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## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



### *A FEAST OF GLORY MANIFESTED!*

Seekers after wisdom have travelled far, and bring with them the hopes of the Nations, the gifts of the Peoples, the riches of Learning - and lay them before this vulnerable little child trapped in poverty and soon to be a refugee! These strong men of intellect who gaze upon the stars and research the wisdom of ages in their books: now they bend low, humbled and humbling in the generosity of their spirits and the humility of their minds - bending the knee to the child and His young mother and labourer father.

And in the poverty of the Bethlehem home they touch the quiet and hidden glory of Love made Flesh, of God in human skin, of the intertwining of the Divine and Human stories forever - literally for all eternity. They have found Wisdom - or rather Wisdom made Flesh has found them! Let us be drawn like them to the strange Glory of this God-touched Humanity. Forever we will walk a different Way as wise seekers and lovers! Then the Glory can be quietly and gently manifest in us! These strangers from distant lands bring us gifts - the gifts of their faith, their love, their searching, their courage. Then and now!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS of the Epiphany at 10.00am

Mass for Senior Citizens at 3.00pm (followed by Refreshments) - **all welcome**

**MONDAY:** Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am, followed by *Adoration* to 4.00pm

**TUESDAY:** *Adoration* at 5.30pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm,  
followed by Scripture Sharing Group

**WEDNESDAY:** *Adoration* at 6.30pm Service of Word and Communion at 7.00pm

**THURSDAY:** Service of Word and Communion at 12noon, followed by *Adoration* until 1.30pm

**FRIDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.30am Service of Word and Communion at 9.00am

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**SATURDAY:** ***Feast of St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot (1110-1167)***

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING 9.30am to AFTER MASS**

*Adoration* at 9.30am *Morning Prayer* at 10.00am **Mass** at 12noon

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** after Mass and 4.30-5.00pm

**6/01/2019** [1] We celebrate the original Feast of Christmas - **the Feast of the 'Epiphany' of the Lord**. In the Eastern Orthodox Churches, they celebrate all together on the one day the birth of Jesus, the Visit of the Wise Men, the Baptism of Jesus and the Marriage Feast of Cana (Jesus' first miracle or 'sign of power'). For each individually and together they form the Divine Revelation of the Word made Flesh, the 'showing forth' of the glory of God in human flesh, Jesus. Let us always follow the Light that is Jesus and find the foolish wisdom of the Gospel - the very fulfilment of our lives!

[2] **Mass for our Senior Citizens at 3.00pm**, followed by a Tea and meeting with friends. All are welcome so please do come.

**13/01/2019** [1] We mark the end of 'Christmas-tide' with the emerging of Jesus from His 'hidden' life into the His Public Ministry of proclamation and service, with the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**. Embraced by the Father's Love, filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus discovers His true identity and relationship with God and is empowered for His Ministry of preaching the Kingdom and Healing the People. That is what our baptism does too!

[2] Training for Volunteers with the **Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter** 1.00-3.00pm - essential for all volunteers and please consider helping this project.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for Parish in Communion for Mission of English Martyrs, Chard with St Joseph's, Ilminster, served by Fr Dominic Findlay-Wilson and both their communities.

**WORD OF GOD FOR SECOND WEEK OF CHRISTMAS (EPIPHANY-TIDE)**

**Sunday** Isaiah 60: 1-6 / Psalm 71 / Ephesians 3: 2-3. 5-6 / Matthew 2: 1-12

**Monday** 1 John 3: 22-4: 6 / Ps 2 / Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday** 1 John 4: 7-10 / Ps 97:15 / Mark 6:34-44

**Wednesday** 1 John 4: 11-18 / Ps 71 / Mark 6: 45-52

**Thursday** 1 John 4: 19-5: 4 / Ps 71 / Luke 4: 14-22

**Friday** 1 John 5: 5-13 / Psalm 147 / Luke 5: 12-16

**Saturday** 1 John 5: 14-21 / Psalm 149 / John 3: 22-30

**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD & FIRST WEEK OF THE YEAR**

**SUNDAY:** **PARISH MASS of the Baptism of the Lord** at 10.00am

*followed by Winter Night Shelter Volunteer Training* 1.00-3.00pm

**MONDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am

**TUESDAY:** *Adoration* at 5.30pm **Mass** at 6.00pm, *followed by Scripture Sharing Group*

**WEDNESDAY:** *Adoration* at 6.30pm **Mass** at 7.00pm

**THURSDAY:** ***Feast of St Anthony, Abbot, founder of Desert Fathers & Monasticism (251-356)***

**Mass** at 12noon, *followed by Adoration* until 1.30pm

**FRIDAY:** *Adoration* at 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am

**SATURDAY:** ***Feast of St Wulstan, last Saxon Bishop (1008-1095) preached against slavery***

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**WORD OF GOD FOR FIRST WEEK OF THE YEAR ('ORDINARY TIME' - Weekday Readings cycle 1)**

<b>Sunday</b>	Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 / Psalm 28 / Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-38/ Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22
<b>Monday</b>	Hebrews 1: 1-6 / Psalm 96 / Mark 1: 14-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	Hebrews 2: 5-12 / Ps 8 / Mark 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	Hebrews 2: 14-18 / Ps 104 / Mark 1: 29-39
<b>Thursday</b>	Hebrews 3: 7-14 / Ps 94 / Mark 1: 40-45
<b>Friday</b>	Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11 / Psalm 77 / Mark 2: 1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	Hebrews 4: 12-16 / Psalm 18 / Mark 2: 13-17

**COLLECTIONS**

Env £ + Loose £ + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £ - thank you!

