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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Response to the Psalm:** All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

**Second reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

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**Dear Parishioners**

Taken together, the three gifts brought by the wise men reveal both who the child Jesus is and what he is destined to do. We might describe them as token gifts in the best sense: they betoken or symbolise something more than their immediate use; they point us to a deeper future significance beyond any immediate utility. You see, the Epiphany is not about the wise men whose names we don't know for sure, nor is it even about their gifts which Jesus certainly didn't need even if they are richly symbolic. No, the Epiphany is really about Jesus, whose name we do know and which means 'God saves'. Jesus saves Kings as well as Shepherds, the wise and the simple, both righteous and sinners; yes, even you and me. That's His incomparable gift to us. Christina Rossetti memorably suggested the only fitting response:

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 I can I give him  
Give him my heart.

God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB

# St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



Epiphany (Year B)

Week commencing Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Masses

|                            |         |                               |                               |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan    | 5.00pm  | Epiphany                      | Dorothy Gill RIP              |
| Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan    | 10.30am | Epiphany                      | Hannah & Stanley Williams RIP |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan    |         | Baptism of the Lord (F)       |                               |
| Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan   |         |                               |                               |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 9.45am  | School Mass (all are welcome) | People of the Parish          |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan |         |                               |                               |
| Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan   |         | St. Benet Biscop (F)          | Private Intention             |
| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 5.00pm  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year B | The Hedley Family             |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 10.30am | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year B | Kathleen & John O'Brien RIP   |

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

### Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield, Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn, Jackie Gannon.

### Those who have recently died:

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband, Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart, Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley, Keith John Francis Cotterell, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker, Georgette Cowell.

## INFORMATION

### Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass near the end of each month. The next coffee morning will hopefully be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Please come and enjoy a coffee, cake & some shopping.

### Coffee and Table Sales

A big thankyou to everyone who supported our coffee and table sales this past year. We raised £760.00. I would like to give a special thank you to Marie for all the beautiful cards and handbags that she made and donated all the funds to the parish. Also, to Lin for all of her hard work and organisation.

### Coffee Rota

We hope to continue coffee mornings and sales once a month but need volunteers so that this can happen. The rota sheet for 2024 is at the back of the church for you to sign if you can help. We will also need new gift sets and other saleable items so please put aside any unwanted gifts you receive at Christmas. We are always happy to receive contemporary paperback fiction that is in good condition. We are unable to accept general bric-a-brac.

### Euros

We were given a very generous donation of 45 euros which unfortunately we are unable to process through our bank. Please could I take this opportunity to ask people not to put euros into the collection. Many thanks.

### Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Helen Woodhouse. She can be contacted at: [sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern