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Have you ever been thanked for something you may have said or done for someone; something you might have thought small or insignificant at the time? But, somehow, whatever it was it helped significantly. As followers of Christ our lives should be a regular part of such scenarios because we are called through our baptism to be 'stars shining brightly'. A 'star' brings the 'world' to Jesus and manifests Him as the one who is going to be our salvation. In the Western Church the event of the Wise Men's visit to Jesus has been celebrated since the fourth century where it became associated with the first manifestation ("epiphany") of Christ to the Gentiles or non-Jewish people. Although the legend of the wise men has become embellished over the centuries, (where does it say there were three?) in all the images of the adoration of the magi is the central message: Jesus is the saviour of all people and none is excluded from His love. But it falls upon each one of us, who claim to follow the 'Light' of Christ, to reflect some of that light to others by our witness. We never know when a word or deed of ours, even unbeknown, might manifest the love of Christ to a person in need.

Sunday 8th January 2017
The Epiphany of the Lord

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

Crib Offering: Today is the last chance of donating to our Crib Appeal, which this year is going to the Friends of the Holy Land for their important work in the country of Our Lord's birth. Thank you to all who have contributed to this appeal. We will publish the amount raised when this is available.

200 Club: the next collection will take place after both Masses today.

Lectio Divina: Our meetings are back to the normal 3rd Friday of the month, which will be 20th January, **starting at 10.00am** in the Holy Family Room. All are welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

Fatima Centenary special event 2017

A celebration event will be taking place for the Warwick, Coventry and other local deaneries on **Saturday 13th May** in Leamington. **Please keep the date free.** More details nearer the time. Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 4 2 8 3 9 9 m d i m a m - bro@hotmail.co.uk

Diocesan Directories 2017

There are just a few 2017 Directories available from the Narthex price £2.75

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.

Warwick Deanery Evangelisation Team: Our next meeting is on Monday 9th January at 7.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St. Peter's Parish Centre. It is hoped that each parish in the Warwick Deanery will be represented. Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 or mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk

A team from Our Lady's Lillington are running

ALPHA, a 10 week faith-building course that explores Christianity, on Thursday evenings. There is an Introductory Supper on 19th January with testimonies from previous participants. Each week, there will be a DVD or live talk and an opportunity for discussion in small groups. Please come for supper and invite your friends and family to find out more about ALPHA on 19th January at Our Lady's Church Hall, (situated behind the Church), 170 Valley Road, Lillington CV32 7SJ. There is a car park just past the Church in Valley Road. For more details or to book a place on the APHA Introductory Supper please contact June on 01926 511720 or e-mail june@finmandev.com

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Brian McCann, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Karen Ireson, Hollie Sauvage, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson

The Lawns	Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond, Winifred Galvin
Clarence House	Mollie Benson
Eversleigh N. H.	Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Mary Darby
Clarendon Manor	Monty Jenkinson
Stratford	Robbie Burns
RLS Nursing Home	Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
Woodside	Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell
Galanos House	

NEXT WEEK 15.1.17	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Anne Bergonzi, Claire Payne	Jan Ireson, Kim Kearns, Katherine Wimpenny
5.30pm	Honor Hynes	Paddy Close, Sr. Angela, Pam Hamilton



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for The Harwar Family

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday 07 January <i>Psalter Week 2</i> VIGIL	OL	12.30 pm	Daniel McCann	Confessions: SP 9.15 am (& Exposition) OL 11.45 am; SP 4.15 pm	
	SP	5.00 pm	Ann O'Keeffe		
Sunday 08 January <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	SJ	8.00 am	Betty Sheehan	Confessions: SP 3.00 pm Holy Hour	
	OL	9.30 am	Mary Reidy Simon & Kevin Daly Peter & Rosemary		
	SP	11.30 am	McGovern		
	SJ	5.30 pm	People of the Parish Bernie Burns		
Monday 09 January <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	SP	10.00 am	Edith Lucia Ryan Vincent Murry		
	SJ		No Mass		
Tuesday 10 January <i>Feria</i>	School	9.15 am	Mass: St Patrick's School, Cashmore Avenue Private Intention Kathleen O'Mahony	Rosary: SJ 9.10am SP Noon	
	SJ	9.30 am			
	SP	12.30 pm			
Wednesday 11 January <i>Feria</i>	School	9.15 am	Mass: St Anthony's School, Sydenham Drive Geoffrey Maddocks J. W. Bunch Anita Dean	Rosary: SP Noon	
	OL	12.00 pm			
	SP	12.30 pm			
Thursday 12 January <i>Feria</i>	SP	12.30 pm	Shaun Hogan Dermot Collins	Rosary: SP Noon	
	SJ		No Mass		
Friday 13 January <i>Feria</i>	School	9.30 am	Class Mass, St Peter's Sch. Mary Pepper Eileen Cummings No Mass	Rosary: SP Noon	
	OL	12.00 pm			
	SP	12.30 pm			
	SJ				
Saturday 14 January <i>Feria</i> VIGIL	SJ	10.00 am	No Mass Brendan Donaghy	Confessions: SP 9.15 am (& Exposition) OL 11.45 am; SP 4.15 pm	
	SP				
	OL		12.30 pm		John Maher
	SP		5.00 pm		Kitty & John Lucey Mary & Tom Beirne
Sunday 15 January <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>*PEACE SUNDAY*</i>	SJ	8.00 am	Peter Bogue	Confessions: SP 3.00 pm Holy Hour with Exposition	
	OL	9.30 am	Peter & Rosemary McGovern		
	SP	11.30 am	Henri L. Raymonde		
	SP	3.00 pm	HOLY HOUR for Peace		
	SJ	5.30 pm	John Gately & Family		

Crib Offering

This year, throughout Advent and Christmastide, will be for the Friends of the Holy Land

Anniversaries

Enid Young, John Joseph Crowley, Joan Cotter, William O'Toole, Margaret Murphy, Evelyn Henn, Letitia Toye, Monica Silk

May they rest in peace

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun: 200 Club collection
Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club
Wed: 9.30am Art Group
 8.30-10.00pm Hall booked
Thurs: 10.45-12.15pm Music Group
 7.00pm Weight Watchers
 7.30pm SCJ Meeting, 16 The Seekings
Fri: 5.30pm Karate
Sat: 8.30 + 10.30am Slimming World

LAST WEEK 1st January 2017

Offertory:
£314.40

No Second
Collection

Attendance
289

