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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5th 2014

Masses this week				
Day	January	Feast	Time	Intention
Sat	4 th	Saturday in the Christmas Octave	6.00 pm	Alf & Betty Kinsey
Sun	5 th	Epiphany of the Lord	9.00 am	S. Luke's Parish
			11.00 am	Special Intention
Mon	6 th	Monday after the Epiphany	9.30 am	Sarah Mannion
Tue	7 th	Tuesday after the Epiphany	6.15 pm	Peter McKenna
Wed	8 th	Wednesday after the Epiphany	9.30 am	Audrey Melville
Thur	9 th	Thursday after the Epiphany	9.30 am	Gerald Whibberly
Fri	10 th	Friday after the Epiphany	9.30 am	Thomas Kenneth Wilson
Sat	11 th	Saturday after the Epiphany	6.00 pm	Gerard O'Neill
Sun	12 th	The Baptism of the Lord	9.00 am	S. Luke's Parish
			11.00 am	Anne Dolan

Notices

CONFESSIONS

Saturday before Mass 5.00-5.40pm

COLLECTION

Last week this totalled £ 593.75 Many thanks to you.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FRODSHAM AND HELSBY

Saint Luke's has been at the forefront of this local ecumenical movement since its inception over 40 years ago. On **Wednesday 15th January** next, we shall have the Annual General Meeting at Frodsham Methodist Church at 7 pm. Please pray for the work of this Committee.

And on **Wednesday 22nd January** we shall be welcoming Christians of all denominations to an Ecumenical service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This will be held in Saint Luke's beginning at 7.30 pm.

It would be good if, as hosts, we turned out in strength to welcome visitors from the other congregations in our Parish.

We are having a Reception after the Service in the Parish Centre. If you can help with refreshments, please enter your details on the form on the table in the porch.

HOSPITALITY

If you would be willing to help, from time to time on other such occasions, please tell Christine Thomas (732445) It would not be an onerous commitment but would be of great help.

SEEN IN ANOTHER NEWSLETTER

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new choristers and to the deterioration of some older ones.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

The Epiphany of the Lord

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

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

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

PSALM:

Ps 71:1-2.7-8.10-13.R.cf.v11

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)**

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)**

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)**

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)**

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

*It has now been revealed that pagans share
the same inheritance.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mt 2:2

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

GOSPEL:

Matthew 2:1-12

*We saw his star and have come to do the
king homage.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Mt 2:2

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The Magi provide us with one of the most picturesque of gospels. Noblemen from a far off-land, bearing costly gifts, yet kneeling on the straw before a humble maiden and her newborn Child: we have seen them displayed on a thousand Christmas cards and in many cribs. That shouldn't make us forget that these were real people, who showed great faith in travelling from their homeland - 'just the worst time of the year for a journey, and such a journey: the ways deep and the weather sharp, the very dead of winter'.

Two things they had to lead them to their goal. The first was the new star, which brought them from their home in the beginning and directed them to the Family at the end, but which seems to have disappeared for a while in between. The other thing was the teaching of the Priests, who told them

that they must direct themselves to Bethlehem.

We also have two things to guide us on our pilgrimage. The first is the light of faith, which God places in our heart at our baptism, and still more at our confirmation. This gives us the desire for heaven. But like the wise men's star, faith needs to be supplemented by the teaching of those whom God has entrusted with His words. The light of faith within, and the teaching of the Church without: together these will bring us to the Saviour.

Celebrating the Christian Mystery

A new series drawing on themes from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (ccc).

At the Last Supper the Lord himself directed his disciples' attention toward the fulfilment of the Passover in the kingdom of God: "I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she remembers this promise and turns her gaze "to him who is to come." In her prayer she calls for his coming: "Marana tha!" "Come, Lord Jesus!" "May your grace come and this world pass away!" CCC 1403

Monsignor Bruce Harbert – Thoughts on today's Mass

We use the word 'mystery' in many ways. Christians speak of 'the mystery of faith' and 'mysteries of the Rosary'. Today we hear Saint Paul using 'mystery' in a way that is special to him: 'I was given knowledge of the mystery'. He means God's plan for us, hidden through the ages but now revealed in Christ. So the Wise Men were led by a star in the dark sky to find the light of Christ. God's plan continues to be worked out in the Church, and we all have our part to play in it, finding Christ's light in our lives and making it known to others. So we respond to Saint Paul by praying after communion that we may *perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which [God] has willed us to participate.*

