



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY EPIPHANY – 7th JANUARY 2018

Entrance Antiphon – “Behold the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.”

Responsorial psalm - “All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.”

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

Communion Antiphon – “We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord”

Sunday Mass Readings – Isaiah 60:1-6. Ps 71. Eph 3;2-3,5-6. Matt 2:1-12.

The readings and prayers can be found in the Parish Mass Book on page 106.

FROM FR. MATTHEW – THANKYOU Once again a Happy New year to all parishioners. Thanks to all those who helped in any way at the Christmas and New Year services, and who helped prepare the Church for Christmas. Also thanks to those who organised the wonderful Epiphany Vigil service yesterday and the many children and young people involved. I have just returned from my little break, I had a very nice time in Fleetwood. Thank you to Fr. Jonathan for looking after the parish in my absence.

WEDNESDAY MASS – The mass this Wednesday is an evening mass at 7.00pm, not in the morning.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – Starts upon again after the 9.30am mass next Sunday, 14th January, and then Sunday 21st.

REFLECTION - “A KING TO BEHOLD.”

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears. Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise – one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see [2 Samuel 2:5](#)), the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth” (see [Micah 5:1-3](#)). Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world's kings will pay Him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel's king. The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see [Numbers 24:17](#)). Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth” (see [1 Kings 10:2,25](#); [2 Chronicles 9:24](#)). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see [Song of Songs 3:6](#), [4:6,14](#)). One greater than Solomon is here (see [Luke 11:31](#)). He has come to reveal that all peoples are “co-heirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches. His manifestation forces us to choose: Will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and the scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

Dates for Your Diary.

Please come along and enjoy tea and coffee in the parish room after the Sunday morning Masses

200 CLUB. The winners of the December draw were 1st Prize £70 to No 27 J. Sullivan and 2nd Prize £25 to No 8 . V. Thomas. A list of members has been posted at the back of Church. The January draw takes place on Sunday 14th January.

2nd Collection. No Collection. Next week – SPUC – Annual White Flower Appeal.

NEXT SUNDAY – SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL - We are having the annual White Flower Appeal in the parish, to help support the work of SPUC – the Society for the protection of the Unborn child. We are facing an unprecedented attack on the lives of unborn children and the health and welfare of mothers. A huge and powerful; lobby is calling for the complete decriminalisation of abortion. This means taking abortion outside the law so that women can self-administer an abortion, at any time during the pregnancy. SPUC cares about women and unborn children and they have launched a campaign under the tile “We care about women.” To help SPUC in their work please do be generous to the retiring collection next week.

PEACE SUNDAY – Next Sunday is also the Annual Peace Sunday, when we are asked to pray for peace in our troubled world, and especially the Catholic Peace Movement “Pax Christi.”

HEREFORD HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY - Fr. Matthew is a member of the Hereford Hospital Chaplaincy team and acts as Catholic Chaplain. Please therefore make sure relations are registered as Catholics when they are admitted to hospital and let Fr. Matthew know.

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – The next session of preparation is next Sunday 14th January following the 9.30am mass, and then on 21st January, with the 1st Confessions on Sunday 28th.

CRIB OFFERINGS – This years crib offerings will be donated towards the local Hereford Foodbank.

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE – Thanks to all those who organised and attended the lovely Epiphany service yesterday-Saturday.

PLEASE PRAY FOR – Harry and Tobe Ohakanu, the children of Istiphanus and Eseohe, who next Sunday afternoon will receive the grace of Baptism.

OUR LADY’S LUNCH CLUB – Team 5 – This Saturday 13th January, from 12.00noon till 1.00pm. Lists of team members have been placed on the parish notice boards at the back of Church, with the rota. The Lunch club is in need of toiletries to distribute, small packs of soup, toothpaste, if you can help just bring them to Church. Thanks also to one of the local Dental practices that has supplied us with many small tubes of toothpaste.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2018 – Are available at the back of Church, by the Catholic Newspapers stand, priced £3.

CATHOLIC SINGLES - is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholic singles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

St Mary's Syro-Malabar Community Mass. Sunday, 14th January 4.00pm. POLISH MASS -

Sunday 28th January 4.00pm. SCRIPTURE GROUP – Not this week sorry! Mass instead at

7.00pm FINANCE COMMITTEE – Next meeting on Monday 22nd January 7.00pm. PARISH

COUNCIL – Next meeting 15th January 7.00pm. EVANGELISATION MEETING. The parish group will meet again Wednesday 17th January at 7.00pm in the presbytery.

