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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 5th January 2025 The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	John Grant, RIP Anniversary (M G) Parish Community Intention of the donor O/L Lamp: Jackie Rees
Monday 6 th <i>Monday after Epiphany Sunday</i>	9.30am	Mgr Brian Kinrade, Private Intention (P H)
Tuesday 7 th <i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i>	9.30am	Mary Whooley, RIP Anniversary (M G)
Wednesday 8 th <i>Wednesday after Epiphany Sunday</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Sr Margaret Canny, RIP (K O) Coffee Morning
Thursday 9 th <i>Thursday after Epiphany Sunday</i>	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Friday 10 th <i>Friday after Epiphany Sunday</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 11 th <i>Saturday after Epiphany Sunday</i>	10.00am	Fr Jude O.P Birthday Thanksgiving
Sunday 12th January 2025 Baptism of the Lord (Feast)	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Christine Hughes, RIP Anniversary (D H) Benjamin Ini-Abasi Usoro, Private Intention (E U) O/L Lamp Angela Crotty & G

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Monsignor Brian Kinrade, Menna Evans, Andrew Rees, Don Mason, Vince Edwards, Fr Jude.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Are you in need of confidential one-to-one support following a bereavement, whether a recent loss or one that occurred some time ago? A member of our Parish team is available to meet you and provide individual support. Whether you need someone to talk to, listen, pray with or just some company for a coffee and chat, please don't hesitate to call Rose at 078131-57296. We are here to support you. You are not alone in this journey of grief.

CRIB OFFERINGS: As advised by the Archdiocese, Crib offerings this year will go towards the following causes:

Abroad: Aid to the Holy Land, through the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre and Friends of the Holy Land

Home: Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese

2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE: The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis inaugurated this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope for the whole church to celebrate. As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING: A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Wednesday Coffee Morning this year – especially the bakers and servers. We have raised over £3,300 for Charity. We will be taking a two-week break over Christmas, **so back on January 8th**. More helpers are always welcome. Please contact Eileen on 07592 829091 if you are interested.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 7th January at 7pm**. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 13th January at 7pm**. Text: John chapter 10. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

HOOR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 15th January at 6pm**.

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOUR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 16th January** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: Treasures of the Catholic Faith.**

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Mary Brearley, Angela Matthews, Janet Blackburn, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Rachael Naylor, Michael Kinrade, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Advent and Christmastide, we are invited to pray for Migrants and Refugees, and for Expectant Mothers.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: For the respect of the rights of migrants, refugees, and those affected by war.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £841

EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:

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Pope Francis on the Epiphany

“If we went to the Lord empty-handed, today we can remedy that. The Gospel, in some sense, gives us a little “gift list”: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold, the most precious of metals, reminds us God has to be granted first place; he has to be worshiped. But do that, we need to remove ourselves from the first place and to recognize our neediness, the fact that we are not self-sufficient. Then there is frankincense, which symbolizes a relationship with the Lord, prayer, which like incense rises up to God (cf. Ps 141:2). Just as incense must burn in order to yield its fragrance, so too, in prayer, we need to “burn” a little of our time, to spend it with the Lord. Not just in words, but also by our actions. We see this in the myrrh, the ointment that would be lovingly used to wrap the body of Jesus taken down from the cross (cf. Jn 19:39). The Lord is pleased when we care for bodies racked by suffering, the flesh of the vulnerable, of those left behind, of those who can only receive without being able to give anything material in return. Precious in the eyes of God is mercy shown to those who have nothing to give back. Gratuitousness!”

- Taken from Pope Francis' homily on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, 6 January 2019

