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**The Month of January is devoted to The Holy Name of Jesus**

**Second Sunday after Christmas (B)**

**Sunday, 3 January 2021**



**THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS**



**Saturday**

**5.00 p.m.**

**Bridie Packenham**

**Sunday**

**9.15 a.m.**

**People of the Parish**

**11.15 a.m.**

**Dickins Family**

**Monday**

**Christmastide Feria**

**10.00 a.m.**

**Dead List**

**Tuesday**

**Christmastide Feria**

**No Mass**

**Wednesday**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**10.00 a.m.**

**Teresa Brennan**

**Thursday**

**St Raymond of Penyfort**

**No Mass**

**Friday**

**Christmastide Feria**

**10.00 a.m.**

**Anne Brown**

**11.00 a.m.**

**Requiem for Carole Dixon**

**Next Week's Masses**

**Saturday (Meadowhead)**

**5.00 p.m.**

**John Walton**

**Sunday (Meadowhead)**

**9.15 a.m.**

**People of the Parish**

**11.15 a.m.**

**Pat Kirk**

**Please Pray for:**

**Our sick:** Teddy Howes, Rae Goodlad, Marie Lennox, Sr Emma Bechold, Katie Glackin, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Michael Goodfellow, Pauline Collins, Sheila Ryan, Linda Costello, and Edward Keefe.

**Lately dead:** Anne Brown, Carole Dixon, Rosalie Travis **RIP**

**And let us remember** in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

Registered Charity No 512021

**"The light of Christ is so clear and strong that it makes the language of the cosmos and of the Scriptures intelligible, so that all those who, like the Magi, are open to the truth can recognize it and join in contemplating the Savior of the world."**

**- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

**The Twelfth Day of Christmas:  
Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

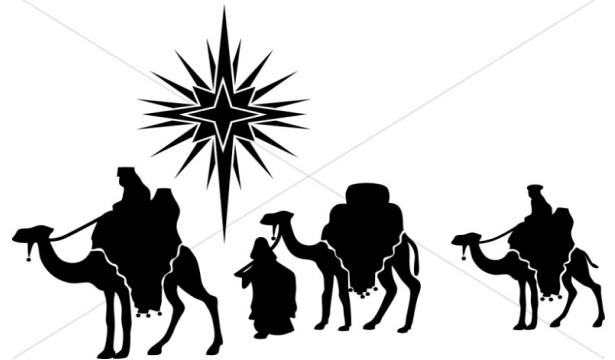
**Galatians 3 : 28**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**In much** of Catholic Europe the Epiphany is the time for giving presents, for reasons which must surely be obvious. We too could give presents to each other! Gold is easy: give some gold, some jewellery, or to the children a gold one- or two- pound coin, or gold-covered chocolate money. Frankincense has to have something to do with God, with worship (“Let my prayer. O Lord, rise like incense before You”: Psalm 140, 2): a promise of prayers, a prayer-card or prayer book, some book on the faith. Myrrh is also easy on the imagination: it is for preserving the body, so how about soap, scent, after-shave, bubble-bath. And so we celebrate the Epiphany, as always, making something of a great feast and a great event in salvation history (the presentation of Christ to the gentiles) by *doing* something which we will remember. Of course, such a *doing* will speak loudest of all to the children. As a way of doing this, could the children please come dressed as kings on the day (perhaps not camels!), and maybe bring some small gifts to give to needy children at home and abroad. i.e. crayons, pencils, colouring books etc.

**Please note - There will be no Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays until further notice.** This is due to a lack of stewards. With the increased risk from the new variant of the virus, cleaning and disinfecting is an even bigger job. If you could help with being a steward please contact Maria Mahon on 07904499610 or Alexis Tucker on 07870442479. Thank you

**Weekend Masses** - from next weekend, when booking for Mass, the same system we used for Christmas will be in place. Therefore, you will have seats allocated at the time of booking. We will now be able to have more numbers in church so those who were leaving the weekends free for those who couldn't go during the week are free to book for whenever they wish! You may also book for up to 4 weeks ahead to save having to ring every week. *However, it is important that you let us know if you have booked but are unable to attend.*



**Right To Life UK** are asking for prayers to help prevent abortion. For the next few weeks a bidding prayer will be included in the newsletter - you are asked to pray for the lives of unborn children and their parents.

