

# University of Warwick Chaplaincy

## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

6<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

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*Sacred Heart of Jesus, Seat of Divine Wisdom, enlighten us!*

*Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!*

*St Thomas Aquinas and St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patrons of students, pray for us!*

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

Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Gerard & Phyllis Deegan (Anniv.) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Ann & Joe Cousins & Family
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Op. Mem. of St. Raymond of Penyafort</i>	10.00 am	Josie Dekkers (Birthday) Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Helen & John Doyle and Family Sean McCrave (Birthday)
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10.00 am <b>Requiem Mass</b> 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Martha Jean Young Private Intention
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Monica Private Intention
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Op. Mem. of St. Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot</i>	10.00 am	Josie Dekkers
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Paula & George Black Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Margaret Gallagher

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.

**The Epiphany.** Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, and Christmastide ends next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

**Christmas Decorations.** Although Christmastide in the Church's calendar doesn't end until next Sunday, it is traditional to take down the Christmas decorations at Twelfth Night. That being the case, we shall take the Christmas Crib and the Tree down tomorrow, and put the decorations into storage for another year. Thanks to everyone who has helped to make the church so beautiful and prayerful this Christmas.

**Bible Study.** Because it's the first day of the new term there will be no Bible Study this week, but instead CathSoc will have an informal after-Christmas meeting here in the chaplaincy at 7:45 tomorrow (Monday) evening. All welcome.

### 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.

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For information about the Ordinariate go to [www.ordinariate.org.uk/groups/coventry](http://www.ordinariate.org.uk/groups/coventry)

**Would you like to spend a year** (Aug 2019-Jul 2020) as part of the SPEC community in London which runs retreats with young people in the Diocese of Westminster? Check out their website for more information: <http://dowym.com/spec/volunteer/>

**“Faith in Politics”: Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships 2019-20.**

The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales have organised an Internship Scheme and are looking to recruit up to nine recently-graduated Catholics to work for 11 months from September 2019 to July 2020 in Parliamentary, Public Affairs, and Social Action posts. The interns will be selected on the basis of ability and potential to gain most from the experience. The interns will live together with 70 other students in More House, a Catholic Chaplaincy and Student Centre in Central London. Financial support will be provided to cover living and travel costs for the duration of the internship. The closing date for applications is 5.00pm on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Further information is available from, and applications should be made through, the website [www.faithinpolitics.org.uk](http://www.faithinpolitics.org.uk)

**Volunteer Overseas with Jesuit Missions!** Do you feel called to serve others? Are you looking for a new way of life? Would you like to gain experience with an international NGO? Volunteer with Jesuit Missions and make a difference to the lives of some of the world’s most marginalised communities. For more info and to apply, please email [volunteering@jesuitmissions.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@jesuitmissions.org.uk) or visit [www.jesuitmissions.org.uk](http://www.jesuitmissions.org.uk)

**The Christmas Crib Offerings.** Because the crib at St. Joseph’s is being put away after tonight, this is your last chance to make a donation to our charities. This year the offerings will be divided between an international charity – Aid to the Church in Need (supporting persecuted Christians) – and a local charity – the Coventry Winter Night Shelter.

**Carriers of Hope.** If you have any unwanted/unneeded Christmas presents, please don’t automatically throw them away – in March we shall be taking our turn to help out with Carriers of Hope in the City Centre and it may be that your gifts will find a home.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is traditionally observed from the 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January. This year the theme is “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:18-20). **The annual service for Christian Unity** will be held in the Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm, when the Speaker will be the Revd Dr Gabrielle Thomas. Everyone welcome.

**The “Good Counsel Network”** have sent this message: ‘On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. This is the day before the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Good Counsel Network, for details of our work see [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)’

**Father Hudson’s 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Ball** will return to the National Conference Centre (beside the National Motorcycle Museum, B92 0EJ), starting at 7:30pm on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. The 114<sup>th</sup> Ball raised £7,160 for Father Hudson’s projects and the volunteer committee are working on making 2019’s event even bigger and better. The Marmites return to entertain with live music, and Jimmy’s Tombola and the silent auction are back by public demand. We will be joined by the High Sherriff of the West Midlands, Chris Loughran, and Miss West Midlands, Niamh Conway. Tickets cost £40 and are available from Libby Musgrave: e-mail [libbymusgrave@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:libbymusgrave@fatherhudsons.org.uk) or call 01675-434059. The price includes a three-course meal.

**Going Into Hospital.** I hope that you never need to go into hospital because of sickness, but if you or someone that you know is going into hospital please do let me know. It is also important that you ask for the Catholic chaplain when in hospital because Chaplains are often no longer automatically given the names of Catholic patients. Also, many hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Mental Health Units apportion resources for chaplaincy in line with how many requests are made, so you are actually doing the Church a favour by asking for the chaplain and for the Sacraments while you are in.

**Goodbye.** We are sorry that our Chaplaincy Coordinator, Angela, has left us this Christmas. She has done wonderful work here during her time with us. Please pray for her, and that the process of finding her successor may go smoothly and have a good conclusion.

**Tailpiece:** It was the Sunday after Christmas at Ss. Peter and Paul’s Church in Borden, Kent. Father John was looking at the nativity scene prior to packing away the figures when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the scene. Immediately, Father John turned towards the presbytery in order to call the police. But as he was about to do so, he saw little Harry with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little Infant, Jesus. Father John walked up to Harry and said, ‘Well, Harry, where did you get the little Infant?’ Harry replied honestly, ‘I took Him from the church, Father.’

‘And why did you take him?’  
With a sheepish smile, Harry said, ‘Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to little Lord Jesus. I told Him if He would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give Him a ride around the block in it.’



*Thank you again for your very generous Christmas offerings and for the gifts and cards that I received. I hope your Christmas was as good as mine. May God bless you all in 2019.*  
**Fr. Harry.**