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Matthew 2:1-12.

Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost were the great holy days for the early church. Christmas came along later. Epiphany marks the first manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles. Matthew tells a very different story than Luke:

• Instead of shepherds, Matthew gives us Magi from the East. • Instead of a stable, Matthew takes us to Herod's palace. • Instead of a manger, Matthew shows us gifts fit for a king. • Instead of angels, Matthew tells us of dreams.

Epiphany signals that God loves Gentiles as well as Jews—that God's plan of salvation includes Gentiles too' and no wonder most of us Christians today are in fact Gentiles. All the same, Epiphany is not only about the inclusion of Gentiles in the church. It is a celebration of the breaking down of dividing walls—the end of hostilities between groups of people. Epiphany challenges us to reconsider all the people whom we see as outside the pale—outside the boundaries of God's love. It challenges us to abandon our tribalism (racially, nationally, denominationally, etc.) and to expand our tents to welcome even those whom we would prefer not to love. That is the Epiphany message.

Day	Date	Details of the Day	Time	Mass/Service	Intention
Fri	05 Jan	CHRISTMAS FERIA	9.15am	Holy Mass	Nora & Charles Daly †
Fri	05	CHRISTMAS FERIA	3.00pm	Holy Mass at Dalvington Care Home	
Sat	06	CHRISTMAS FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Eileen & George Taylor and Deceased Family
Sat	06	EVE OF SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Stephen Rogers (Jean Rogers)
Sun	07	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	10.00am	Holy Mass Live Streamed	Child victims in current Wars
Mon	08	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	12.00am	Holy Mass Lived streamed	Maureen & George Ward - † (Helen Connolly)
Tue	09	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	7.45am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Wed	10	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME		Private Mass	
Thur	11	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thur	11	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Diricia Maria Soares Tilman † (Recent)
Fri	12	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am	Holy Mass	Tom & Family Special Intention
Sat	13	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sat	13	EVE OF SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Colin Taylor - wellbeing (David & Pat Taylor)
Sun	14	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo

HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed on some days via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk> or

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_to

❖ **Pope's Intention for January: For the Pope: For the gift of diversity in the Church.**

❖ **Fr Naz hears confession** in the Confessional from 10:30am until 11 am on Saturdays or by appointment.

❖ **GOSPEL SHARE GROUP** meets every Friday in the McEnnis Room at 7.30 pm for one hour. Please come and join in.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: Clare Gray, Michael Nealon, Irma Bevan, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Anne-Marie Elder, Margaret Coleman, Jessica, and Christine Smith. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. **Amen.**

A NOTE OF THANKS to everyone who helped in any way to make our Christmas Celebrations a great success. Thanks to the flower arrangers, the cleaners, those who decorated the Christmas Tree and set up the Crib, the stewards, the readers, the Eucharistic Ministers, and our valuable Alter Servers. A big thank you for all the cards, donations, and Christmas Offerings to Father Naz. Best wishes for the New Year to all the people of the Parish.

100+ Club December 2023 Draw
CONGRATULATIONS to the winners who are:
1st prize £100 – Alan Hood
2nd prize £50 – James Walsh
3rd prize £50 – Simon Mills
4th prize £25 – Felicity Tutton
5th prize £25 - Oona Painter

Next Sunday's Second Collection for Pax Christi.

CAFOD – Thank you to St Joseph's for the donation of £254.00 received for December 2023.

RECENT DEAD

Father John Lungley, Priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Old Fallings, Wolverhampton WV10 8PG on Thursday 11th January 11.30am

WELCOME TO DEACON ANTHONY HARTLEY: This week we welcome Deacon Tony, who will be on placement in our parish for the month of January to broaden his experience of parish life. Deacon Tony is a Fourth-year student, but he is a member of St Georges Worcester. He will be joining us for weekend ministry for all Sundays of January.

CONFIRMATION: SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY 2024: We welcome Archbishop Bernard Longley who will confer the sacrament of confirmation to four candidates of Confirmation at the 10am Sunday Mass on 21st January. Following the Mass, the archbishop will be led by a group of children from the school to bless the Pam Taylor Library.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024 will take place at St Joseph's Church on Sunday, 21st January at 4.00pm under the theme: "You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself..." An ecumenical team from Burkina Faso facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf Community has been the convener for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 drafting group. The World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Vatican have now published the material in several languages. Bishop John Geoffrey Inge of the Diocese of Worcester will be the preacher at the service. As a host church we are expected to welcome everyone and offer a cup of tea/coffee in the McEnnis room before the service.

PEACE SUNDAY 2024. Pope Francis releases the theme of his message for the 57th World Day of Peace and calls for open dialogue on the topic of artificial intelligence which is "endowed with disruptive possibilities and ambivalent effects." Artificial Intelligence and Peace."

Events:

8th January- Monday - Confirmation Group – 5-6pm (Sacrament of Reconciliation)
9th January – Tuesday – RCIA 7-8.30pm
9th January – Tuesday - FHC – 5-6.30pm
13th January – Saturday – INDUCTION SERVICE AT MEC for Roy Bourner - 4pm. St Joseph's will be represented by Viv Fox and Susan Van Ling but all are welcome!

Lyttelton Well Quiz Night - Saturday 13th January 2024The next Lyttelton Well Quiz will be on Saturday 13th January, (questions will feature a review of 2023) when teams of four will be competing for almost fabulous prizes. The Main Hall door will be open from 6.45pm. The quiz will get going at about 7.30 once we have helped people arriving in ones and twos to join or form teams. The cost is £2.50 plus any donation you might wish to make for teas, coffees, biscuits etc. All proceeds are used to support The Well Counselling Service.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2024 AND THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the Our Father, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. If the Gospel is a message of Joy, then it is one we should be eager to share with others, and this can be done especially by inviting people to a deeper, prayerful encounter with Jesus Christ this year. The Diocesan Office for Mission encourages every Catholic to reflect on their life of prayer: what they pray, how they pray, and why they pray. This is for two reasons: To encourage people to go deeper in their commitment to pray, and in their love of God; To think about how they might accompany someone else to pray during the coming Year of Prayer.

STOP TWO EXTREME ABORTION AMMENDMENTS. Pro-abortion MPs, Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill. Right To Life UK has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment. Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

ROLE OF THE LAITY IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH Talk organised by Newman Association (Worcester Circle) to take place on Friday January 19th at St. George's Catholic Church in Worcester 1 Sansome Place, Worcester WR1 1UG. The guest speakers will be Archbishop Bernard Longley of RC Archdiocese of Birmingham and Bishop John Inge of Worcester Diocese. To book your place please follow this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discipleship-and-mission-of-laity-in-church-today-tickets-784551413397?aff=oddtcreator>

PAC MEETING: Sunday 14th January at 4pm: If you have items for the agenda please forward to Edd Hogan.