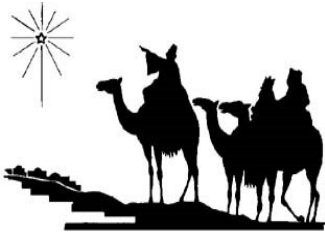




The Epiphany of the
Lord -Year C
03 January 2016



North West Hampshire Catholic Weekly Newsletter

Serving the parishes of Andover, Basingstoke, Hook & Tadley

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Thought for the Week

The story of the Magi — the wise men — as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew makes several facts very clear. We often focus on the gifts that were brought as examples of stewardship, and, in truth, this story was certainly one of the inspirations for the giving that occurs at Christmas.

However, as is often the case, there is a deeper and more meaningful message found here. When they found the child Jesus, they opened their treasures and they gave "Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." They did not present the gifts to His parents; they presented them directly to Him. The baby Jesus had no real need for these gifts, and we assume that Mary and Joseph used them in Christ's behalf, to support Him.

That is what we do when we give to the Church. Although our gifts need to be viewed by us as gifts to God, we also must have a trust, which includes the understanding that those who will use the gifts will use them wisely and justly. The Magi trusted that their gifts would be used in a way that was beneficial. We need to have that same kind of trust. Most of all, we need to understand the importance of giving, of being good stewards.

Taken from 'The Catholic Steward.com'

Diocesan Prayer Intentions (03 - 09 January 2016)

These are arranged so that in the course of a year we pray for each parish of our Diocese and the Catholic organisations working here. This week's intentions are:

Sunday: Ethnic Communities in the Diocese **Monday:** Parish of the Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe

Tuesday: Sacred Heart (Rome) Handmaids in the Diocese

Wednesday: Clergy celebrating Jubilees this year

Thursday: Judicial Vicar & work of Diocesan Tribunal

Friday: 'Marriage Care' **Saturday:** Engaged Couples

St Joseph's Church - Facebook - Follow us on: www.facebook.com/phsRcChurchBasingstoke/

Take a look at the St Joseph's Website - <http://www.stjosephsbasingstoke.org.uk/>

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Parish Diary w/commencing 04 January 2016

Mon: 8.00am Adoration/Morning Prayer & Mass - 9.15am
10:00am LIFE Coffee Morning in Foyer
No RCIA this evening - starts again Mon 11 January

Tue: **No Mass/Adoration Today - apologies**
12 noon—5pm Parish Office Closed weekly
7.00pm Full PPC meeting in Foyer

Wed: 9.15am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
No Toddler Group today—back next Wed. 13 Jan.
7.00pm Cecilia Sound Rehearsal in Church

Thu: **9.30am Mass at St Anne's School**
11.00am to 12.30pm Staff meeting/Office closed

Fri: 9.15am Mass then Adoration/Morning Prayer
12 noon Lunch Club in Foyer
(3.30pm Funeral at Basingstoke Crematorium)
4.30pm Explorers in Foyer & Church
6.15pm PPP Yrs 5 & 6 in Foyer & Church
7.30pm Confirmation Year 1/Sess 5 in Foyer/Church

Sat: 10.00am FHC Session 1 in Church & Foyer
5pm Confessions / 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Church

Sun: **The Baptism of the Lord**
8.30am Liturgy of Word + HC, St Mary's, Overton
9am Mass/11am Mass
2.30pm Baptism in Church
5.00pm JP3 in Foyer, Church & Presbytery
8.00pm 'Rome Reunion' for Youth in Presbytery



Liturgy of the Word

Psalm: 71

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Year of Mercy - Prayer to Our Lady

Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!
Mother of him who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid:
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

(Alma Redemptoris Mater)

We will be using this in place of the 'Hail Mary' until the Feast of the Presentation on 02/02/16

"Called to Care" 23 to 25 June 2016

Healthcare Conference for those working in Health & Social Care at St Mary's University, Twickenham

Sponsored by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, this conference seeks to bring together and support those being called to care. It will explore ways in which faith in practice can enhance the quality of care and compassion in health and social care organisations. It will also enable participants to apply the insights of Catholic Social Teaching to current issues. Keynote speakers include: Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Duncan Selbie (Chief Exec, Public Health, England), Paul Farmer (Chief Exec, MIND) & Dr Anna Rowlands (Senior Lecturer, Durham University).

