

St Patrick's Catholic Church

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 7th JANUARY 2024

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The Epiphany of the Lord

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - The Baptism of the Lord

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - Feria

6pm - Exposition & Confess.

7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - Feria

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - St Kentigern

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

10 - 10.30am - Confessions

5-15 - 5.45pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

abortion. Please be as generous as you can to help defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

Prayers we remember the sick and housebound who can't make it to Mass. We also remember the many who are now lapsing from the Faith.

Parish Events This Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea & coffee in the hall

Mon 10am - Tea / coffee in the hall

10.30am - Men's Group

Tue 2pm - Soup & sandwiches

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group

Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

Fri 2pm - Soup & sandwiches

The Women's Guild returns on **23rd January**. All of the ladies of the parish are welcome to come along.

Are you planning to marry? Give at least six months' notice to the parish priest. Couples are advised not to book anything until their freedom to marry and the availability of clergy and the church is confirmed.

Next Baptismal Course for parents and godparents will be on Wednesday, **7th February** from 7 - 8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

As the Schools Re-Open we thank God for a restful Christmas break and ask for his blessings on all our pupils and teachers, especially those who are making sacraments and sitting examinations this year.

St Patrick's Primary School enrolment 2024: The enrolment for our primary school will be **16th-20th January**. Children should be baptised before enrolment. Baptised children are given preferment at Catholic schools when places are in demand.

Monklands Hospital the Chaplain wishes to offer all Catholic patients the sacraments during their stay in hospital. To enable this, it is very important for families to inform the nursing staff of the ward so that they can let the **Catholic** Chaplain know. Remember, it's not like the old days when the nursing staff would get the priest if they knew the patient was a Catholic. You or your family must ask for the Catholic chaplain to visit on his rounds otherwise the priest will not come.

Donations to Mary's Meals until **22nd January** will be **doubled** by groups of their supporters.

The Parish Draw will take place this week.

Renewed Thanks to all those who helped in any way with the liturgy and to decorate the church for our Christmas celebrations. The church looks splendid. Personal thanks also from the clergy for your typical generosity at Christmas time.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SACRED SCRIPTURE

[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass].

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your

The Epiphany is the day when Mary shows her Son to the three pagans who have travelled from afar. On Sunday, the kings will be placed in our own crib scene. Be sure to visit the crib to pray today and, **if you have children, teach them about who is there.**

Second Collection today is for Justice & Peace.

Thank You for your gifts to God and His Church in this Christmas season. Our faithful money counters have taken a well-deserved break!

A White Flower Appeal will be held in the parish next weekend for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. 86% of GP's are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced

heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nation's come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense, and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 71**
R. All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.
R. All nations shall fall prostrate...

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.
R. All nations shall fall prostrate...

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.
R. All nations shall fall prostrate...

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.
R. All nations shall fall prostrate...

Second Reading **Ephesians 3:2-6**
You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 2:1-12**
After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'For this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people, Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said, 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and returned to their own country by a different way.

Prayers of the Faithful Response
Lord hear us.
R. Lord graciously hear us.

Communion Antiphon
We have seen his star in the East and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.