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Newsletter

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The Epiphany of the Lord

It is interesting to note that the celebration of the Epiphany takes 'centre stage' in other Christian traditions around the world. In fact, in the Eastern Orthodox Church, Christmas Day is the 6th January. This is traditionally the day when, in the West, the tradition has been to start taking down the decorations because Christmas has ended! However, according to our liturgical guidelines Christmastide ends after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, then begins 'Ordinary Time'. But isn't it strange for us, as Christians, to have different dates for celebrating one of the most important events in our liturgical calendar? Well, for us Christians in our society it might be a good idea to spend more time immersing ourselves in this important celebration. It seems more attractive to build up and anticipate well in advance than to enjoy the event itself, in a prolonged gratitude, for all its graces. Having spent time in Italy during the winter months and seeing cribs and other symbols of Christmas remain even after the Feast of Christ's Baptism, it is refreshing to see that the contemporary commercial dynamic does not hold complete sway over our celebration. Today we give thanks for the Epiphany; gratitude for God become Man being made manifest to the wider world. It perfectly manifests God's plan for bringing His redemptive act to the 'ends' of the earth. The visit of the Magi shows that all of us, whoever we are and wherever we are can invite the incarnation into our lives provided we are open enough and humble enough and yearn for true life.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Mary Reidy</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Roisin and Tom Blair and Peter A. Watts</i></p>	<p>Sunday 3rd January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p> 	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p>
<p><i>No School Mass</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Bridget and Bill Thacker Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p>Monday 4th January Christmas Feria</p>	<p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: The deceased of the McSharry & McGarrell families</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 5th January Christmas Feria</p>	<p>10.30-12.30pm Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 6th January Christmas Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Recently deceased of the Dowling family</i></p>	<p>Thursday 7th January Christmas Feria</p>	<p>Church Cleaning - Team 2 <i>No Music until 14th Jan</i> <i>No SCJ Meeting in January</i> 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Mass: Jean and the McCann family Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 8th January Christmas Feria</p>	<p>4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: M and family</i></p>	<p>Saturday 9th January Christmas Feria</p>	<p>8.30am Slimming World</p> <p>10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p>10.00am <i>Mass: Welfare of the Hegarty family</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Mrs McKeவில் RIP</i></p>	<p>Sunday 10th January The Baptism of the Lord <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p>
<p>Collections £374.45 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 27th December</p>	<p>Attendance: 188</p> 

Announcements

OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory and Peggy O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Sue Day, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Maureen Cowell, Hollie Sauvage.

Woodloes House	Angele Handford
Kenilworth Grange	Margaret Handy
The Lawns	Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange Ellen Quinn, Kathleen Hammond
Clarence House	Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H.	Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor	Marie Kelly, Mary Craig
Stratford	Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home	Robbie Burns
Craighaven	Rory O'Rourke
Galanos House	Phil Lane

ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard Lanning, Don Mason, Peter McSweeney, Katherine Underhill, Michael James Dorgan, John Stephen Ruby, Peter James Johnson, Salvatore Viviani, Margaret Brown, Janis Berganis, Enid Young, John Joseph Crowley

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

BAPTISM

Jessica Naomi Bevan
14th February, 2016 at 12 Noon

Baptism Preparation: In the first instance an application form should be collected from and returned to the parish priest at the presbytery. Once a date has been agreed the parents will be invited to a Preparation Meeting usually held on the last Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room. Please note that the child's Catholic parent/s should take first responsibility for bringing them up in the faith.

Next Baptism Preparation Meeting: Monday 25th January at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

Lectio Divina

Following Advent, we are returning to the usual pattern of meeting on the third Friday of each month at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. January's session will be on the 15th, and all will be very welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernie Burns, long time and very active parishioner of St. Joseph's, latterly living in the Royal Leamington Spa Nursing Home, died on Wednesday 16th December. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St. Peter's on Wednesday 13th January at 12.30pm followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery.

Marianne Malyon, a resident of Clarendon Manor and mother of one of our parishioners Peter Malyon, died on 25th December.