For more info, visit the Diocesan website:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Barn Dance

Saturday 6th Feb 2016 Doors Open 6.30 pm

Supporting

The Basingstoke Food Bank

at

The Sarum Hill Centre

(next door to the Foodbank)

Tickets are :- Adults £10 Under 14's £5



Dancing starts at 7.00 pm
through to 10.00 pm
including
a Ploughman's Supper.

Please bring your own Drinks



Tickets from:- Pat Murphy (07785 312486)
or email:- pfm1906@aol.com



Got any news to share?

Contact Nikki in the Parish Office tel. 323595

Parish Mass Timetable

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C (03 January 2016)

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| Sat: | 6.00pm | Epiphany | Sheila Kelly RIP (Michael Kelly/Foundation Mass) |
| Sun: | 9.00 am | Epiphany | For the People of the Parish |
| | 11.00am | Epiphany | Vera RIP/Una Kearney's sister (Ellen & Jim Fagan) |
| Mon | 9.15am | <i>Monday of Christmastide</i> | Catherine Dowd RIP (Tony, Val & Thomas Dowd) |
| Tue: | - | <i>Tuesday of Christmastide</i> | <i>No Service today - apologies</i> |
| Wed: | 9.15am | <i>Wednesday/Christmastide</i> | Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion |
| Thu: | 9.15am | <i>Thursday of Christmastide</i> | Michael McLoughlan RIP (Joe & Ann Clarke & Family) |
| Fri: | 9.15am | <i>Friday of Christmastide</i> | George Freemantle RIP (Mike & Mary Freemantle) |

The Baptism of the Lord - Year C (10 January 2016)

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| Sat: | 6.00pm | Baptism of the Lord | Tony Smallbone RIP (Debbie Potter & Family) |
| Sun: | 9.00 am | Baptism of the Lord | Intentions of the Condliffe Family |
| | 11.00am | Baptism of the Lord | For the People of the Parish |

St Mary's Anglican Church, Overton - Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Our Catholic Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion at St Mary's is a regular monthly service at 8.30am (on the 2nd Sunday of each month) . Next service: **Sunday 09 January 2016**

Children's Liturgy 9am Mass

Please note Children's Liturgy at our 9am Mass will resume again on a fortnightly basis. The next session will be on **Sun 17 January 2016**. *We are inviting children to go into the group on arrival at Church, rather than the beginning of Mass, so please sign your child on the Register and leave children with a catechist in the Foyer. Thank you.*



**Please remember the Church is God's House where people come to pray...
Please respect His House: turn off mobiles, no food and/or drink, no noisy toys. Thanks!**



Please pray for the sick & housebound:

Donna Gregg, Julia & Eilish Barry, Caroline, Amit Kandoo, Tom Barfield, Nora Crane, Pamela, Brian J.P., John O'Rourke, Maura, Olive, Graham Whitehead, Nic Roe, Paula McCarthy, Lucia Martini, Joe Clarke, Sally Bradley, Peter Vicary, Julie Brennan, Irene Manzano-Co, Angela Stacey, Kay Mears, Joe Robertson, Antoinette & Rollin Thomas, Patricia Kelly, Ivy Albrecht, Michael McCrohan, Cathy Mayes, Mae Hayes, Marise Parfitt, Joseph Riley, Rebecca King, Helen Dinglu, Joanna Evans, Maria Collela, Elizabeth Bradley, Tim Salmon, Theresa Graham, Gary Smith, Sam Haydn, Charlie Taylor, Jude Easton, Mary Ryan, Yvonne Lia, Darren, Kitty Allman, Teresa Gilmore, Jane Patterson, Rena Stewart, Beatrice Blake, Robbie Walker, Nena Lapena, Atang Ordonio, Judy & Dean, Bobby Dunphy, Dave Evans, Ann Callaghan, Barry Allen, John Toner, Josie Rae, Jo Gittos, Mina Lock, Helen, Christopher Browne & his friend, Mike & Maria Ruffell, Penny Stott, Louis, Cherrie Stewart, baby McAuley, Mary O'Driscoll, Philippa Nicholls, Margaret Angus, Joan, Mary Theresa Dunn, Ronnie Nurse, Pete & Maggie Finucane, Christopher Browne, Nina Barlow, Mark Oldham, Phyllis McMorrow, Jo Francis, John Hughes, Gillian Clancy, Sammy Filkins, Bernard Parkinson, Colin Kirenga, Patrick Moonan, Anne Farmer, Mercedes Cook, Theresa Langridge, Colin Dick, Margaret Nicholls, Walter Ernest, Joseph Block, baby Charlie Morrissey, Michael Thomas, Siobhan Farnan, Maria Bibo and Maurice Shutler (father of Hilary Hemchaoui RIP).

