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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, we observe today the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" means manifestation and throughout the Christmas readings we have seen that the newborn King is eager to reveal Himself to all those willing to accept His presence in their lives. From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi featured in today's Gospel passage, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone.



We also see throughout the scriptures that God uses what is familiar to us to draw us to Himself. In the case of the magi – astrologers – He uses a star. Our Lord continues to speak to each one of us today. But we must be alert to "hear" and "see" Him in our daily lives.

How can we become better attuned to the ways God is speaking to us? We must strengthen our spiritual "senses" by spending time with the Lord in prayer every single day. In the same way that we set professional goals or exercise goals, we can set spiritual goals to ensure that we are taking the time to listen intentionally to God daily.

When we establish a regular, intentional time for prayer, we will find that the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the "stars" He places before us to draw us into closer relationship with Him. We will begin to see that He is indeed present in our lives at every moment.

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Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 7 January

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We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.

Sat 5	6:00 pm	Brendan O'Sullivan RIP
Sun 6	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Mon 7	Monday of Christmastide after Epiphany	10:00 am - Mass
Tues 8	Tuesday of Christmastide after Epiphany	10:00 am In Thanksgiving Pat Lavell Eucharistic Minister
Wed 9	Wednesday of Christmastide after Epiphany	10:00 am - Mass
Thur 10	Thursday of Christmastide after Epiphany	10:00 am - Mass
Fri 11	Friday of Christmastide after Epiphany	10:00 am - Mass
Sat 12	Saturday of Christmastide after Epiphany	10:00 am Blessings on the Gauci Family

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - 13 January

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While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.

Sat 12	6:00 pm	John Olohan RIP
Sun 13	10:00 am	People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:

Mary O'Driscoll, Sean Dillow, Helena Allen,
Jean Williams, Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon,
June Walsh, Margaret Sauce & Charles Paice

RCIA—JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting is on **Thursday 10th January** at 7:30 pm in the Hall. The title of this session is **"Moral Action, Natural Law & The 10 Commandments."** All are welcome. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to the family of God, Jacob Matthew Weston baptised here in Sacred Heart this weekend. Congratulations.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Andrea Waldram has organised 2 events for her Charity fundraising ahead of running the London Marathon in April 2019. 1 event for the children and 1 for the adults.

Saturday 2nd February - Musical Fun with Claudia Fivaz (music with mummy). Claudia will run 3 sessions in the church hall for children 6 months to 6 years. £5 per child per session. All proceeds to Children with Cancer UK. Spaces are limited so book your place as soon as possible. Contact Claudia - 07758655128 or e mail

carico22@hotmail.com

See poster on the board in the church porch for more details.

Monday 4th March - Charity evening at Hook Tandoori for Children with Cancer UK and The National Autistic Society. Andrea Waldram and Jackie Harrison are running the London Marathon for these Charities. Tickets are £20 per person which includes Poppadum, Starter and Main Course with Naan Bread. Numbers are limited so book your tickets ASAP. Contact Jackie 07881620701 or Andrea 07823449333. There will be a raffle so any contributions will be welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Our annual Hook and Odiham Churches Together service is being held on Sunday 20th January at 6 pm in Elizabeth Hall. Following the service, refreshments will be served.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is a glorious way to enter into the abundant Mercy of God. Please join us on Friday afternoons from 2:30—3:00 in the Church. To pray for the Mercy of God on us and on the whole world.

FOOD BANK

We would like to thank everyone who generously donated to the Food Bank during 2018 and thank you for your continued support in 2019

SALT AND GRIT BIN

Just a reminder that there is a salt and grit bin by the side of the disabled parking bays, for use when the car park area is icy.



THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

'A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For the journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins,
But there was no information, and so we continued
And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory
All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death,
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

— T. S. Eliot