THE HOLY FATHERS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR CHRISTMASTIDE - Pope Francis invites us to pray for openness to the word of God, for migrants and refugees and for expectant mothers. USEFUL

CONTACT NUMBERS.

Funeral Directors - Bayley Brothers 272465, Shayne Hogg 341871, Dawe Brothers 274066, Cathedral Funeral Services (Catholic) 340777. Also - John the Computer Doctor 370861, Chapel Road Garage 342201,

PARISH SCHEDULE. 7th – 14th JANUARY. PSALTER WEEK 2. YEAR B
SUNDAYS, 2nd WEEK AFTER XMAS. YEAR 2 WEEKDAYS.

Sunday 7th - Solemnity of the Epiphany

9.30am. Alina and Pavel Stowjescy (9th Wedd Anniv.)

11.30am. Agnes McGowan

6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 8th January- Baptism of the Lord.

9.30am Mass Emilia Dzierza RIP..

Tuesday 9th

7.00pm Mass – George and Anna Schmidt.

Divine mercy prayers before and Rosary after mass.

Wednesday 10th

7.00pm Mass Keith Davies (1st Anniv.)

(No morning mass today.)

Thursday 11th – St. Aelred.

9.30am Mass – Emilia Dzierza

Friday 12th – St. Benet Biscop.

7.00pm Mass – Sick of the Parish.

Saturday 13th Memoria of the BVM.

10.00am Confessions, exposition and benediction.

11.00am Mass - Harry Sutton.

11.30am Church cleaning.

12.00 – 1.00pm Our Lady's Lunch Club – Team 5.

Sunday 14th – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time.

9.30am. Aileen Hepworth & Gwendoline Howell RIP

11.30am. Angelo and Anthony Moruzzi.

6.30pm . People of the Parish and Deanery.

Rota Schedule for – 7th – 14th January.

*Flowers – Jan and Kerry. Cleaners and Church prep:
Saturday 11.30am* Volunteers please.

Altar Linen. Barb Spanjers. **Counting**–Kathy, Lindsaye and Eileen.

Ministries for Sunday 14th January.

Readers –

9.30am. A. Spanjers. **11.30am.** N. Long. **6.30pm** R. Maloney

Welcomers – 9.30am, M. Whent & E. Pawłowicz.

11.30am. Mr and Mrs. Cotterell. **6.30pm** C. Milsom.

Eucharistic Ministers - **9.30am.** Fran Keogh, Binoy Kuriakose, Sandi Bray. **11.30am.** Martin Davis, John McGowan, Eileen Cotterell.

6.30pm Chris Milsom, Margaret Evans, Denise Lissaman.

Polish Information: Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę 28th Stycznia o godz 16:00,

Offertory Collection for 31st December – 1st £265.21, GA £175.00.

Crib donations approx £80 – Hereford Foodbank. Average weekly standing orders £230.00. Thank you.

Please pray for the Sick, Veronica Rolls, Kathleen Marsh, Bill Padden, Marie Sadler, Sally Mountford, Katie Balnaves, Paul Bennett, Nigel Cotterill, Alison Fishlock, Timothy Bunclark, Gail Gibbons, Ruby Chandler-Marsh, Pat England, Agnes Lee, Michael Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Sheila Fawcett, Dymphna O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Rita O'Leary, Petal O'Hea, Neil Hillyer & all in our prayer book.

Please remember in your prayers the recently dead – Gwendoline Howell, Emilia Dzierza, Dominic Gregson formerly of this parish who died in his home in Devon recently, Sr. Mary Clare Smyth of the Poor Clare monastery, Mark Smith, Ted Mountford, Finlay Abbaton, and those whose anniversary falls in January – Lil Greene, Patricia Franklin, Veronica French, Aniela Kaleta, Florence Johns, Margaret Thomas, Lillian Orchard, Walter Jennings, Kathleen Jones, Kathleen Shawcross, Marjorie Sullivan, Ellen Willis, Elizabeth Farley, Ernest Cooper, Patrick Taylor, Margaret Ryan, Jamie McGoran, Winifred Brennan, Catherine Ross, Syd Swann, Eileen Harris, Patrick Lynch, Denise McQuaid, Ronald, O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, Raymond Watkins, Leslie Foulkes, Celia Methven, Reginald Sly, Shirley Walters, Irene Brennan, Jean Chappell, Angelo Moruzzi, Raymond Breeze, Amelia Smith, Jerzy Schmidt, Michał Piwień, Baden Powell, Francis Seymour, Eileen Scott, William Graham, James Jones, Louise Champion and Margaret Dean, Simon Williams.

