

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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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, 5 th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Phyllis and Gerard Deegan The People of the Parish Sr. Maureen Grigg (Intentions)
Monday, 6 th January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10.00 am	Josie Dekkers (100 th Birthday)
Tuesday, 7 th January <i>Op. Mem. of St. Raymond of Penyafort</i>	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 8 th January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	6.30 pm	Josie Dekkers (100 th Birthday)
Thursday, 9 th January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	7.30-8.00 am Exposition 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Michael Kavanagh (Birthday) Private Intention
Friday, 10 th January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) 6.00 - 7.00 pm Exposition	Frank Meadowcroft (Anniversary) Private Intention
Saturday, 11 th January <i>Christmas Feria</i>	10.00 am	Cora Lanigan and Jane Burman
Sunday, 12 th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm 6.15 pm Reception of Joan Kelly	Chris Mullen The People of the Parish Margaret & Sean Gallagher (Anniv.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00-6.45 pm; 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, in St. Joseph’s 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.

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.

Would you like to spend a year (Aug 2020-Jul 2021) 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 2020-21.

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 2020 to July 2021 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 28th February 2020. Further information is available from, and applications should be made through, the website www.faithinpolitics.org.uk

Commemorative Sanctuary Candles. For £5 you can buy a candle that will burn in the sanctuary or by the Sacred Heart, Our Lady, St. Joseph or St. Anthony, for any week of your choice during the coming year. It can be for any reason you want: to remember a loved one; for a special intention; or why not give one as a Christmas present and have a card to go with it?

Coventry Foodbank. We collect non-perishable food items for the local Foodbank. If you can help, please leave things in the box in the Jordan Room. Thank you.

Thursday morning prayers at 7.30 (followed by breakfast) **and Friday Evening Chapel** (prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00-7.00 pm, with the opportunity for Confession, followed by supper in the hall) both re-start this week.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th - 25th January. The materials for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo. On 10th February Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for the feast is the text chosen for this year’s Week of Prayer. As Paul later proclaimed in Rome, the salvation of God has been sent to all (see Acts 28:28).

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.

Instructions in the Faith. Do you know anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith? Do YOU want to know more? Starting this Wednesday evening at St. Thomas More in Stivichall there will be a series of meetings, 7.30-8.30, shared between our two parishes. Please let people know about this opportunity.

News about the building on the carpark next to St. Joseph’s church. Planning permission was granted several months ago for a multi-storey carpark and student accommodation. Unofficially, news has reached me that at last they are planning to start building early next month. This work will obviously have an effect on the roads round here. They have promised to be as considerate as they can, but please be prepared for some disruption if you are coming to St. Joseph’s.

The Christmas Crib Offerings. Because the crib 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 – Friends of the Holy Land (supporting Christians there) – 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.

Tailpiece: A woman with a very strong faith but a rather weak memory once managed to lock her keys inside her car. Undeterred, she prayed to God for assistance. Just then a man walking by saw the situation, came over, and got her car door opened in no time flat. “Thank you, God, for sending me this nice man to help,” she exclaimed. The man replied, “Well, I am glad I could help, but I’m not really a nice man. I just got out of jail for stealing cars.” “Thank you, God!” the woman shouted to the sky, “You even sent me a professional!”

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 2020.
Fr. Harry.