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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
and
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR II

Isaiah 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Psalm: 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

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

Second Reading: Ephesians

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The visit of the Magi

Saturday – 6th Jan 2024 – Christmas feria

10.00 – 11.00 am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction

11.00am - Holy Mass Ints: For a cessation to the conflict in Gaza and Israel

Saturday –6th Jan 2024 – Christmas feria

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Evening Mass of the Sunday) Ints: For the sick and housebound of the parish

Sunday – 7th Jan 2024 – SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10.30am – Holy Mass Ints: Grazyna Richmond (Jules)

Monday - 8th Jan 2024 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Feast)

(Christmas Season ends after Vespers) **10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: Pro populo**

Tuesday – 9th Jan 2024 – feria

(No morning Mass)

Wednesday – 10th Jan 2024 – feria

(No morning Mass)

Thursday - 11th Jan 2024 – feria

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: In thanksgiving for the graces received in 2023 (Jacinta)

Friday - 12th Jan 2024 – ST BENET BISCOP, Abbot (Feast)

(Secondary patron of the EBC)

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For the Communities of the English Benedictine Congregation

Saturday – 13th Jan 2024 – St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor (memoria)

10.00 – 11.00 am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction

- Holy Mass Ints: For the intentions of the McClellan family (T McClellan)

11.00am

Saturday –13th Jan 2024 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Evening Mass of the Sunday)

Ints: For a cessation to the conflict in Gaza and Ukraine

Sunday – 14th Jan 2024 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B

10.30am – Holy Mass Ints: *Pro Populo*

A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment and continued support to our parish of St Wulstan's over the past year. As we begin the New Year 2024, let us strive to further build up our parish community in prayer, love and with a welcoming smile.

On behalf of the Abbot and the Belmont Monastic community, may I wish you and your family, Joy over the Christmas season and every blessing for a New Year filled with hope. Pax, D Patrick.

PRAYING FOR OUR SICK AND LOVED ONES

We pray for the repose of the souls of all our relatives and friends especially for **Andy Cooper** who died recently & those of our parish...*May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed...rest in peace.*

Please also pray for all the sick including John Bilsborough, John Crowe, Rosemarie Kay, Peter Onions, Mike Harriss, Raymond Turner, Lea Maloney, Fr Christopher Calascione, and all who are unwell or housebound.

90TH BIRTHDAY

Please pray in thanksgiving for Fr. Christopher who celebrates his 90th birthday on Saturday 6th January, the feast of the Epiphany.

2nd COLLECTION ON SUNDAY,14TH JANUARY FOR PAX CHRISTI

The second collection on the weekend Masses is for Pax Christi a worldwide movement of people who work to help end war and build a peaceful, safe, just world for all. Pax Christi of England & Wales asks for your financial support to help in their work.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2024

For the gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian Community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Unity Service is being held at St.Joseph's R.C.Church, Newtown Road, at 4pm on Sunday 21st January. The Speaker will be the Bishop of Worcester, the Right Reverend John Inge.

During the week i.e. 18th - 24th January (excluding 21st) there will be the opportunity to meet together for prayer. Also on Zoom at 7.30pm. These will be led by members of the Clergy and further details including the Zoom link will be on your notices next Sunday.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Would you like to connect locally, in-person, with other people who support the pro-life cause? March for Life UK are inviting people to be part of a new initiative called 'Connect' which will help establish local pro-life groups to pray, fundraise, socialise, educate and get involved in outreach. To find out more and be part of an initial online meeting please email Isabel at: info@marchforlife.co.uk

ST WULSTAN'S - DONATION BY CARD

If you would like to make a donation to St Wulstan's church by card, please ask a member of the Welcome Team to activate the Card reader and proceed from there. It is really quite simple once you get the hang of it. It is in giving that we receive God's abundant blessings. Thank you

Prayers for peace in Gaza and Israel

Lord God of compassion,
whose will is for peace built on
righteousness,
we pray for peace in Gaza & Israel:
for an end to hostilities,
for comfort and help for all who
suffer, and for reconciliation
between Palestine and Israel,
through Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace.
Amen.



PRAYER FOR PEACE

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers especially for the people of Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan. Lord we ask for peace for those who desperately need peace, reconciliation for those who cry out for reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, **Amen.**

PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE

Pope Francis has called for prayer and fasting for peace in the Middle East: 'War cancels the future and breeds hatred and revenge'. Let us pray that both sides in the conflict will 'Cast weapons aside, listen to the voice of the poor, the people and children.'*(Pope Francis)*

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

We have all been shocked and saddened by the devastating conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Our local partners are actively responding and providing urgent humanitarian aid to those in need. Your donation today will make a massive difference to those caught up in the conflict. To donate please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/> . See poster at back of the church.

SUNDAY COFFEE

There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

THIS YEAR'S CRIB COLLECTION

The collection will go to a Malvern based children's charity called 'What Makes You Different Makes You Beautiful'.

This is a special needs Charity which offers a wide range of projects and services. The charity provides a family-centred care approach, supporting parents, carers, friends and siblings and children with disabilities aged 0-19 years. Please be generous to those less fortunate than ourselves.

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like to have a birthday or special occasion celebrated for a friend or family member? Sympathy for the loss of a cherished person? You can have a Mass said for a person on these special occasions or for any other special intention. Grab a Mass Intention envelope and enter the name and date of the Mass required. Envelopes are available at the rear of the church. You can call or email the parish office at the Priest's House. This is a beautiful and special way to pay tribute to our loved ones. There is no greater gift than the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass.

PARISH MAGAZINE

Copies of the Parish Magazine are available at the back of the church. One copy per family. Donations towards printing costs would be much appreciated. Mike Seales

FOR NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

Link to see what is going on in the archdiocese: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from Thursday 18 to Thursday 25 January – the Conversion of St Paul. The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family. In choosing this passage of Scripture for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the churches of Burkina Faso have invited us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis

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PARISH BOOK EXCHANGE

A book exchange has been started in the parish room (there was an empty bookshelf waiting to be used). Anyone is welcome to donate books they think might interest other parishioners. If you borrow a book, please return it when you have finished with it. The parish room is open every first and third Sunday after Mass for coffee (check the newsletter)

BOOKING OF PARISH MEETING ROOM

It is indeed encouraging to see our Parish Hall being kept busy with the recent activities and forthcoming Film sessions. I would like to see it's continued use but to keep everything in order with maintenance, cleaning, other bookings and to comply with insurances and health & safety requirements, it will be necessary in future to make formal booking arrangements.

Mary Pillon has volunteered to record these, so please contact her to make any reservations required on 01684 576213, 07960732491 or marypillon121@btinternet.com. Your co-operation is appreciated. Fr Patrick