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



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7th JANUARY 2024 Psalter Week 2**



Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Rosemary Stubbs

11.15 a.m. Anne-Marie Byrne & Family

Monday BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

No Mass

Thursday *Feria*

No Mass

Friday St Aelred of Rievaulx, abbot
St Benedict (Benet) Biscop

12.00.p.m. Michael & Linda Hudson

Saturday St Hilary, bishop

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. Dead List

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Teresa & Tomás DeVilly & Fam

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Please Pray for: Our sick:

Philip Jones, David Gage, Helen Aulton,
Anne Grayson, Stephen Bingley, Pauline
Souflas, Teddy Howes, Fred Sherwood,
Elizabeth Maltby, Anne McPhee and
Fr Michael O'Connor.

Recently dead: Margaret Mitchell, (formerly
of this parish) **RIP**

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 31st
December is £421.10. Thank you.

Come to Mass with no cash? You can make weekly
donations by card on the machines in the porch or at
the side door table. You can gift-aid too! Please make
use of this service if you can.

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish Rooms 6.45pm 8th January

Responsorial Psalm: 71

R: *All nations shall fall prostrate before
you, O Lord.*

If you notice anything on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm or requires repair please let Liz Mason, Fr Stephen or Simon Jones know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.





We warmly welcome the priests who will be celebrating Masses for us over this and the next two weekends.

Please note - There will be Mass on Monday at 10.00am for the Baptism of the Lord.

The Epiphany of the Lord

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’s manifestation not only to the Magi - wise men - from the East: it is also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

The Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. They understood the stars and when they saw the new and unique star over Bethlehem they realised that something special was happening. So the lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. The Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They set a perfect example for us; to adore Him with a complete surrender of our lives.

We are called to reflect upon the Magi and see them as a symbol of what we are called to do. Read The words of the Epiphany hymn, “As With Gladness Men Of Old” as a reminder of how events 2000 years ago can relate to our lives now.



Fr Geoff has been invited to lead a pilgrimage to Medjugore 19th to 26th June and asked to publicise it in our bulletin. The cost is £795 and bookings can be made on 020 3808 5156. Deposit £100 with & £30 discount before 31st January. Further details from Deacon Peter Marshall on 07807 955836. A minibus will be arranged to East Midlands Airport.



FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB The Lunch Club will start to meet again on Friday 12th January 2024.



Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm Monday 15th January. All welcome ...to help prepare for Lent activities – yes, we know we are only just putting decorations away but Easter is early this year so Ash Wednesday will be here in a month! Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link.





Reflecting on our Baptism

The Solemnity of THE BAPTISM OF JESUS, which we celebrate tomorrow, Monday 8 January, is the last of three great manifestations or revelations which we celebrate in the Christmas season: **Christmas**, when God comes among us with the Good News for the poor, the outcast and the sinner; **Epiphany**, when God comes among us with a message of salvation for everyone, for all the people of the world, and not just for one select group; **The Baptism of Jesus**, when God is seen as specially present in Jesus and working in him and through him.

It is an opportunity for us to reflect on our own baptism. It is not something which happened a long time and which “made” us Catholics. It is not just a ceremony lasting a few minutes which produces magical effects; it is the beginning of a lifelong journey; of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as its members. Our baptism is essentially a community experience, not just a private or a family event. It involves active participation in the life of the Church and not just passive membership.

Each one of us is called to be a living witness to the Gospel: to be the salt of the earth, a city on a hill, a lamp radiating light for all. Our baptism is a never-ending call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. So let us today renew our faith in and our commitment to follow Jesus. Let us re-affirm our readiness to carry on his work. Without our co-operation, much of God’s work will never get done.



A Synodal Church in Mission in Hallam

Come and learn how to continue the synodal journey here in the diocese. A gathering for those who would like to embed the synodal way of working in their parish community over the next year.



Date and time: Saturday 20 January 2024 9:30-11:30 AM at the Hallam Pastoral Centre Please book on the diocesan Eventbrite page using the QR Code

Would anybody like to join the tea and coffee rota for the 9.15 mass? If anyone would like to, please let Angela Holman know.



Dry January is dragging on a bit 



“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few” Matthew 9:37

ALPHA @ S17

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. No matter your background or beliefs, everyone’s invited.

As part of a city-wide programme, the S17 churches are hosting Alpha – more details and how to book can be accessed via tryalphasheffield.org.uk or scan the QR code.

A launch party is planned at 7pm on Wednesday 24 January at The Dore Bar & Grill, with the Alpha course starting the week after on 31 January at the Christ Church Dore Community Centre.

If you know someone who may be curious about exploring their faith, or even rediscovering their faith, please let them know about this forthcoming opportunity.

Promotional flyers are also available.





HYMNBOOK NUMBERS

Mass setting Ordinary Time Pershore Mass

Gloria 524; Holy Holy 579; Memorial Acclamation 580; Lamb of God 589



Prayer for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that we, your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
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.

Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations
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.

Thought for the Week - The Holy Name of Jesus

Nothing so curbs the onset of anger, so allays the upsurge of pride. It cures the wound of envy, controls unbridled extravagance, and quenches the flame of lust; it cools the thirst of covetousness and banishes the itch of unclean desire... For when I name Jesus, I set before me a man who is meek and humble of heart, kind, prudent, chaste, merciful, flawlessly upright and holy in the eyes of all; and this same man is the all-powerful God whose way of life heals me, whose support is my strength.

St Bernard of Clairvaux

This Week's Readings

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (B)

First Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-6;*

Responsorial Psalm: *71;*

Second Reading: *Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;*

Gospel: *Matthew 2:1-12*

Next Week's Readings

Second Sunday of the Year

First Reading: *1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19*

Responsorial Psalm: *39*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20*

Gospel: *John 1:35-42*

This week's ministries:

Communion

5.00pm: J Brook, V Coomer

9.15am: A Tucker, A Tucker, H Grady

11.15am: E Williamson, P Corkell, K O'Brien

Readers:

5.00pm: A Southern, E Watson

9.15am: A Peacey, J Bourne

11.15am: M Pybus, P Moon

Pause for Thought

Through Him hearts are raised up,
the weak are led by the hand,
and those who are making progress
are perfected.

*Saint Basil the Great 329 – 379
(feast day 2nd January)*

Next Week's Ministries 13/14 January 2024

Communion	5.00 p.m.	S Davey, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	P Ashby, B Ayanleke, M Mahon
	11.15 a.m.	P Or Kam Fat, M Richardson, M Harrison
Readers	5.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, D Fletcher
	9.15 a.m.	O Farragher, L Grady
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, J-J Carter
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons
	11.15 a.m.	S Reynolds