**DATES FOR THE DIARY 2019**

6th Jan	<b>FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY</b>
6th Jan	Senior Citizens Christmas Mass at 3.00pm, followed by Tea
12th Jan	Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training Session One 9.30am-1.00pm (Hall)
13th Jan	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Baptismal Sunday</b>
13th Jan	Night Shelter Volunteers Training at St Nicks, after Mass until 3.30pm
15th Jan	Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm
16th Jan	First Eucharist programme begins (& Parents' meeting) at 4.00pm (Assisi Cent)
18th Jan	First Reconciliation programme begins (& Parents' meeting) at 4pm (Assisi Cent)
19th Jan	Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training Session Two 9.30am-1.00pm (Hall)
20th Jan	United Service for Christian Unity Week at 4.00pm (St Nicks - 170 event)
26th Jan	Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training Session Three 9.30am-1.00pm (Hall)
27th Jan	Commissioning & Re-commissioning all Lay Ministers of Eucharist at 10am Mass
27th Jan	Annual Mission Appeal - this year by the Comboni Sisters
30th Jan	East Bristol Deanery meets at 6.30pm
6th Feb	Training Day and Evening on Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery (St Nicks)
15th Feb	Healing Mass for World Day of the Sick at 7.30pm
23rd Feb	Borderlands Trustees meet 11am to 4.00pm
26th Feb	<b>Bishop Declan celebrates 170 Anniversary Mass at 7.00pm</b>
6th March	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS</b>

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS** Thank you for the many cards, gifts and greetings I received over the Christmas period, and for your generosity with the Christmas Offerings, contributing to the annual 'wage' of your parish priest. It is a great joy for me to be your priest!

**HEALING MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12th** Come to this special **Healing Mass for the World Day of the Sick in this Diocesan Year of Prayer** here at St Nicks on Friday **15th February at 7.30pm**. To offer or receive Healing Prayer is a very special experience, as Jesus touches another with healing love through you (or to you through another). Jesus' Word of Healing is an event of transformation as we pray with and care for the sick and housebound, the troubled and anguished. We become the Father's Mercy reaching into the wounds of humanity with wine of compassion & peace. Come yourself and bring others to Healing Prayer in the name of Jesus and let Him change you!

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES - CALLING ALL PARENTS!** **First Eucharist Programme begins on Wednesday 16th January 2019; First Reconciliation Programme begins on Friday 18th January** - both at 4.00pm and both at the Assisi Centre. There will also be a meeting for all parents in the Eucharist programme on Wednesday 16th

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and for parents of Reconciliation programme on Friday 18th January - both also at 4.00pm at the Assisi Centre.

**FROM COMMITTEE 170** The 170 Committee is looking for volunteers to organise a **family-fun event on Sat 2nd March (working name 'Pancakes day')**. We are looking for ideas from all our different cultures who celebrate the last days before Lent in different ways. What do you do in your country for Shrove Tuesday (or Mardi Gras)? Any ideas what to organise for children and families last Saturday before Lent? Let Marta know (07854457744)

**CALLING ALL EU (European Union) CITIZENS - ALL WHO HAVE EU PASSPORTS**

At a meeting in London this past week of Catholic Migrant Officers (and European national chaplains) from around England and Wales (sponsored by the Bishops' Conference), we examined the arrangements for all EU citizens (those holding EU passports, including their children born in UK) after 'Brexit'. Although clearly there is now doubt about 'Brexit', nevertheless it is vitally important that those concerned (which includes for instance people from Latin America holding Spanish passport and from Angola, East Timor etc holding Portuguese passports) understand the steps they need to take if they wish to remain in UK after 31st December 2020. It is relatively simple in most cases, but you must apply to the **'EU Settlement Scheme' from April 2019 and before end of June 2021**. We are going to explore how our parish community can support our sisters and brothers in applying for Permanent Settled Status. Meanwhile, for more information visit: [www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status](http://www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status)

**LAY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST TRAINING** I have called a number of our parishioners to serve our community as Lay Ministers of the Eucharist. The training Sessions will be in the New Year: **Saturdays: 19/26 January from 9.30am to 1.00pm (including 12 noon Mass); Commissioning & Re-commissioning of all Lay Ministers Sunday 27th January at 10.00am Mass. Would all existing Lay Ministers please also attend some or all the sessions if at all possible, and prepare for Re-commissioning on 27th Jan - thank you!**

**BISHOP COMES TO CELEBRATE 170 YEARS OF MISSION HERE** I am delighted to announce that Bishop Declan will preside at a **Mass of Thanksgiving** and Recommitment on the occasion of our 170th Anniversary Year on **Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.00pm**. We will be inviting many from around the diocese to join us for this important celebration.

**BRISTOL CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER AT ST NICKS**

**WE NEED MORE** volunteers from our parish to support this important part of our Mission. We are hosting our homeless sisters and brothers each Wednesday from 20th Feb to 27th March. Three shifts each night: Evening 5.30-10pm / Overnight 9.30pm - 7.00am / Morning 6.30-9.30am. For all volunteers, it is **very important that you attend training - cannot volunteer without this training - for your good and our guests!** CONTACT ASHLEY TARDIVO (07584375049) or [ashleytardivo@gmail.com](mailto:ashleytardivo@gmail.com) Final training session here at St Nicks after Mass on Sunday 13th January, finishing at 3.00pm

**SPECIAL 170TH YEAR UNITY SERVICE** We are inviting many ecumenical friends to celebrate with us 170 years of Mission here in the Inner City on **Sunday 20th Jan at 4.00pm**. Please make a special effort to attend this event and welcome our friends who come to give thanks with us for '170 years of Mission - More Justice, More Love'. Guest preacher Rev Peter Barnett (formerly vicar of St Pauls, Bristol).

**COME & LEARN MORE ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY** A special 170 training event on 6th January in Parish Hall 6.30pm (refreshments) for 7.00-9.00pm - an issue for us all to become aware of and to act!

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