

Psalm Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

Scripture Readings
Epiphany of the Lord
(Year B)

Next Sunday's readings:
2nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time Isaiah 6:1-6, Psalm
71, Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6,
Matthew 2:1-12

Please read these
readings at home and
listen to them at Sunday
Mass.

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Offertory Collections
Last Sunday's offertory:
Direct debits £590.46
(Gift Aid £147.62), gift
aided envelopes £36.50,
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Thank you for your
generous contributions.
Your donations make the
life and work of the parish
possible.

Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 8 January

Sunday	Epiphany of the Lord	
SJ (Sat)	6pm	Richard Simpson RIP
SW	9am	Holy Souls
SJ	11am	Joan Margaret Smith RIP
SW	6pm	No Chaplaincy Mass
Monday	Baptism of the Lord	
SJ	12.15pm	Thomas, Mary Mullen & John McDonagh RIP
Tuesday	1 st Week of Advent No Mass	
Wednesday	1 st Week in Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Colin McDonagh RIP
Thursday	1 st Week in Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Elizabeth Sullivan RIP
Friday	1 st Week in Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Nora Fleming's intention
Saturday	Our Lady on Saturday	
Prison	9am	Holy Souls
Next Sunday	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SJ (Sat)	6pm	Ivy and Bert Millam RIP
SW	9am	Holy Souls
SJ	11am	Ann Tovey RIP
SW	6pm	Holy Souls
Confessions		
SJ	Saturday, 5pm - 5.45pm or by appointment	
Rosary - weekdays		
SJ	Monday to Thursday after 12.15pm Mass	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
SJ	Friday, 12.45pm to 2pm	

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The Roman Catholic Parish of
St James and St William of York, Reading

NEWSLETTER

Epiphany of the Lord
8 January 2012



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Fr John writes:

At Christmas, I received a Christmas card with a picture of a long procession of wise men or Magi, 100's of them bearing gifts. The words on the card read 'WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO PUT IT ON THE NET? According to tradition it was only three wise men. In today's Gospel we hear about the three wise men who travelled a very long distance 'from the east' to find the newborn Messiah-King. They bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The light of the star led this Magi to the infant king, the Saviour of the world. The story goes on to tell us about King Herod who was very aware of the coming of the Messiah and feared for his position as king in Jerusalem. He decided on a plan - to kill all first born male children. Having heard of Herod's wicked intentions the Magi 'left for their own country by another route'. Matt 2:12. We can assume that having found Jesus they were changed forever. In the scriptures, a change of path always symbolises a conversion - and this was true of the three wise men.

Today's feast is seen as the presentation of Jesus Christ to the wider world. Epiphany means manifestation. Here it says Jesus came for everyone in the world. Today's feast day is the first in three great epiphanies or presentations of Jesus Christ to the people of the world.

The second is the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist.

The third is the miracle of the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee, changing water into wine.

These are all about God revealing Himself to us. Jesus came into this world for everyone.

The wise men were changed and transformed as a result of meeting the Lord. Can we take another road, can we too be changed as a result of our meeting with the Saviour of the World? Can we change and live the way of the Lord?

TODAY: NEW YEAR QUIZ closing today. The winner will be drawn after the 11am Mass.

TODAY: UKRAINIAN MASS, St James at 1pm.

TODAY: CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD at 9.00am and 11.00am Masses.

TODAY: WELCOME RITE at 6pm and 11am Masses.

FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD Monday, 9th January - the end of Christmas season 'of 12 days'.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS - A THANK YOU Fr John wishes to thank you for your very generous Christmas offerings.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP (Silent prayer) starts again this Monday 7.00 - 8.00pm, in the Barberi Room, St James.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS meets on Thursday, 12th January after 12.15pm Mass. A shared lunch will be followed by their AGM.

RCIA GROUP to meet on Thursday, 12th January in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm for those on a Journey of Faith exploring the possibility of becoming Catholics.

PARISH PROJECT GROUP to meet on Thursday 12th January in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm.

UNWANTED GIFTS SALE in aid of the Parish Project charities next Sunday, 15th January after 11.00am Mass. Donations of your unwanted gifts will be very gratefully received.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION session for children on Sunday, 15th January at St Williams, 3 - 4.30pm.

PEACE SUNDAY 15th January

BAPTISMS on Sunday, 15th January in St James at 1pm.

UNIVERSITY MASS returns on Sunday, 15th January in St Williams at 6pm.

ADORATION AND ROSARY Mondays at St William of York starts again next week, 16th January. 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Led by Sabine Schwartz, University Chaplain.

STEWARDSHIP GROUP to meet on Monday 16th January in St James presbytery at 7.30pm.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins on Wednesday, 18th January.

YOUTH MANAGEMENT GROUP to meet on Wednesday, 18th January in St James at 7.30pm.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Next meeting Wednesday, 25th January at 7.30pm in Dominic Barberi Room.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND FROM READING October/November 2012. The trip of a lifetime. Follow the steps of Jesus and visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Dead Sea, Masada, Lake of Galilee. 50 people. Led by Fr John O'Shea. Information meeting on Friday, 27th January in St James at 7.30pm to discuss costs, dates etc.

LARGE PRINT NEWSLETTERS are available from the back of the church.

PASTORAL AREA BARN DANCE & CEILIDH NIGHT Saturday 10th March, St Joseph's Parish Hall, Tilehurst. If you would like to contribute to the event, either on-stage or behind-the-scenes, please come to a meeting at English Martyrs Church, Liebenrood Road on Saturday, 21st January at 4.30pm.

VACANCY: Christ the King Catholic Primary School, Reading, is looking for a teacher to cover maternity leave in a Reception Class. Further details at www.christthekingreading.co.uk Teachers who are interested are invited to visit the school or to ring up for an informal discussion with Headteacher John Cosgrove (0118 901 5434)

ADMISSIONS: Christ the King Catholic Primary School, Reading. Parents of children who will be 4 next September should note that the closing date to apply for a place in a Reception class for September 2012 is January 16th. Our Catholic primary school at Christ the King is always heavily oversubscribed. To make sure that we do not accidentally turn away any Catholic children parents are urged to fill in the school's supplementary application form as well as the Reading Borough Council form. Supplementary forms can be downloaded from the school's website www.christthekingreading.co.uk or may be obtained from the school itself (tel: 0118 901 5434) and should be returned to the school not the council offices.

200 CLUB IN 2011, the 200 Club raised £1,200. Proceeds will go to the Parish. Many thanks are extended to all who contributed to this success. Parishioners are invited to join the 200 Club for 2012 which will begin in February. Existing and new shareholders will be very welcome to apply.

The cost is £12 for each share (representing an investment of £1 per month for a year), giving you a chance of winning £20, £15 or £10 every month for that year. You can buy as many or as few shares as you wish! The first draw for the year's 200 Club will take place on Saturday 28th January at St. James after 6pm Mass.

An application form is attached to this newsletter and more are available on the display stand at the back of the church.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013 INFORMATION EVENING Tuesday, 24th January, 7.30 - 9 pm at St. Williams of York church. Come and find out what the Diocese is planning for World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in July 2013.

CAFOD SUPPORTERS MEETING - Saturday 11th February, 10am-1.15pm, St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. An opportunity for all CAFOD supporters in our diocese to get together and to find out more about CAFOD's work and our Lenten resources focusing on water. . Booking **ESSENTIAL**, please book a place by 31/1 - contact the CAFOD 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk