and vitality in what you do daily

That you treasure your loved ones and let them know how dear they are to you

That you make choices and decisions that reflect your truest self

That you look in the mirror at least once a day and smile in happy amazement

That you remember relationships are what count above all else – more than work or money, or all the material things we spend so much time tending

That you live in an uncluttered manner, enjoying the freedom to be content

That you keep your sense of humour when things don't go the way you want

That you find adventure in each new day and marvel at the wonders of creation which constantly present themselves to you

That you never give up on yourself when others turn away or do not understand

That you are attentive to the health of your body, mind and spirit

That you take risks and accept the growth-full challenges that come to you

That you draw on your inner strength and resiliency when you are in need

That you carry peace within yourself, allowing it to slip into the hearts of others so our planet becomes a place where violence, division, and war are no more.

Joyce Rupp



Forgiveness, when it happens, is able to remove the dead weight from our past and give us back our lives. The real beauty and power of forgiveness is that it can deliver the future to us.
(Richard Holloway)