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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord 5/6 January 2020

“We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.”

Matthew 2, 2

THANK YOU

Father Patrick would like to thank the parish community and visitors to Our Lady & St. Anne over the Christmas period for their generous Christmas Offering: he is very grateful. Thank you too to those parishioners who gave him personal gifts in honour of Christmas. Here too, he is very thankful and appreciative of these kind tokens of affection for their pastor. Go rabibh amith agaibh/ Thank you so much everybody!

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Shaun McCarvill who died before Christmas.

His requiem will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne on Friday 10th January @12.30hrs.

May he rest in peace and all those who mourn him find comfort.

CHRISTMAS CRIB DONATIONS

Any donations made at the crib this year will be given to Friends of the Holy Land to support their work in the Middle East.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid £127.12 Loose £525.79
Standing Orders £484.00

POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2020

Promotion of World Peace
We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

WONDERING HOW TO RECYCLE CLEAN PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS?

'Lush' in the Oracle will take clean plastic bottle tops in the shop. They then send them to their recycling centre in Poole where the tops are sorted by hand.

LOST PROPERTY

The basket for lost property is on the shelves in the narthex with all the prayer books. It is very full at the moment so if you think you might have left something in church, do have a look. Things left there for more than 3 months will be taken to a charity shop.

VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to get involved with anything in the parish, contact the parish office and let them know what you can offer.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest.

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord: On the first day of Christmas and then on the twelfth day the Church celebrates two very different aspects of the coming of the Lord among us. On the night of Christmas a child is born in a stable, the only witnesses to this birth being shepherds – virtual outcasts in the Jewish society of the time – who have been informed by angels that the Saviour has been born. But this is a private revelation, the significance of the birth only known to the child’s parents and these humble visitors. And even then their understanding of what had happened was only partial: Mary meditated over all these things in her heart and, as we see from various episodes in her Son’s public life and even at Calvary, she struggled to fully comprehend what God was doing in her life. On the twelfth day of Christmas the Church celebrates a very different coming. Now the appearance of the Lord among us is a very public event. Epiphany signifies revelation, the witnesses this time the three wise men/kings who represent the three then-known continents, i.e. the whole world beyond the land of Palestine. The wise men, who followed a star, who intuited that something marvellous had occurred and that God had entered our world, were from the world of the Gentiles, i.e. our world. The Orthodox world celebrates 6 January as its Christmas and for us in the West the Church offers us a second opportunity to look at the crib and to join with the wise men and worship the child whom they recognised as God-with-us.

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 60, 1 – 6: Isaiah draws here a dramatic picture of what he sees as occurring when God visits his people. His prophecy corresponds very much to what happened in the Epiphany, even if it is the spiritual reality of the event that Isaiah’s prophecy discerns. The event itself, although public, was restricted to few and discreet. But with the birth of Jesus and with the revelation to the wise men that the divine was present in the new-born child, the light had entered the world, the minds of men and women were henceforth illuminated by Jesus. He declared himself later the “light of the world” and in his account of the nativity John too asserts that the light had appeared in the world, but the people received him not. This OT reading from Isaiah – our constant companion throughout Advent and Christmas – challenges us to open our minds to the light the Christ sheds.

Second Reading (NT): Ephesians 3, 2 – 3. 5 – 6: In writing to the early Christians of Ephesus Paul is asserting that the secret which for generations was kept under wraps in the Jewish tradition, that heathens too were called by God and that salvation was his gift to them too, has now been revealed. It is for that reason that Epiphany is very much our Christmas, the child Jesus who reveals himself in his divinity brings salvation to all men and women of good will.

Gospel: Matthew 2, 1 – 12: Let us get behind the familiar story to understand the true significance of the Epiphany, let us join the wise men in searching for Jesus.

[Sunday readings](#)

Masses and Intentions Christmastide

Saturday 4th January 10.00 People of the parish
Christmas feria

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Year A

Saturday 4th January 17.30 Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Sunday 5th January 10.00 Karolina & Jan Sprlak
18.30 Christian Giblin RIP

Monday 6th January 09.15 Those involved in Australian
Christmas feria bush fire emergency

Tuesday 7th January 09.15 Repose of Holy Souls
Christmas feria

Wednesday 8th January 09.15 Repose of Holy Souls
Christmas feria

Thursday 9th January 08.00 Repose of Holy Souls
Christmas feria

Friday 10th January 12.30 Requiem - Shaun McCarvill
Christmas feria

Saturday 11th January 10.00 'Van' Van Den Berghe
Christmas feria

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Year A

Saturday 11th January 17.30 People of the parish

Sunday 12th January 10.00 Frank Gratrix RIP

18.30 Maria, Margita, Matej Grestiak RIP

Confessions:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15
Exposition & Benediction:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30
Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday	16.45