



St Edmund's Newsletter



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Sunday 6th January 2019 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)



FOR YOU AND FOR MANY...

Today's Solemnity places before us this same truth. The Messiah, still a small child, continues to challenge: a king born in a stable not a palace; born to a carpenter and not a prince; announced to shepherds rather than courtiers; and now, a Messiah who comes not only for Jews, but for Gentiles too! Already Christ brings consternation for some who had regarded themselves as privileged recipients of God's favour, and joy to many who had been viewed as beyond that favour!

Today's Solemnity also reminds us of the proper partnership of faith and reason. The Magi are not simply 'kings', they are 'Wise Men'. These men of science have reflected upon nature, upon the appearance of the star. They have pored over their books and pondered on their observations. Arriving at the conclusion that the Star heralds the birth of new king in Israel, they have journeyed far and finally arrive and pay Him homage. These men have had their reason rewarded, but they too have been challenged. They are open to the challenge, and accept this displaced Child as the source of their joy, in Bethlehem as opposed to the royal palace in Jerusalem.

We are challenged too: to be people of both faith and reason. We are recipients of truths revealed by faith, but are also called to reflect upon them, to use gift of reason to plumb their depths and significance for us. We are called not reject science, but to use it to increase our insight into creation of which we ourselves are a part. In doing so we encounter the same God who revealed the birth of His Son to the Magi. Faith without reason, and reason without faith, are impoverished things – but together they are powerful in helping us grow to human maturity, both as individuals and as the human race.

I wish you a very Happy New Year – a year in which by attentiveness to God's Word, the celebration of the Sacraments, and engagement with the world around us we can grow in love and wonder at the Mercy of God.
With every blessing, Fr Mark

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

Saturday 5th January (first Mass of Epiphany) (p234)
18.00 St Edmund's Frances Kavanagh †

Sunday 6th January **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
08.30 St Edmund's Michael Fagan †
10.30 St Edmund's For the Parish
10.30 Our Lady's, Lawshall Katherine Galpin †
15.00 St Edmund's Adoration & Benediction
18.00 St Edmund's Michael Scally †

Monday 7th January **Christmas Feria**
07.30 St. Edmund's William Cooper †

Tuesday 8th January **Christmas Feria**
09.30 St. Edmund's Rose & Bob Dougan's Intention

Wednesday 9th January **Christmas Feria**
10.00 St Edmund's John Gooch †
10.30—12.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
14.00 Lawshall Cora & Patrick Gormley

Thursday 10th January **Christmas Feria**
19.30 St Edmund's Fenella Oliver †

Friday 11th January **Christmas Feria**
09.30 St Edmund's O'Dwyer Family

Saturday 12th January **Christmas Feria**
10.00 St Edmund's Fr Tom Murray †

MASSES AT 'MONTANA' GREAT BARTON

Sunday 10.30; Mon - Saturday 08.15;

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL LANGUAGE MASSES

Saturday 19th January Malayalam Mass at 13.30 at St Edmund's.
Saturday 19th January Polish Mass at 16.00 at St Edmund's.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday after 10.00 Mass; Saturday 10.30—11.00 & by appointment

PARISH CLERGY: Canon Mark Hackeson Parish Priest
 Father Jay Magpuyo Assistant Priest
 Rev Alan McMahon Deacon

Also resident in the parish: Fr John Warrington
Retired Clergy: Fr Gerry Quigley, Fr Peter Marsh, Deacon Chris Heath.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

FOR OUR SICK: Sue & Tony Aldous, Imelda Brown, Gerald Curry, Mark de Roeper, Mary de Roeper, Pat Dowson, Bea Edgar, Helen Edrupt, Nicolette Finch, Malcolm & Janis Fincham Jacques, Sr Flora, Marion Fitzgibbons, Winnie Gare, Louise Green, Rita Grimer, David Higgins, Patti Hickson, Jacqui Holmes, Donald Hunt, Gabrielle Lamont, Barbara O'Neill, Priscilla Lupton, Francis Nisbett, Stefan Oliver, Dee Peters, Richard Reid, Bernard Reynolds, Claire Robinson, David Smeeth-Cardy, Evelyn Stirling, Yohanan Suraj, Jason Stronza, Shelagh Szulc, Robin Taylor, Susan Toole, Robert Watkinson, Pauline Wells, Romaine Wright, Jim Whyte, Thankamma Xavier. May the Lord bring them comfort and healing.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS WEEK. Michael Fagan, Arthur Wiseman, Harold Pearce, Elizabeth Tinley, Alice Mellor, Stanley Whelan, Grace Parsons, James Godfrey, Michael Ivereigh, Richard Hearth, Julia Bunyan, Elizabeth Nicholson, Molly Miller, Alphonsus Judge, Mary Swan, Kitty Bresnihan.

TIM UDALL who died recently. May he rest in peace.

THANK YOU for your generosity last week. You gave **£1070.91** in the collection and **£655** by standing orders and **£162.70** from Lawshall.
This week end there will be a collection for Building Bridges.



STOREHOUSE FOODBANK supplies between 4 and 8 families every day with enough food for three meals for three days. Donations can be placed in the box in Church. **Personal toiletries (incl toothpaste) Long Life milk, Pasta Sauce, Breakfast Cereals, incl porridge, tinned vegetables (incl potatoes) and biscuits, fresh sliced bread and tinned meat are needed every day.** Thank you to all at St Edmund's for your support.



DIOCESAN YEARBOOK & CALENDAR is now available from the porch - £2 each.

If you enjoy singing, would like to have an opportunity to contribute the liturgy and want to get to know other members of our community, then you might like to see Anthea or Will after Mass to talk about belonging to the Saturday Vigil Choir, especially if you have a higher singing voice.



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 6th JANUARY

16.30 - 17.45 CONFIRMATION CLASSES continue in the Crypt for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next summer.



ST EDMUND'S SOCIAL CLUB in the Crypt.

Bar open 12.00 — 14.00 & 19.30 — 23.00. 19.30 Bingo.

MONDAY 7th JANUARY

19.00 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING in the Crypt.

The Introductory evening for parents of those children wishing to receive Holy Communion in 2019.

19.30 - 23.00 ST EDMUND'S SOCIAL CLUB in the Crypt. Bar open. Crib 20.30

WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY

19.30 JOURNEY IN FAITH MEETING in the Presbytery.

FRIDAY 11th JANUARY

15.30 - 16.30 FAITH CLUB in the Crypt. The new six week programme for Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 to **learn**, to **understand** and to **celebrate** our faith. If you wish your child to join please let us know by contacting Hedwige 07774 068052.



SATURDAY 12th JANUARY

10.30 - 15.00 EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING in the Crypt .

16.00 - 18.00 YOUTH MINISTRY gathering in the Crypt.

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GOING INTO HOSPITAL? If you are, **PLEASE** let us know other-wise the Chaplain will not know you are there; the only way we can find you is if you tell us, **so please let us know if you would like a visit.** If you or one of your relatives needs a priest in an emergency, **i.e. imminent danger of death**, please ask a member of staff to ring the switchboard & bleep the Catholic Chaplain. We have the pager with us at all times.

It is now mandatory for patients admitted to the West Suffolk Hospital to be asked if they have a faith and whether they would like a visit from a chaplain. THIS DOES NOT ALWAYS HAPPEN! So please insist that the question is asked and your response duly noted and acted upon.