Our sympathies and prayers go out to their families.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Church Maintenance Fund

[Keep checking this box and keep up to date]

Work that we plan to make headway with in the near to medium term include redecoration of the external part of the church, repairs to the parish centre roof and replacement of the upper facias of the church clerestory window area. Our monthly collection is aimed at sustaining the maintenance fund. I hope you will understand the need for this, considering the ongoing demand for upkeep of the fabric and keeping our facilities in serviceable condition. Very many thanks for your understanding in this regard.

We hope to re-carpet the sanctuary early in the New Year.

Fr. Bob

Coffee and Tea after Sunday Mass

Towards the end of last year it was mentioned that a rota will no longer be produced for providing refreshments after the 10.00am Mass. It seems a shame, but we do really need to have a viable group of volunteers from this Mass making it worthwhile if it is to run. Interest has been shown, by a few, to form a group to provide facilities maybe every two weeks. Please let me know if you could be a part of this group. It would be encouraging in many respects if we were able to keep this social opportunity going, so please give it some thought. Many thanks to all those who have helped to run this facility for so long. Fr. Bob

Diocesan Directories 2016

There are some 2016 Directories still available from the Narthex price £3.50.

Next Week—10th January 2016

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Josephine Whittington, Stephen McFadden
David Harwar, John Ireson, Adam Borley
Mary Hendry, May Murphy

Readers:

Honor Hynes
Sophie Morton
Anne Bergonzi

10th Jan	200 Club collections
15th Jan	10.00am Lectio Divina, HFR
17th Jan	Parish Council Meeting
20th Jan	Christian Unity Service (Methodist Church, Whitnash)
24th January	10.00am next Children's Mass
30/31st Jan	January Maintenance Collection

Ministers' and Readers' Rota

The rotas for January, February and March are ready for collection, individually named, from the white folder in the Sacristy.

Crib Offerings

Crib offerings this year will be donated to children in need in Whitnash. The baskets of gifts and those under the tree, have now been collected for distribution but there is *the usual box for Crib Offerings, also for this cause. [The weekend of 9th/10th January will be the last opportunity for donations]*

Many thanks to all for your great generosity—there were so many gifts placed under the tree and beside the crib: it was a wonderful response.

Year of Mercy

The Church's 'Year of Mercy' began on 8th December last year and ends on 20th November 2016. There will be various resources including a small "Pilgrim Companion For the Year of Mercy" available in the Narthex. St. Peter's Leamington is our nearest Jubilee Church (there are 16 in the diocese) and further detail about how we may make use of such resource will come in due course.

YEAR OF MERCY
2015-2016



USED STAMPS

At this time when we receive more post than usual, please think of leaving your used stamps in the basket in the narthex. They are prepared by David and Myrna Harwar and sent to the Leprosy Mission to raise valuable funds for their important work.

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

Monday:	Dancing
Tuesday:	Tuesday Club
Wednesday:	Art /Choir
Thursday:	Music Group / Weightwatchers
Friday:	Karate
Saturday:	Slimming World
Sunday:	Youth Club

200 Club

Collections for the January subscription will be at all the Masses next weekend, 10th January.

New Year

Perhaps the beginning of 2016 would be a good time to do some sorting out and starting afresh. With this in mind, could any groups that use storage space in the hall storeroom perhaps get the ball rolling and organise and tidy up their particular area, please. It would then be easier to see *what belongs to what*. We can gradually tackle other communally used places in due course. Thank you kindly.

2016

As we move towards Ordinary Time once again, we will be following Year C for the Sunday readings and for the weekday readings, Year 2.

The Homeless

This is the worst time of year to be without the basic comforts of home—the baskets in the porch are for tea, coffee and tins of non perishables to be given to those who have nothing. Thank you for all you give, consistently, to those in need.

Christmas Carol Quiz

Thanks to all who supported the Justice & Peace quiz. Please note that answers should be returned by 6 pm this Sunday, 3rd January and placed in the box in the narthex. Congratulations to everyone who actually managed to complete the quiz !