If you or your sick relative could benefit from a visit from the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), please contact the Parish Office or our Clergy on 323595. Please let us know if you would like us to pray for anyone...



South Ham Churches Elderly Lunch Club

Contact: St Joe's 323595

**NEXT: At St Joseph's Church
Fri 08 Jan 2016 - 12 noon
Tickets £3.50 need to pre-book**



Confessions:

Every Saturday at
St. Joseph's 5pm
or by prior
appointment with
Fr Mark.



Other local church Sunday Mass times

Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat 6pm,

Sun 10am.

St Bede's, Basingstoke

Sun 9am, 11am, 6.30pm

St Michael's, Tadley

Sat 6pm,

Sun: 9.15am

St Oswald's Burghf. Sun 11.15am

Birthdays w/c : 03 January 2016

Children: Amelie Leonard, Murrough Walsh, Aleksander Trafny, Georgia Bennett, Tomasz Raeburn, Isabella Grieff, Ruth Pavey, Beatrice Leech, Olivia Nice, Alice Jones, Abbigail Hall, Marie Boyere, Sara Adamek, Theo Brand, Oliver Ambler, Sofia Lepore, Arthur Donnelly, Luca Briant, Samuel Bundhoo

Special Birthdays: Mary Freemantle, Pearl Purnell, Georgina McGuigan, Annie Crow, Maria Whatton

RIP: Friedrich Sutton 04/01/2011, Catherine Dowd 04/01/2014, Pamela Carroll 04/01/2009, Joseph Kearns 05/01/2015, Margaret Traynor 05/01/2015, Peter Hall 06/01/2012

We would like to mark birthdays for children & young people & "special birthdays" for all our parish family. We wish to mark important anniversaries. If you notice any errors/omissions, please tell us.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Our Newsletters are uploaded to our Parish Website weekly - you may not wish everyone to know it is your child's birthday, although the date & year is not shown. If this is the case, please let us know. We will remove your child's name from this database report for future publications.*



St Anne's RC Primary School - Admissions September 2016

www.st-annes.hants.sch.uk

If you have a child who will be 4 years old between 01 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 then they will be starting school in September 2016. From 01 November 2015 you can apply on line at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions and you will need to collect a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) from that date from the school to help you complete your Application. The deadline is Friday 15 January 2016.

You will need to make an appointment with Fr Mark Hogan (15 minutes max) in order for him to sign the Priest's section of the SIF. He has put aside the following dates to sign these forms:

- Tue 12 January 2016 10am to 3.30pm (every 15 mins) Last day before Admissions close...
Please call Nikki in the Parish Office on 323595 to make an appointment. Thank you.

Admissions 2017/18 - the proposed admission arrangements are now available to view on the school website. The consultation periods runs until 31st January 2016.



Sacrament of Baptism

Next Course: Tues 08 & 15 March 2016 at 7.30pm
(Blue Registration Forms available in Foyer)

We welcome Ashley & Monika bringing *Kacper Simpson* to Baptism on Sun 10 Jan at 2.30pm

A prayer for peace by Pope St John Paul II that can be used to pray for an end to the war in Syria and for peace for the Syrian refugees fleeing violence.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer
when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg You to install into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace,
the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship.

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history
who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love,
to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world Your everlasting peace.

Amen.

CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting

Join us at our next meeting on **Sat 23 January 2016** from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX) where we will explore our Lenten resources and hear more about CAFOD's water programmes in Uganda. To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk by 15 January 2016.