

DAY	FEAST	MASS	INTENTION	DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES
SAT 2nd	Christmas Feria	12 noon 530pm	Anna Matthews Barry McCara	Confessions after both Masses and 415-515pm
SUN	The Epiphany	930am	For the Parish	
MON	Christmas Feria	12noon	Kath Hobson	
TUE 5th	Christmas Feria	12 noon	Henry Lemon RIP	Catechism: Years 7 and 8, 4pm Stella Maris
WED 6th	Christmas Feria	12 noon	Janice Lockwood	SVP 730pm, Stella Maris
THU	Christmas Feria	No Mass		
FRI 8th	Christmas Feria	12 noon Requiem	Mary Williams RIP	No Exposition of Bl. Sacrament this week
SAT 9th	Christmas Feria	12 noon 530pm	Mary Jones and Tommy John Sweeney	No Young People's Adoration this week Confessions after both Masses and 415-515pm
SUN	The Lord's Baptism	9.30am	For the Parish	

FINANCIAL REPORT. Thank you for all monies received during the week and for all services rendered.

Fact: The Parish needs £1075 per week to maintain itself

Fact: If you gift aid your collection you will add a further 28p to every pound you give.

Collection 22 December: £826 (falling short by £249). Collection 29 December: £538 (falling short by £537)

*Fact: In those two weeks £786 was therefore drained from the money budgeted for the car park and the lighting system.
Christmas Collection for School: £1036.*

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SUNDAY 3 JANUARY 2010
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*may we know Christ more clearly
love him more dearly
and follow him more nearly*

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Dear Parishioner,

The Epiphany of Our Lord. As you know, the word Epiphany means a Showing, a Revelation. Christ comes amongst us to reveal his Father to us and Himself. He invites us to enter deeply into the mystery of his own life, who is the very Son of the Father, the "Image of the Unseen God". The Feast of the Epiphany is dominated by the journey of the Wise Men, coming from far way to Bethlehem to find the Christ. This journey is the message of our own lives; the whole purpose of which is to journey to Christ, to find Him and to enter deeply into his mystery.

It is a happy coincidence, if coincidence it is, that this Feast falls on the first Sunday of the New Year; the first day in the year when we gather together as a parish family to worship the Lord. A time for New Year Resolutions. Let our

resolution as a parish be to strive to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ, to come to know him more clearly this year, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly. Let this not only be part of our Parish Prayer, but a motto which each and everyone of us takes seriously to heart.

Once again I offer you my sincere thanks for all the effort so many of you put into making the Christmas ceremonies go well. I thank Sister Jennifer who, I can tell you, was utterly exhausted by Christmas morning. She goes away today for a few days rest with her sister; our prayers follow her, wishing her a well deserved break.

We thank very sincerely our organists, Irek and John, who served us outstandingly well. Those of you who were at the Midnight Mass will join with me in thanking the Amici del

Canto Choir, under the leadership of Nigel Shaw, for a truly magical performance during the Carol Service which preceded the Mass and for their accompanying of the Mass itself.

I thank the Flower Ladies who, despite the absence of Des their formidable leader, put on a fine show. It is good to see Des back on her feet again after such a sustained bout of ill health.

Nor must I forget that valiant band of ladies known lovingly as the Brass Cleaners. A dirty old job, but a necessary one, and one that is done with much love and much taking it for granted by the rest of us. We are truly grateful.

And last but not least, thanks to all of you for sharing so joyfully in the celebration of the Lord's Birthday. And personally, may I thank you all yet again for all the kindnesses you showed to me over the Christmas period.

The Vocation Directors of the Diocese (the Vocationist Priests at Holywell) have decided that each priest in the diocese will be prayed for individually and in turn throughout the year. They have provided us with the necessary lists. So at each Mass from now on, we shall be praying for an individual priest, active or recently deceased, of the Diocese. It will be a constant reminder to us to pray not only for vocations to the Priesthood, but also for the priests who are currently serving us.

On the back page of this newsletter there is a small change—a box entitled Financial Report. This is intended to keep you informed as to how the parish is functioning financially. A recent survey has disclosed that the parish needs £1075 a week just to survive. We are consistently falling below that figure. The situation is critical. Please keep an eye on the report and see what you can do. God bless, Fr AJ