

## **SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH**

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### **Sunday 6th January 2019 – Epiphany of the Lord**

#### **Mass Times and Intentions**

Saturday 5th January, Vigil, Epiphany of the Lord	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 6th January, Epiphany of the Lord	11.00am	For the People of the Parish
Monday, in the church	9.00am	
Tuesday, in the church	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Wednesday, in the church	7.30pm	
Thursday, in the church	9.00am	
Friday, in the church	11.30am	
Saturday, in the church	9.00am	
Saturday 12th January, Vigil, Baptism of the Lord	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 13th January, Baptism of the Lord	11.00am	For the People of the Parish

Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery each day at 8.00am. Wednesdays: Rosary & Novena, 7.00pm in the Church.

Saturdays: 9.45am Morning Prayer, 9.00am Mass, No Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Charlie Lally, Spiridion Mizzi, Margaret Keable, Leslie Longden, Teresa Jackson, Wilfred Herbert Robinson, Gerard Young, Margery Melland, Christopher Walker, Michael Trebicki, James Moore, Patricia Land, Elaine LeCount, Maureen Butcher, Eileen Midgley, Yvonne Egginton, Gerard Keating, John Guest, Elizabeth Hulme, Margaret Whiston, Mary Holmes, Kathryn Wharram, Okoth Dulo, Sr Therese, Marie Haley, Kath Rigby and Pauline Kozaruk. May they rest in peace.

Please also pray for Rebecca Townsend all those unwell at home or in hospital.

Thank you for last week's collection of £387.51, plus your regular standing orders of £417.00 per week.

Thank you also for the additional Christmas Gift collection of £46.13.

## Mass information for 12th & 13th January, Baptism of the Lord

<b>Announcers:</b>	Anita Gibson (Saturday) David Wilkinson (Sunday)
<b>Readers:</b>	Clarissa Mswaka, Pauline McConnon, Annette Murray (Saturday) Monica Grant, Ailsa Rodgers, George Brownell (Sunday)
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<u>Annette Murray</u> , Claire Brady*, Mario Castellino (Saturday) <u>Chris Ashton</u> , Vicky Moss*, Monique Fournier, Chris Grant, Hilary Green (Sunday)

**Christmas Fayre:** There are still some unclaimed prizes in the sacristy.

**Epiphany Party:** TODAY in the Hall after Mass. There will be tickets on sale on the door.

**Holy Communion visits at home:** If you know of anyone who needs to receive Holy Communion at home, please ring the Parish on 2343580. For patients in hospital ring the voicemail on 2714999.

**Church Cleaning:** Thursday 17th January, 11.00am – Group 3: Pip Crane, Patricia Deakin, Monique Founier, Anita Gibson, Janina Klapas, Andrew & Ailsa Rodgers.

**St Vincent de Paul:** Mondays at 7.30pm. Chris Ashton.

**Choir Rehearsals:** Next rehearsal: Tuesday 8th January 7.30pm. Barbara Hartley.

**Art Class:** Wednesdays 10.00am in the sacristy. Barbara Beatson. Next one: Wednesday 9th January.

**Contact Club:** Wednesdays 1.30pm. Next one: Wednesday 9th January at Rawson Spring.

**Youth Friendship:** Years 6,7 & 8. Please contact Fran Shiel.

Please consider making your offertory donations to the Parish via Standing Order. Our account details:

- Diocese of Hallam Sacred Heart - Sort code 404107 - Account no. 21094319

**Gift Aid:** The tax the parish can reclaim from HMRC is an important source of income and we would like to encourage any taxpayers who do not currently make their offering under Gift Aid to consider doing so. It is the best way of increasing your offering without it costing you more, since currently, the government will increase each £1 of your personal offering by a further 25p. For the parish to reclaim the tax on your offering, you, the taxpayer, need to make a Gift Aid declaration and we, the parish, need to have a record of the date and amount of your offerings. Offerings can be by standing order, cheque or cash in a numbered offertory envelope. Your Gift Aid Declaration will cover all donations recorded by the parish, including for the Food Pantry. You will find Gift Aid declaration forms at the back of church near the hymn books. When you have completed the form, please hand it either to the presbytery or drop it through the letterbox. Please be assured that the administration of Gift Aid is completely confidential. If you have any questions about Gift Aid, please contact Janina Klapas. If you are considering making a gift to the Church in your will, information can be obtained by contacting the presbytery. Thank you for your continuing support. It is very much appreciated. Offertory envelopes are at the back of church. If you want to start using envelopes, please let us know.

# The Evidence of Grace

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

## Epiphany: We saw His Star, and that Star Rises Still

Today these encouraging phrases resounds with this truth: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has risen upon you", "Above you the Lord rises" "the nations will come to your light" and "Kings will come to your glory". We should, like bright stars (Philp 2:15) reflect the glory of the Lord as polished mirrors. But if we like Herod, continue to hold on to power and position that are earthly, comfort and convenience that limit effort for sincere search, prestige and popularity and care of today, we will turn a deaf ear to this awesome call to shine as bright stars. We may become misled and misleading on our path to life eternal.

The language of the star contains a message of hope. Those who seek God sincerely in their heart will find him. The Star of David, the compass of our life will surely lead us to a safe harbour, and we could become stars that will lead others to Christ. Our entire life is a journey to God. On this journey we are not alone. God walks with us in several ways, providing stars to light and guide our path. Epiphany celebrates a feast of that manifestation and arrival, the end of our search for him "... the saw the child and his mother." May we too find Christ at the end of our entire life's quest. Epiphany is a feast of light. Christ our light, the morning star, has come to lead us to God the father. Epiphany is the feast of the manifestation of the children of God. We are the light of the world and we must let our light shine. Epiphany is the festival of lights. Christ invites us into the light of his glory, so that the hidden power of our Christianity can be made manifest in our darkened world.

In all these the star of Bethlehem rises for us still:

- In the reading of the scriptures and spiritual works. The star rises.
- In the sacraments and sacramentals of the church the star rises still.
- In the faith community at prayer and our common fellowship, it rises.
- In the person and ministry of the priest, the star of David rises.
- In the twinkling smile of the little children, Christ our morning star rises eternally.
- In the brightness of the holy life of saints, the star rises and shines still.

The true star led the magi to the child Jesus. Upon seeing him, they fell on their knees and did him homage. Let us pray, that the true star will lead us and, in his light, may we see light.

## Further Announcements

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Fiona O'Farrell. For non-urgent matters, please contact Fiona in church after Mass on Sunday. For urgent matters go to the Hallam Safeguarding Team on 2566453.

**Bereavement Support:** If you would like support at either Sacred Heart or St Marie's, please call the presbytery on 2343580 and your request will be passed to Sr Maire or Janina Klapas.

**Diocesan Job Vacancies** are on the screen notice board at the back of church and the Diocesan website.