

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### **New Year - Same Disastrous Outcomes?**



It's a well-known saying that if you continue to do the same thing you will get the same results. Yet despite this obvious truth we continue to approach life in exactly the same old ways and repeat the same disastrous outcomes. We tend to get through life relying on the knowledge we already have, instead of searching for something new.

Today the Church commemorates the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. We call it the 'Epiphany' a word derived from the Greek meaning 'to appear' or 'to be shown forth'. The Epiphany is about searching for meaning purpose and revelation. The Magi were men of great learning, intellect and wealth, yet they weren't prepared to sit back and imagine they knew it all. Guided by a star and motivated by a hunger for truth, they stepped out of their comfort zone and set out across the desert not knowing what they would find or how long it would take. It was a journey of faith and great courage.

In the same way as the star got the wise men questioning, so too we find guiding stars in our lives that make us question. What circumstances get us looking for deeper meaning? The desire to leave a mind-numbingly meaningless job, the need to make sense of a family illness, or the curiosity to research the background to a motivational book are all circumstances in which we might find our 'guiding stars'. Today's gospel reading is an invitation for all God's people to step out of their comfort zones and search for a new way of life and a better truth.

### **Bitesize**

"When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills."  
~ Chinese Proverb

**PARISH PRAYER - Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service; that your love might grow among us and your Kingdom come.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

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Diocesan Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>  
Notre Dame High School, Norwich: <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>  
Daily liturgy website: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

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## **7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

### **Sunday Masses – Parish Mass Book pp 115-118**

Saturday	6.00 pm	Int.. Doris Hipper (Cummings)
Sunday	9.00 am	Int. Francis Lynch
	11.00 am	Int. People of the Parish

**Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: The New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray), including Memorial Acclamation A.**

**Entry** 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 170 – We three Kings of Orient are ...

**Offertory** Hymn 166 – As with gladness men of old ...

**Communion** *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

**Recessional** 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 159 – O come, all ye faithful ...

**CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 5.30pm, or on request / by appointment**

<b>Weekday Mass Times</b>	(1 <sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time)	[Psalter Week 1]
Mon. 10.00 am	<b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD. FEAST.</b> ( <i>Parish Mass Book p119</i> )	– Int. Juliana Morrisroe (Cummings)
Tues. <b>No Mass today</b>	Feria	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
7.30 pm		
Weds. 10.00 am	Feria – Donor's Int.	
Thurs. 10.00 am	Feria – Int. Doris Hipper (Sanderson)	
Fri. 10.00 am	Feria – Int. Macdonald Family	
Sat. 10.30 am	Feria – Donor's Int.	
6.00 pm	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Peace Sunday)</b>	– Int. Bernard Warwick

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**Anniversaries this week:** Lillian Carter, Len Smith, Kathleen Strayton, Jane Elizabeth Winifred Oaksford, James Tinney, Margaret Jones, Pamela Whigham, Nell Hunt, V. Rev. Canon Herbert Gray (1<sup>st</sup> Priest at Dereham) and Harry Monk. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Hospital Visits** – If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital (QEII), King’s Lynn, and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St John’s Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or Fr Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

**Sick List – Please pray for:** Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Peter Brown, Robert Anderson, Carole Whitesides, Janet Yardley, Josie Myhill, Mary Cawley, Ken Summerford and Patrick McKenna.

**Money Matters** – The collection for the maintenance of our parish last weekend amounted to £399.90. Thank you very much for your continuing support.

**Retiring Collections** – Today, for the Diocesan ‘Building Bridges’ twinning projects with Battambang, Cambodia and the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. **Next weekend (13/14 Jan.)** there will be a retiring collection for Pax Christi.

Diary Dates for this week –	
Weds. 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	11.00am – UCM meeting, in Emmaus Room
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Thurs. 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	7.30pm – Fabric Committee meeting, in Emmaus Room
Fri. 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	7.15pm – 8.15pm – Altar Servers meeting, in Emmaus Room
Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	11.00am - Saturday Club meets, in Emmaus Room

**Baptism of the Lord, Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January** - If we remember daily to ask the Holy Spirit for inner strength, then change will not be beyond our reach after all, and the world will be a better place because of it.

**Retreat** - Advance notice: I will be going on retreat between January 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention of January 2018** - On the third day of his recent visit to Myanmar, Pope Francis entered the Kaba Aye Centre, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Yangon, with his shoes off in accordance with local customs. There, he delivered a message: "For when we speak with one voice in affirming the timeless value of justice, peace and the fundamental dignity of each human person, we offer a word of hope." The pope also quoted Buddha himself, advising, "Overcome the angry by non-anger; overcome the wicked by goodness." This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis’ prayer intention “...**That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian**

countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.”

### Peace Actions for January 2018

- **Sunday 14 January is Peace Sunday** – On this Sunday we celebrate the annual World Peace Day message of Pope Francis. Every school and parish is invited to explore the theme “**Migrants and Refugees.**”
- At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus’ prayer for his disciples that “they may be one so that the world may believe” (see John 17.21). **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18th-25th January.**
- The theme for this year's **Holocaust Memorial Day commemorated on 27th January 2018** is 'The power of words'. Consider this theme in the conversations you have and the blogs you write. Words can make a difference – both for good and evil.

### The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

*Hail Mary ...*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.**

*Hail Mary ...*

V. And the Word was made Flesh. **R. And dwelt among us.** *Hail Mary ...*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. **R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

LET US PRAY: **Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen**

