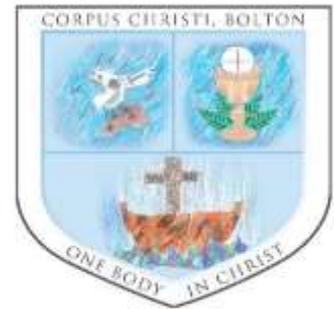


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

5 January 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord



* In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the "Time of Manifestation", or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men, who travelled from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

Marriage Matters

Give every fibre of our being: The gift we can give to Jesus and to one another is ourselves. No matter how long we have been married, let us still enjoy unwrapping the gift of self. Just as, through the grace of God, the 'wise men' went another way, not the world's way, so can we, by giving our whole selves, every fibre of our being.

Think Vocation

The magi were guided by a star to be shown the Prince of Peace in Bethlehem. As Christians, we have a responsibility to make Christ known to all those whom we encounter. We do this by living lives that show that Christ is alive within us. May our love for the Lord continue to grow this year and lead others closer to Christ.

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Sunday 5 January

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Monday 6 January

9am Exposition & Adoration
 9.30am Mass (SB)
 1.45pm Requiem Mass for Kathleen McClusky (SJ)
 7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 7 January

6.30pm Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ)
 7pm Mass (SJ)
 7.15pm SVP (SB)
 7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting (SJ)

Wednesday 8 January

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 9 January

9am Exposition & Adoration (SB)
 9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 10 January

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Saturday 11 January

10.30am Adoration & Reconciliation (SB)
 11.30am Mass (SB)
 5pm Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Sunday 12 January - *The Baptism Of the Lord*

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

A Blessed and Happy New Year to all!

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Prayers Please

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder, Christopher Scott, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell, Anne Hurst, Kenneth Martin, Vernon Holt, Colin Spragg, Margaret Padfield

Lately Dead: Frank Cox, Joan Caffercky, Mary O'Grady, Sheila Morrison, June Hindley, Martin Cleary, Kathleen McClusky

Anniversaries: James Wheeler, Marian Kosecki, Sheila Smith, Eileen Croft, Harriet McAvoy, May O'Brien, Pat O'Brien, Jack Fitzgerald, Fr Gerard Duffy

Mass Intention: James Wheeler, Martin Cleary, Thomas Gibbons, Living and deceased members of the Gibbons family, Conway family, Frank Cox, Barbara Grimes (Christmas Remembrance), Marian Kosecki, Sheila Smith, Joan Caffercky, Eileen Dearden, May O'Brien, Pat O'Brien, Jack Fitzgerald, Members of the O'Brien and Fitzgerald families, Mary O'Grady, Sheila Morrison, June Hindley, John McCormick, Vera & Fred Boatfield, Sheila Hayes (Birthday Remembrance), Eileen Croft, Harriet McAvoy, Fr Gerard Duffy, Special Intention for all Australians suffering from bush fires

Cycle of Prayer Part 1 (of 6): We pray especially for: openness to the Word of God; migrants and refugees; expectant mothers.

Hope in the Future

Let us pray for the people of the parishes of St Osmund, Brightmet, and St Teresa, Little Lever, and for Fr Dermot Heakin, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

24/25 December - 912

28/29 December - 445

Offertory Collection

24/25 December: £2,290.26

28/29 December: £946.08

Standing Orders

(21-29 December) - £275

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials: Thank you to everyone who donated towards the memorials. These are now available for you to take home this weekend.

St John's Piety Stall: There will be a "sale" of all Christmas cards after the 9.30am Masses this Sunday and next.

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Music & Liturgy Workshop Day

With Jo Boyce

Saturday 8 February 10am-6.30pm

At St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Heaton

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Churches in Harwood - Ecumenical Service: To start the week of prayer a service will be held at St Brendan's Church on Monday 20 January at 7.30pm (led by Rev Iain Smart). All welcome.

Formation Series - Bishop Philip Egan: The New Evangelisation: Wednesday 8 January, 7.30pm-9pm at St Gabriel's RC High School, Bridge Road, Bury, BL9 0TZ. Bishop Egan is the Bishop of Portsmouth. He was born in Altrincham, Cheshire and was previously Vicar General in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. He has a real passion for sharing the Good News of Jesus and will be sharing with us some suggestions of how we can share that good news with others. To register your place or for more information visit: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events.

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European Art Through English Eyes: An evening talk given by Professor Keith Hanley exploring the Christian spirit of European art through the eyes of Victorian polymath, John Ruskin. This talk will take place on 23 January at 7.30pm (doors opening at 7pm). Rooms available at a discounted rate for this event.

For more information, please visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/ruskin-talk/>

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Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 11/12 January

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Molyneux	TBA
9.30am (SJ)	G French	P McArdle, M Speed A Rawlinson, F Smith, L Rule, A Grundy
11am (SB)	T Proctor	J Murphy, K Wilkinson, P Carolan