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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Happy New Year!

Thank you so much to everyone who served our parish community over this Christmas, both in the preparation of the Church and in the celebration of the liturgy. Our celebrations so far have been truly beautiful.

My sincere gratitude for the many cards, thoughtful gifts and very generous Christmas offering that I have received. Your kindness is gratefully appreciated.

With every blessing for 2019,

Fr Simon

FRIDAY CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER AND RAFFLE – takes place on the 18th January, if you would like to donate raffle prizes please leave in the sacristy or contact Charlotte on 07883848269. Thank you.

LUTON IRISH FORUM BABY & TODDLER GROUP restarts Friday 11th January at 102 Hitchin Road Luton LU2 0ES. The group meet every Friday from 9.30am - 11.30am during term time. Come along to meet other parents/grandparents/carers and children and have fun. Everyone welcome. For further information, please call 01582 720447.

ST MARTIN DE PORRES CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – see notice board for full list of winning tickets. Please collect prizes from the sacristy following Mass, or contact the parish office on 01582 664706 to arrange collection.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019 – parents meeting at 6pm on **Monday 14 January**.

CONFIRMATION 2019 – parents meeting takes place at 7.15pm on **Thursday 31st January**, First Candidates meeting, **Thursday 14th February**, Blaze retreat day for all Candidates, **Saturday 23rd March**.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! The Diocese is the first for the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2019! **Thursday 7th February** to **Saturday 9th February 2019** in the Cathedral Church of Our Lady & St Thomas. Further details to follow.



SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY 2019

Sat 6:30pm	Jean Devine, RIP
9:00am	Patrick & Thomas Kelly, RIP
11.00am	People of the Parish

Monday – Feria

9.30am	Bernie Buckley, RIP
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Tuesday – Feria

9.30am	Fr Stephen Downes, Int
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Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday – Feria

6.30pm	Patrick Gaughan, RIP
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Friday – Feria

9.30am	Thankamma Paul, RIP
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SATURDAY – CONFESSIONS 5.30PM – 6.00PM

SATURDAY – MASS AT 6.30PM

NEXT SUNDAY –

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sat 6:30pm	Michael O'Donoghue, RIP
9:00am	Patrick Develin, RIP
11.00am	People of the Parish

Charismatic Prayer Group: [Back on Friday 11th Jan.](#)

Legion of Mary: [Back on Friday 11th Jan.](#)

Friday Lunch Club: [Back on 18th Jan.](#)



THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES –

In memory of the wise men entering the house where Jesus was, there is an ancient tradition of praying for blessings on our homes on or near Epiphany. All you need are the prayers and a piece of chalk (*in the porch*), to mark the frame of your door with... 2 0 + C + M + B + 19...the traditional initials of the wise men (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and this year's date. Perhaps spend a moment this Sunday asking God to bless your home and to be with all members of your household.

Moveable Feasts 2019

Ash Wednesday – 6th March

Palm Sunday – 14th April

Maundy Thursday – 18th April

Good Friday – 19th April

Holy Saturday – 20th April

Easter Sunday – 21st April

Pentecost Sunday – 9th June

Advent Sunday – 1st December

Holy Days of Obligation 2019

All 52 Sundays

Ascension Day – Thursday 30th May

St Peter & St Paul – t/f to Sunday 30th June

Assumption – Thursday 15th August

All Saints – Thursday 1st November

[St Martin de Porres – Sunday 3rd November]

Christmas – Wednesday 25th December



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away

and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;

since the riches of the sea will flow to you,
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

everyone in Sheba will come,

bringing gold and incense

and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm – 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading – Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same

body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

We saw his star as it rose

and have come to do the Lord homage.

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Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12

The visit of the Magi.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,

for out of you will come a leader

who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 6: Anne & Diane

Next Week: Team 1: Anne & John

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

Next Week: Team 3: Michael, Elizabeth & Benedicta

Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Couples for Christ

Next Week: See new rota

Thanks to our Flower Arrangers

Anna, Bernadette & Jhay

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator & Hall Bookings)

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phone 01582 663706, note office open on:

Tues 9.15-3.15pm, Weds 9.15-2.15pm, Thurs 9.15-2.15pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Sunday 30th December – TBA