

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 6 January 2019: The Epiphany of the Lord

6.30pm (Saturday) Aileen & Bill Whitehall & Simon Honeywell Whitehall
9.00am Zeon Seby Dacunha (thanksgiving for 1st birthday)
11.00am Parishioners
5.30pm Jimmy & Geraldine O'Leary & family

Monday 7 January

10.00am Raymond Keown

Tuesday 8 January

10.00am Margaret & Kevin's intentions

Wednesday 9 January

7.30am Aida Maria Dos Santos RIP

Thursday 10 January

7.30am Ruth & Joel Dacunha RIP

Friday 11 January

7.30am Fr Jerome Bertram

Saturday 12 January *St Bernard of Corleone*

Friars & Benefactors

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.30am-12 noon; 5.30-6.25pm

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.

Pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including:

William Veloz, Philip McArdle, Emma Pearson, George Reid, Patrick Hartigan, Violet Shields, Domenico Rosato, Liboria Salamone, Mary Guckian, Giovanni Diliberto, Florie Fernandes, Michael Flaherty & Hannah Chittenden.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection this week

Last week's collection:

Offertory £422.30 Gift-aided £246.00

No second collection next week

SS Edmund and Frideswide

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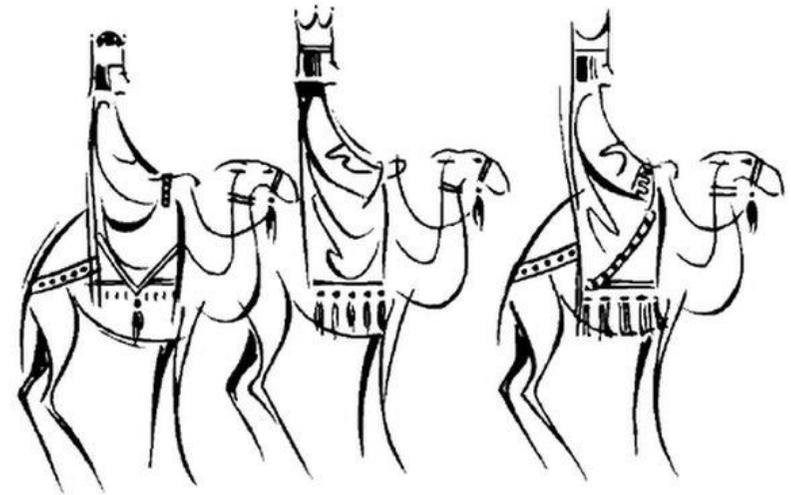
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Happy Epiphany!



1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Response: **All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

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.

Christmas collections

Thank you once again for your generosity over Christmastime. On Sunday 23 December, the first collection was £643.59, with an additional £113 in gift-aided donations, while the second collection for Christmas flowers was £255.78, with £46.50 of gift-aided donations.

At the Christmas Masses on 24 & 25 December, the parish made a seasonal offering to the friars amounting to £1703.42. (Some of this total came in Gift Aid envelopes, but the Christmas offering is not part of the Gift Aid scheme because it goes into the friary account rather than the parish account.)

This week:

Church Cleaning:

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group A: Mary Joyce & family. Thank you.

Oxford Winter Night Shelter

This year our church is joining the Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNS). Every night during January, February, and March, two church halls will be available for 10 rough sleepers. On Tuesday nights our own hall will be one of those venues, beginning on 8 January. Trained volunteers will supervise throughout the night and also provide a light supper and a breakfast.

To help the homeless have a good sleep, we are seeking donations of blankets, pillows, pillow cases, sleeping bags, and hand towels, (these do not need to be new but clean and serviceable). And if you are interested in being a volunteer with OWNS, please see their website: <https://www.ownsoxford.org.uk/volunteers>.

OWNS have linked us with a church called St Andrew's, Linton Road, which has already provided donations of food and bedclothing. The people of St Andrew's will also support the project with their prayers, which we hope you will do as well.

Tuesday 8 January: Bible Study

The Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Friary (182 Iffley Rd). Please read beforehand chapter 5 of the Acts of the Apostles. The Group provides a place to discuss Scripture in an informal setting: you are welcome to attend.

Friday 11 January: Holy Rosary

Every Friday evening we pray the Holy Rosary in the church at 7pm. All are welcome.

Saturday 12 January: St Bernard of Corleone

A Sicilian swordsman, Filippo Latini took refuge with the Capuchins after mortally wounding an opponent in a duel. In his remorse he decided to join the Capuchin Order, taking the religious name Bernard, and became famed for his holy life.



Looking ahead:

Home visits

In some cultures it is traditional to have a house blessing at this time of year, although of course this can be done at any time. If you would like someone to visit your home to bless it (or indeed for any other pastoral purpose), please speak to one of the friars or contact the parish office.

First Holy Communions 2019

Preparation classes will start on Sunday 13 January at 10am—please meet in the church porch. Those who have signed up should have received letters or emails with details about the course.

Confirmations 2019

Preparation classes for confirmation candidates also restart on Sunday 13 January.



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School: Admissions for September 2019

The school invites parents to come and see their outstanding Nursery setting and Early Years provision. To arrange a visit please email coralreefsgp@dbmac.org.uk or call 01865 749933 ext. 263.



Welcome to St Edmund & St Frideswide Catholic Church!

If you are new to the parish and would like to register as a member—whether or not you are a Catholic—please complete a registration form, which can be found at the back of the church. We look forward to getting to know you better. May the Lord bless you and your family.

Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass

Coffee/tea and light refreshments are served in the Parish Hall after the 11am Sunday Mass. It is a great opportunity to come to meet friends and make new ones.

Used Christmas Cards

When the festive season is over, please consider donating the Christmas cards you have received to be recycled for charity. There is a box in the porch where you can leave your cards.

Gift Aid Scheme

As a member of this parish, if you pay tax on income, be it in wages, salaries or pensions, it is easy to increase the value of your weekly parish donation to the collection at no additional cost to yourself. So, if you haven't yet signed up for the Gift Aid envelopes, please consider the Gift Aid scheme. Contact James Martin at edward854@edward854.plus.com or collect a form from the back of the church.