

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Solemnity of the Epiphany

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(Mass times this week, at St. Joseph's unless otherwise stated)

Sunday, 7 th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Charles and Martha Connolly Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Josie Dekkers (B'day)
Monday, 8 th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Fr. Gerard O'Carroll (Birthday) Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 9 th January	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 10 th January	12.00 noon Requiem Mass 7.00 pm	Louis Roy Gower Gabrielle Crawforth (Intentions)
Thursday, 11 th January	10.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm	Padraig Thornhill (Anniversary) Private Intention Fr. Paul's Intentions
Friday, 12 th January <i>Op. Memorial of St. Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	10.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Leslie O'Connell (Intentions) Private Intention
Saturday, 13 th January <i>Optional Memorial of St. Hilary, Bishop</i>	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Sheila Browne
Sunday, 14 th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Peace Day	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Dolores Connolly Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish The Conway Family (Intentions)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.

Welcome to our celebration of Mass today, especially if you are just visiting the University, and welcome back if you are returning from your Christmas break.

Happy New Year.

The theme of the Mass today is the revelation ("Epiphany") of Our Lord to the Gentile world. Since WE are the Gentiles it means that this is a big celebration for us.

Prayer Before Mass

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epiphany. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, and Christmastide ends tomorrow with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. From Tuesday we return to "Ordinary Time" in the Church's Year. Sunday Mass readings are taken from Cycle B, and Weekday readings are from Year 2.

Cycle of Prayer. During Ordinary Time up to Lent we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; the Sick and those who care for them; Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it; Students and Teachers; the Unemployed.

Next Sunday is the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is also designated as **Peace Sunday**, a day to pray for world peace.

Bible Study will start up again on Thursday if there are enough people back who want to meet. Please let me know if you would like to come, starting with a meal at 7.30 pm here in the Chaplaincy. All welcome.

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. The traditional time for the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18th-25th January, the days between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul. There will be an ecumenical service in the Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday, 20th January, starting at 1.00pm. The preacher will be Bishop Kenney.

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www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/sjtiv

www.cathsocwarwick.wix.com/warwickcathsoc

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Unfortunately, our newsletters today have the wrong readings. Here are the right ones.

First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Response:

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

Second reading

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

"Faith in Politics": Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships 2018-19.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have organised an Internship Scheme and are looking to recruit at least six recently-graduated Catholics to work for 11 months from September 2018 to July 2019 to learn from an intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. The scheme is divided into four positions, with some interns being placed with Christian MPs and Peers at Westminster, one in a parliamentary support role within the secretariat, two in public policy and social action with CAFOD and the Caritas Social Action Network, and one in a media role with the Catholic Communications Network. In addition to their working role, all interns also gain from individually guided retreats and spiritual guidance, as well as living in a vibrant, young Catholic community in the centre of London. During the year, as part of their overall formation, interns will study for a Postgraduate Certificate in Catholic Social Teaching from St. Mary's University, Twickenham.

The closing date for applications is 28th February 2018. Applications should be made through the website <http://faithinpolitics.org.uk> Please direct any questions to stephanie.macgillivray@cbcew.org.uk

Epiphany Carol Service. The Ordinariate community invite us to join them at St. Joseph's this evening at 6.30pm for their annual Epiphany Carol Service. There will be a retiring collection for Aid to the Church in Need. It will be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Fr. Hudson's Care 114th Annual Fundraising Ball, Saturday, 17th February, 7.30 pm – 1.00 am, at the National Conference Centre, Birmingham. Tickets cost £40 (or £37 for those aged 30 and under). Ask me for more details.

Tailpiece: I have always had an admiration for the priest who put up a notice in the carpark of his church, "*Church parking only. Violators will be baptised!*". But as a surreal notice I think this, from the kitchen of a church hall, takes some beating, "*Ladies, when you have emptied the teapot please stand upside down in the sink*".

Thank you all for the gifts and cards that I received. I hope you had as happy a Christmas as I did, and that God may bless you in 2018.

Fr. Harry