

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

When the Jews began slowly to return from exile in Babylon, their capital Jerusalem was desolate. The prophet encourages them with images of brightness, then surprises them with the prediction that they will attract pagan nations to God.

Psalm (71) Response

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Even Jewish converts to Christ maintained the ancient belief that Jews were God's only chosen people. Paul says God has now revealed a long-secret mystery, namely that Gentiles, too, are to enjoy God's favour, because of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Today's gospel reinterprets the first reading's themes of light and of pagans bearing gifts, applying them not to the city Jerusalem, but to Jesus.

Please remember in your prayers

The Sick: Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, John Hunt, Mark Leather, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price and Christopher and all in our hospitals and nursing homes and those who care for them.

Recently Departed: Fr Michael House, Derek Bourne

Pope Francis January Prayer Intention: that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Augustine, Downend; St John Fisher, Frenchay; BVM Lourdes & St Bernadette, Kingswood; St Lawrence, Chipping Sodbury with St Paul, Yate.

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: St Patrick's Parish

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5 January 2020

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Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 10.30am

Vigil Mass (Sat) 5.30pm

Sunday Mass 9.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 6 January	No Mass	Monday after Epiphany
Tuesday 7 January	6.00pm Mass	Tuesday after Epiphany
Wednesday 8 January	12.00pm Mass	Wednesday after Epiphany
Thursday 9 January	*No Mass*	Thursday after Epiphany
Friday 10 January	*11.00am* Funeral Mass Derek Bourn RIP	Friday after Epiphany
Saturday 11 January	* No Mass*	Saturday after Epiphany THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 5.30pm Sung Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 12 January	9.30am Sung Mass <i>followed by refreshments in the Hall</i> <i>Christmastide ends and Ordinary Time begins until the Season of Lent</i>	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Liturgical Ministries in the Parish We are planning a series of ongoing formation sessions for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Welcome Ministers. If you would be interested in becoming a liturgical minister please have a word with Fr Michael. The first session will be a gathering of our **Ministers of the Word/ Readers on Saturday 18th January 10.30am - 12.30pm** beginning in the hall. Existing readers and new readers are warmly invited to come along. If you cannot make this date do chat to Fr Michael and we will arrange a second session.

Sat 11th January 2020. It's time for another quiz! A chance to get together for a bit of fun and to raise money for the Parish Project, after mass - 6.45pm start. Everyone welcome. Usual format! Special round for children. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Half time raffle - please leave any donations for this in the box by the sacristy. Tickets on sale beforehand after mass, cost £2 children, £3 adults - all proceeds go to the Parish Project.

Fri 24th January at 10.30am All parish flower arrangers are invited to a meeting in the Church Hall. Please come with any questions you have about rotas and florist supplies, etc. Refreshments will be available. We hope to finish by mid-day.

A Youth Ministry Training Course begins in January 2020. 10 sessions + A celebration Mass. Venue Alexander House, Bristol. 7pm - 9pm. Full details and registration from 0117 902 5594 or youth@cliftondiocese.com

Catechists' Formation Course 'Who are catechists? They are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others.' (*Pope Francis*) St Osmunds, Exeter Street, Salisbury, SP1 2SF. Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm – 9.15pm starting 29th January 2020.

NEWS THIS WEEK

A Big Thank you to all who helped to decorate our Church so beautifully for Christmas. Thank you also to Musicians, Servers, Sacristans and all our Ministers who worked so hard to prepare our beautiful Christmas liturgies.

Thank you to all who contributed so generously to the traditional Christmas collection. This collection now helps the parish to provide Fr Michael a small monthly stipend to live on. Also a big thank you for your cards, gifts and good wishes over the Christmas period. It is much appreciated. Fr M.

Gift Aid Envelopes Boxed sets for planned giving are available for collection in Church. If you would like to begin to use envelopes just let us know!

Gift Aid Maximise your weekly Offering by getting the Government to pay an extra 25% at no cost to you, by joining **GIFT AID**. This can be done in two ways – Firstly, by Bank Standing Order monthly or secondly, using the envelope scheme, whereby, you place your weekly offering on the collection plate. Either way is very beneficial to the Parish, especially when every penny counts! Please contact Vic Steadman via the Parish web site for details. Thank you.

Traidcraft sales for 2019 total £1435.50. Thank you to all who made purchases. Perhaps you might consider buying something for the Corsham Foodbank please? Sales are open this weekend! Total figures since 2004 show a turnover of £24,046,27, a brilliant achievement. We still need more helpers to sustain Traidcraft in the future. Please sign up if you can help. Anne Keat (01225 810701)

Music Group meets each Wednesday at 6.15pm in Church. All singers / musicians most welcome. If you would like to sing with them, do come along!

Please continue to remember Corsham Foodbank and Borderlands.