**January 3rd** - *“As we begin this new year, we pray for all who may be considering an abortion. We pray that 2021 would see a decrease in cases of abortion, and instead a year of increased support, both practical and emotional, from all of us in society, bettering the care for all expectant mothers. Lord hear us.”*

## **RESTORED LIVES - ONLINE COURSE FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED**

Recovering from relationship breakdown? The Restored Lives course supports and helps people to move forward from divorce and separation, or the breakdown of any serious relationship, to live a full life, free from past issues.

A six session ZOOM course commences Wednesday February 3rd. 6pm - 8pm  
£20 including handbook (unwaged free of charge)

Booking essential - see booking form (available on the website - [olstsheffield.org.uk](http://olstsheffield.org.uk))

Or contact [stym@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:stym@hallam-diocese.com) 0114 2566407





**This year's Christmas Tree - Normally the tree** will represent the tree for the Parish Family dressed with memory stars for deceased relatives and friends; and also with stars for families separated by time and place; and separation is something most of us will have had to endure more than usual in this extraordinary year.



*It is a tree embracing all our memories and present thoughts.*

Unfortunately, we have been unable to write our usual messages on the stars, but we can still remember and pray for all those whose names we would have written. You can still make a donation for a star and Father Stephen will say a Mass for all those who would have been represented and prayers will be offered throughout the Christmas season.

May the stars represent all our hopes, witness peace and joy.

Please leave your donation for a star as you leave church. All the monies raised will go to the **Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust**



Jesus, receiver of the wise men and their gifts, help us to follow the light in the midst of our dark world. Fix our eyes and hearts on your light, that we might be bearers of that light to all those who walk in the dark. *Amen.*



**Crib Offerings**

**Our Crib offerings** this year will go to the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust to support St Martha's Centre for the elderly in Bethlehem.



## Thought for the Week

When then song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky has gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are  
back with their flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
to heal those broken in spirit,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the oppressed,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all peoples,  
to make a little music with the heart.  
And to radiate the Light of Christ,  
every day, in every way,  
in all that we do, and in all that we say.  
Then the work of Christmas begins.

(Howard Thurman)

## Prayer for the Week

### Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

O God, who on this day  
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the na-  
tions  
by the guidance of a star,  
grant in your mercy,  
that we, who know you already by faith,  
may be brought to behold  
the beauty of your sublime glory.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## This Week's Readings Second Sunday of Christmas

**First Reading:** *Ecclesiasticus* 24:1-2, 8-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** 147

**Second Reading:** *Ephesians* 1:3-6, 5-18

**Gospel:** *John* 1:1-18

## Epiphany: The Three Kings By Dominic Windram

Although they did not know his name, they sought  
Him in the bleak darkness of wintry night.  
It defied all the wisdom they'd been taught,  
yet they were drawn to a mystical light.  
With pilgrims' keen eyes that see beyond stars,  
They followed the light until they found Him.  
They offered gold, frankincense and myrrh  
To the new born King of Kings without sin;  
In a humble stable of hallowed ground.  
They wondered how such bright glory dwelt there.  
Yet through it all, He slept without a sound.  
They realised their riches weren't so rare,  
Not compared to divine innocence's worth.  
That blessed night they perceived heaven on earth.

## This Week's Readings BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**First Reading:** *Isaiah* 42:1-4, 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** 28

**Second Reading:** *Acts* 10:34-38

**Gospel:** *Matthew* 3:13-17

## SING ME AN EMOJI Holiday Edition

Try to guess these Christmas Song titles written with Emojis.

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How many Emoji Christmas  
songs can you work out?