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Confessions

Saturday evenings 5:15 - 5.45 pm.

Church Rotas

Weekend 4/5 January

Saturday

Readers: Eileen & Theresa

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Sister & Pat

Sunday

Readers: Joseph & Claire

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Jill & Jan

Weekend 11/12 January

Saturday

Readers: Maggie & Joy

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Sister & Rebecca

Sunday

Readers: Children's Mass

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Maggie & Grania

As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God's presence in their lives. "We have seen the star at its rising," they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the "star" of God's presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God's presence in their lives, "were overjoyed." Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God's presence and gifts to them, simply can't help but be filled with joy.

Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.

Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the new born Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and "opened their treasures and offered him gifts." This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com



Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 5 January

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

Sat 4	6:00 pm	- Brendan O'Sullivan RIP
Sun 5	10:00 am	- Elizabeth Curran RIP

Mon 6	10:00 am	<i>Liturgy of the Day</i>
		- Mass

Tues 7	10:00 am	<i>Liturgy of the Day</i>
		- Mass

Wed 8	10:00 am	<i>Liturgy of the Day</i>
		- Mass

Thur 9	10:00 am	<i>Liturgy of the Day</i>
		- Mass

Fri 10	10:00 am	<i>Liturgy of the Day</i>
		- Mass

Sat 11	10:00 am	<i>Liturgy of the Day</i>
		- Mass

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - 12 January

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As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.

Sat 11	6:00 pm	- John Olohan RIP
Sun 12	10:00 am	- Intentions of the Mahon Family

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:

Sister Connie, Joan Coleman, Joyce Beeson,
Ian Dillow, Helena Allen, Yvonne Beaumont,
Debbie Cavedon, June Walsh,
Margaret Sauce, Natalie Mahon, Nicholas Drummond,
Anne Hill, Jay De Alwis & Timothy Walsh.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 1st Feb Curry Night for Melfort Old Peoples Home

HOOK CHURCHES TOGETHER

On Saturday 11th January at 2:00 pm, please join us at St John's Church to help litter pick Hook village.

Film show at The Life Church Centre on Thursday 16 Jan at 7:00 pm, the film being shown is 'The Way.'

Our annual Hook and Odiham Church Together service is being held on Sunday 19th January at 6 pm in Elizabeth Hall.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **George Smith RIP**, from Odiham, who died last week, his Requiem Mass is on Friday 17th January at 2:45 pm in Sacred Heart. Please keep his widow Helen, family and friends in your prayers.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen



ST GABRIEL'S GROUP 'CONTINUING JOURNEY IN FAITH'

- with Deacon Pat O'Connell

Being held at St Bede's Church, Popley - on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm for 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm. 'Matrimony' - a discussion on the beauty of this Sacrament together with the psychological challenges faced by all married couples today

Next session is Thursday 06 February 2020

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1 - 4, 6 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 28: 1 - 4, 9 - 10 response v 11

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34 - 38

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13 - 17

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.

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