

Feast of Epiphany is celebrated today Sunday 8th January. Epiphany (from the ancient Greek ἐπιφάνεια, epiphaneia, "manifestation, striking appearance") is an experience of sudden and striking realization. In Christianity, Epiphany refers to a realization that Christ is God made manifest in our human nature. We celebrate the visit of the Magi as the revelation of the Incarnation of the infant Christ, and commemorate the Feast of the Epiphany usually on January 6.

Peace Sunday: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has chosen the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time to mark the Pope's World Peace Day message. The theme chosen for 2017 is 'Nonviolence: A Style of Politics for Peace'. Peace Sunday this year 2017 will be celebrated on Sunday January 15th. Please remember that making peace and living peaceful lives is our Christian duty. Blessed are the peace makers, they shall be called sons and daughters of God. Details can be found at www.paxchristi.org.uk

Instructions for my Funeral Mass document is being made available in many parish piety shops for £1.00 per copy. It gives dignity to this important subject and enables parishioners to obtain a copy easily and therefore plan ahead for their funeral as well as being a great help to clergy. It can be an opportunity to engage with families and those who are responsible for the care of an elderly relative but unsure of how to approach the subject. The books are not yet at our parish piety stall we hope to order for some. If you want to get your copy as soon as possible, Ordering from the Pastoral Care Project's online shop is straightforward via: www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk.

New priests for St. Osburgs: I'm pleased to announce to you that St. Osburgs parish will get two new priests by the end of this month. Fr. Sunday Bazirake and Fr. Pontius Bandua are both Religious Missionary priests of the Apostles of Jesus Religious Missionary Order. I wish to thank you for all the prayers you have offered for this intention. The project began by working on the priests' house with the hope that one day God would send us priests. I wish to remind you of your duty to promote vocations to priesthood and religious life. It is your duty too to support those who are training for the priesthood financially or through your prayers and good will. Let us pray for their safe journey to us.

Eight days of prayer for Christian Unity. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908 and focused on prayer for church unity, and the unity of all Christians. The Week of Prayer will start 18th on the confession of Peter of Jesus as Son of the Living God to the 25th January – the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Let us all remain united as a family of believers in Jesus Christ s our Lord and saviour.

Superior General Returns to Africa: this coming weekend. Thanks you all for making him feel at home. I'm sure he will have much to say about our mission. We pray that he sends us more priests.

Choir members return to their home countries. A good number of our excellent choristers will return home within this month. I wish to thank them all for the great contribution they have made to our prayer life which has been so uplifting. We shall never forget them. I wish to appeal to new members who wish to join the parish choir please come and join us.



AJ Missions



St. Osburgs



St. Marys



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—Epiphany of our Lord - 8th—15th Jan 2017

WHEN THEY CROSS IT THEY CALL IT A BAD YEAR

I welcome you to the New Year 2017. Thanks to God for bringing us to the New year. I consider it a very special blessing not only to see the light of a new day but the light of a New Year. Sometimes you will hear people looking at the past year with bitterness speaking of it as if all it brought them were misfortunes! I think this is not right you should always look at the passing year as your best years because you are alive. Millions of our brothers and sisters were not lucky but died in the course of the year. The year that sees you healthy and out of hospital, a year that has kept some food at table for your family or kept you in work, a year that has kept tragic news from your ears or one in which you have had your dreams come true is a very good year indeed. Do not curse it or think of it as a bad year, no matter the difficulties you might have encountered. The main point is that you are here still alive by God's grace. If you curse the outgoing year how sure are you that the new year will bring you fortune?

Common to many of us is the taking of new year resolutions. Someone the other day called it a "wishful thinking for the poor!" No matter what people say it is important to do so because resolutions help us to work towards a target, to remain focussed and to evaluate the course of our success or failure. Good resolutions can shape up our life while bad ones will ruin it. Not taking any resolution will lead to aimless living!

Another year means another opportunity to change and to improve oneself. The Bible talks of a land owner who had a fig tree in his garden but year after year it bore no fruit. Tired of seeing this barren tree taking up space, he told his servant to cut it down. The servant pleaded with his master to give the fig tree another chance; he was going to prune it, dig round, water it and manure it to see if it would bear fruit, if not, then it would deserve to be destroyed. The servant too would cut it with a clear conscience. I think as we start the new year let us aim to have inner transformation of ourselves other than to be transformed by external circumstances. When an egg is broken from outside it marks the end of life, but when it is broken from inside, it signals the beginning of life. People who wait for circumstances to transform them keep on waiting for miracles which never come. Remember that the greatest miracle in your life is your life, the rest of what you want to be or to achieve will depend on that great miracle. You will hear some people boasting of their healthy eating habits, or congratulating themselves on visiting the gym more regularly. Others will boast of their health insurance policy, not to forget those who will blame the sick for being careless. But the truth is that good health is God's gift and bad health is nothing but an invitation to share in a condition which Jesus took upon himself by becoming like us in all things except sin. Let us learn to be thankful by becoming true friends of God. In whatever situation you find yourself remember God in your life and serve him in those who are less fortunate than yourself

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Parish development

Parish collection.....

