

5TH JANUARY 2014 - THE EPIPHANY

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In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the “Time of Manifestation”, or Showing. Today is the ‘Feast of the Manifestation’, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to

all nations. In the wise men, who travelled from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: “All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.” The same is true of the key word in the second reading: “Revelation”. Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God’s plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour’s birth revealed at last to us.

Masses & Services This Week

Sunday – 9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB)
2pm Baptism (SC)
Monday – 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Tuesday – 7pm Mass (SB)
Wednesday – 9.15am School Mass in Church (SC)
Thursday – 9.30am Requiem Mass for Bernadette Croft (SJ)
Friday – 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Saturday – No morning Mass; 5pm (SC); 6.30pm (SJ)
Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6pm (SJ)

Think Vocation

The magi were guided by a star to be shown the Prince of Peace in Bethlehem. As Christians, we have a responsibility to make Christ known to all those whom we encounter. We do this by living lives that show that Christ is alive within us. May our love for the Lord continue to grow this year and lead others closer to Christ.

Prayers Please

Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Pauline Bowling, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, John Barrett, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond, Jacqueline Kay, Wynn Elliot, Tom Wardle, Bob Taylor, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Winston Shanley, Vera Casey Shaw, Heather Goil, Anne Rule, Joni Horton and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness

Lately Dead: Bea Gilmore, Michel Soty, Keith Lyon, Joan Peake, Norman Whitworth, David Crompton, Bernadette Croft

Anniversaries: May O’Brien, Patrick O’Brien, John Fitzgerald, Joan Stronge, Norman Scott, Thomas Gaskell, Irene & Ben Sanderson, Oswald Kenyon, Eileen Croft, Kathleen & John McLoughlin, Michael Clarke, Colin Markland, Marian Kosecki, Sheila Smith, Tony Whyte

Other Mass Intentions: Elizabeth Patterson, Paul James Stronge, Annie Gaskell, Sarah & George Cranshaw, In honour of Padre Pero, Our Lady & St Anthony, Lilian & Harry Dawson, John Reddy, Agnes & George Beeching, Joyce Knight, Terry McQuaid, Mary Dobbins, Family & friends who are sick, Dillon & Madden families, Mark & Norah Maher, Cath Roxburgh, Marie Brooks, Duffy & O’Toole families, Deceased members of the Heywood & Shuttleworth families, David Walton, For a successful operation


Christmas Dance: Thank you to those who organised and supported this successful parish social event.

Christmas Draw (SJ): Thank you to those who organised and supported this draw which raised £935 for parish funds.

Becoming Catholic: Course resumes on Tuesday (7pm at SJ).

Sacramental Programme: A reminder that the next meetings for parents & children will be next week (details to follow).

Thank you: for all your cards, presents and good wishes over the Christmas period and thank you to those who prepared our churches for the celebrations.

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