

Readings for the Solemnity of the Epiphany

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Ps: 71:1-2.7-8.10-13

[R]: *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

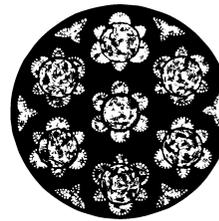
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.



The Reminder

Sunday 8th January 2012

Epiphany of Our Lord

Year B

Holy Souls' Presbytery

Frodingham Road

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Holy Souls' Catholic Church

Mass Timetable for the Week

Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 7th January 2012 <i>Christmastide Feria</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Michael & Margaret Hallahan RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Michael Clark RIP
Sunday 8th January 2012 <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i>	9.30 am 5.00 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Geoff Rigg RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Rose Guilfoyle RIP
Monday - <i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i>	9.30 am	Freda Codling RIP
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Welfare of Jean Getley Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	12 noon	Hetty McCaul RIP
Thursday <i>St Aelred, Abbot</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	May Whyatt RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Dennis Bowman RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday 14th January 2012 <i>Our Lady</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Vincent Soares Polish Priest's Intentions Shaun Aitken RIP J Santos & Carvallio Families RIP
Sunday 15th January 2012 <i>2nd Sunday</i>	9.30 am 5.00 pm Polish 6.30 pm	John & Kathleen McNamara Ints Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish
Rosary	<i>20 minutes before Mass Monday to Friday Saturday after 9.30 am Mass</i>	
Confessions	<i>Saturday 11.00 am-12 noon; 4.30 pm-5.00 pm</i>	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Wednesday 12.30-1.30 pm concluding with Benediction Saturday 4.30-5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

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Welcome

Welcome to any visitors this weekend. Please come and join us in the Parish Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.30 am Mass.

SPUC White Flower Appeal

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the 'White Flower Appeal' in support of the work of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

Continuing the Conversation, Planning for the Future

Please remember the Parish meeting on Monday 23rd January at 7.00 pm; a full agenda will follow. If there are any items you wish to raise, please let Fr Eddy know before 19th January. We can review the Centenary Mass and Christmas and consider further plans for our Centenary year.

We can also look more closely at the document from the Bishop, 'Living Stones'.

On Wednesday 25th January there will be an open Deanery Meeting which we are hosting at Holy Souls. This will consider how, as a Deanery, we can respond to 'Living Stones' and how we can work more closely together.

I would hope firstly that many parishioners will make an effort to be present on 23rd January, and second-

ly that from that meeting on the 23rd a group of parishioners can be nominated to represent the parish at the Deanery Meeting on the 25th.

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis

A new course for existing Parish Catechists, or those who would like to learn more about being one, will take place on Wednesday evenings in Lincoln from January, or on Saturdays in Spalding from April. For further details see poster. If you are interested in doing this course please speak to Fr Eddy.

SVP

The SVP Conference of Holy Souls has, for the time being, gone into abeyance. It was decided at a recent meeting, that due to personal circumstances, the four remaining members no longer felt able to undertake all the work involved. They will, however, continue to visit the sick and housebound in the Parish as before.

Thank you to present and past members for all their work over many years.

Blessing of Homes and Families

Fr Eddy will make time during the next few weeks to visit and bless homes and families. This week he will be available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the times shown on the list at the back of Church. Please sign up for a particular time slot. Fr Eddy is happy to travel outside Scunthorpe but please cross out two time slots to allow travelling time. Fr Eddy is grateful to all parishioners who have invited him to join them for meals, however this isn't an occasion for him to do this; but he will be happy to do so at a later date.

Parish Finances

Fr Eddy hopes that a report will be ready to go out with the Reminder next weekend.

Prayer across North Lincolnshire

A Prayer meeting will be held on Monday, 9th January, at St Lawrence's Church at 7.30 pm with refreshments at 7.00 pm. For further details please contact Rev Peter Liley on 01724 867256. The next Prayer meeting will be held at St Bernadette's Church on Monday, 6th February - same time.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be a united service at the Centenary Methodist Church on Sunday 22nd January at 5.00 pm.

Eucharistic Congress

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress will take place in Dublin in between 13th and 18th June of this year. A pilgrimage is being organised from our Diocese. Please see poster for details or contact Fr Martin Hardy on 0116 235 3329.

"A New Year's Prayer"

May God make your year a happy one.
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking feat from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.