Gift aid.....£ 62.00 loose.....£362.71 **total..... £424.71**

Candles.....£258.26 Restoration.....£132.32 Heating..... £103.11

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Keep the door closed please: It is my interest to keep the church warm but we need to cooperate in doing so. It is very expensive to warm up the church because it takes several hours. I wish to ask you when you come to the church to pray at any time of the day, please remember to close the big door outside, just as you do at your home during this time. Heat lost is money wasted. Please, please remember this always.

Thought on marriage: the Catholic Church normally require that the faithful contract marriage according to the ecclesiastical form. Several reasons converge to explain this requirement: First of all, Sacramental marriage is a liturgical act. It is therefore appropriate that it should be celebrated in the public liturgy of the Church. Secondly Marriage introduces one into an ecclesial order, and creates rights and duties. Spouses have rights and duties towards each other, rights and duties towards the church into whose institution they are incorporated as married people, and there are rights and duties which marriage brings about towards the children as God gives them. Since marriage is a permanent state of life in the Church, it is necessary to have certainty that what is being done is not a joke or mockery or deception; hence the obligation to have witnesses. The public character of the consent protects the "I do" once given and helps the spouses remain faithful to it. The "I do" which spouses pledge to each other is only witnessed by the church in the person of the minister. If marriage is contracted in the church, it gives it the sacramental blessing so that the marriage covenant may have solid and lasting human and Christian foundations. Preparation for marriage is of prime importance.

Hearing Aid Users—Please switch your hearing aid to 'T'

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MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEKS from 8th to 15th Jan 2017

Sat	07	11.45am	Tommy O'Connell ((RIP)
		5.30pm	Robert & Ann O'Connell (Spl int)
Sun	08	10.30am	Lil Steve Crowley (Get well)
Mon	09	12.10pm	Bridie Farrell (RIP)
Tues	10	12.10pm	David Whailing (Get well)
Wed	11	12.10pm	Jerald Hornby (Get well)
Thurs	12	12.10pm	Margaret Murrin (Spl int)
Fri	13	12.10pm	Joy McCarthy (B'day)
Sat	14	11.45am	Joseph Green (RIP))
		5.30pm	Martin Curtin (RIP)
Sun	15	10.30am	Elisabeth McDonald (Spl int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Please pray for the sick of the parish: Josie Kennedy, Eileen McHugh, Laurence Gallen, Ron Hamilton, Garry Hobbs, Teresa Rynne, Cameron Reilly, Carla Lawrence, Josie Kennedy, Terence Harris, Patrick Connolly, Mark Correvisgandis Anne, Bacia, Colin Hipperson, Kathleen Tierney, Diane Cunningham, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Carol Sparks, Ruth Glithero, Jan Carusso, Nadia Faruk Hannah, Tom McDermott, Winnie McDermott, Gerald Douglas, Shirley Hartnett, Stephen Bayliss, Jackie Buckley, Dave Riliott, Alan Davis, David Horley, Margaret Ghen, Bridie & Benny McAndrew. Christine Strong, Hilda Gibson, Sheila Biggs,

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time Gibson Charles, Salter Patrick Joseph, Busst Marian, McNulty Henry, O'Connor Michael Francis, Carr Harry, Navin Margaret Jane, Gyles Dudley, Joyce Michael, Grant Michael, Wright Rose Dorothy, Clancy Charles, Boden Edwin, Rollins Michael, Dennen Margaret Mary.

SVP Second Collection: I was reminded by Anne Fenton that the SVP collection is scheduled to take place this weekend 7/8 January 2017. SVP do a wonderful work in our parish by identifying the needy members of our community and coming to their aid. The second collection to be taken today will help to take their work further. Thanks for the generosity of everyone.

New Family Ministry Project worker: Mrs Lianne Pap has been appointed to the post of Family Ministry Project Worker for the Archdiocese with effect from 1 January 2017. Her role will be to support family catechesis and marriage and family life ministry in parishes. One of her initial tasks will be to conduct an audit of the work that is already taking place in these areas around the diocese, so she will be making contact with parish priests early in the new year, to introduce herself and her work. She will be based at Maryvale and can be contacted at 0121 360 8118 or at familyministry@maryvale.ac.uk.