The Epiphany of the Lord 6th January 2019



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We saw His star and have come to do the King homage

Matthew 2:1-12



MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS 6th - 13th January 2019

Date Sun 6 th Jan	Feast Epiphany of the Lord	Time 10.30am	Intention Margaret Wright
Mon 7 th Jan Tues 8 th Jan	St Raymond of Peñafort	10.00am 10.00am	(70 th Birthday) (E&LM) Eucharistic Service NO MASS
Weds 9 th Jan Thurs 10 th Jan		10.00am 10.00am	Maxi McAvoy God's Will accomplished for J & H
Fri 11 th Jan	St Aelred of Rievalux	10.00am 12.00noon	Eucharistic Service Funeral Service for Sadie Reid RIP
Sat 12 th Jan	St Benet Biscop	10.00am	Limer & Clapperton Families (J&JL)
Sun 13 th Jan	Baptism of the Lord	10.30am	Àlan Árcher (G&GA)

Confession after Saturday morning Mass (10.45am) Children's Liturgy during Morning Mass on Sunday Chapel Times of Adoration: Monday 9.00am-3.00pm; Tuesday 8.00am-3.00pm

Welcomers

6th Jan; Elsie 13th Jan; Ann

Mass Readers

6th Jan **10.30am** Peter Hardesty

13th Jan 10.30am Nicola Cant

Sanctuary Candle: 6th - 12th Jan

Church: Ann Ellis

ILM Margaret & Victor Ellis

Chapel: Ann Kell

ILM Stephen Graham

Sanctuary Candle: 13th - 19th Jan

Church: Margaret Todd **ILM Peter Todd**

Chapel:

Communion Ministers

6th Jan

10.30am Nicola Cant; Margaret Davidson; Christine Hodgkinson

13th Jan

10.30am Goff Ellis; Mary Stacey;

Pat Elliott

100+ Club 6th Jan. Winning No.

Offertory Coll: 30th Dec. £224.35

Christmas Coll. £440.15

1st Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5;9-11 2nd Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 The Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:15-16; 21-22c

Times of Services: Mon: 10.00am Eucharistic Service; Tues: NO MASS; Weds: 10.00am Mass; Thurs: 10.00am Mass; Fri: 10.00am Eucharistic Service; 12.00noon Funeral Service;

Sat: 10.00am Mass; Sun: 10.30 am Mass

SICK CLERGY: Please pray for Fr. James Doherty who is very seriously ill. Please pray also for all our clergy who are indisposed or incapacitated.

DOROTHY DOUGHTY RIP: Early last week we learned of the death of Dorothy Doughty of Easedale Gardens. We offer our condolences to all her family at this time. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. May she rest in peace.

SADIE REID RIP: We regret to also announce the death of Sadie Reid who lived in the parish until approx. 20 years ago. Sadie's funeral service will be on Friday, 11th January at 12.00 noon. We offer our sincere sympathy to her son, Kevin and to all Kevin's family. May she rest in peace.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: The Epiphany makes the point that the child Jesus was born to serve and heal the world of sin. This Mission and Service that Jesus definitively carried out is continued today through the lives of all Christians to continue serving and healing our world and shaping it to become God's happy, sinless world once again.

100+ CLUB: The Draw will begin again today. If you wish to take part, please see Roger Eley after Mass. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the draw last year. A total of £3,938 was raised for parish funds.

PARISH BINGO: Our next Bingo session will take place on Friday 11th January, at 6.30pm in St. Anne's Church Hall. As this will be Fr. Brendan's last bingo session with us, we hope that as many parishioners as possible will make this a very special event for Fr. Brendan and our parish.

FATHER'S CEILIDH: This ceilidh, "Brendan's Big Bash", is to mark the retirement of Fr. Kelly. The idea came from a couple of parishioners, with the added suggestion that all the ladies dance with Father. He is quite nifty in the old time waltz and up for a 'Siege of Ennis' for those brave enough to take part. We hope you will all join us at St. Joseph's Catholic Club, Birtley, on Friday 18th January, starting time 7.00pm. There will be a charge of £5, food and bar provided. Some priests will be joining us. It will be a fitting way to celebrate the New Year. Fr. Kelly is very much looking forward to many joining him. Tickets will be on sale today after Mass. Transport can be provided if there is sufficient demand. Please give your name to the ticket seller, if you wish to book a seat on the coach.

CHURCH REDECORATING WORKS: You will have noticed that the Church has been prepared for redecorating, which will take place beginning tomorrow, Monday 7th January. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

"PARTNERSHIP MATTERS": The latest edition of 'Partnership Matters' is now available from the back of Church. Please take a copy home to enable you to keep abreast of all new developments in our partnership.

BE GRATEFUL FOR THE CROSS

Is life easy? Putting sensibilities aside, if the answer is 'Yes', you could be failing to live the Gospel. Christ's life is about the Cross and how we deal with it. If you can point to a cross you bear because of faith living, we are told by St. Paul and other saints to be grateful. Remember you are sharing in what Christ experienced and in very good company. The Cross is a wonderful source of grace, of strength and inner healing. So let us gratefully accept our grace, fill and reflect the experience of Christ, our Saviour.