



St Joseph's Parish Newsletter

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6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord – Cycle B; Year II, Week 1

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I beseech the Lord to shower His blessings on you this New Year."  
*Blessed Antonio Rosmini (1797-1855)*

Mass Intentions / Adoration / Sacraments

<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> 6 pm – <b>VIGIL</b>	Pope's Intention & All Parishioners
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>  9.15 am 11 am 4 pm	<b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b> Benefactors & All Parishioners Institute of Charity & All Parishioners <b>Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> 9.15 am	<b>The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</b> For those to be Baptised in 2018/ George & Ansamma ( <i>Wedding Anniversary.</i> )
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> 9.15 am	John Hennelly RIP ( <i>Deirdre Hennelly</i> )
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> 9.15 am 9.45 – 3.30 pm	Basil Lord RIP ( <i>Deirdre Lord</i> ) <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> 9.15 am	Power Family RIP ( <i>Deirdre Hennelly</i> )
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> 9.15 am	Annakatty John RIP ( <i>George Ansamma</i> ) / Ross Daniel Barry RIP ( <i>Lyn &amp; Terry</i> )
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> 9.15 am 12 Noon – 12.45pm 6 pm – <b>VIGIL</b>	<i>St Hilary</i> Malcolm Scanlan RIP ( <i>P &amp; L Wustermun</i> ) <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> All Parishioners / Chris Babu ( <i>Well-being</i> ) ( <i>Family</i> )
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> 9.15 am 11 am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Time – Year B</b> Peggy Melvin RIP ( <i>Family</i> ) Christopher Whelan RIP ( <i>Family</i> )

**Please pray for those who have died recently:**  
Malcolm Scanlan, Edward Pemberton, Gerald Nyhan, Patricia Lovell, Gerd Ueberhorst (Anne Richardson's father).

**And those who are ill:**  
Colin Sangster, Charlie Coray, Peter Cule, Christin Babu, Lyla O'Brien, Pam Deane, Maria Khan, Patrick Rickard, Amie Lucas, Martin Connor, Loc Mai, Baby Dylan Collins, Margaret Lench, Frs John Owen; Michael Cronin; Mark Rowles, Sr Denise SSJ, Pat Duddridge.

**CHURCH COLLECTION**  
**Week Ending 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Attendance – 298  
Gift Aid - £370; Non-Gift Aid - £378.65

**Christmas Masses**

Attendance – 500 (approximately)  
Gift Aid - £710; Non-Gift Aid - £1007.29

**Week Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December**

Attendance – 304  
Gift Aid - £255; Non-Gift Aid - £357.63  
Syro Malabar - £102

**Responsorial Psalm**

**All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord**



Psalm for 9.15 am Mass

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LET E-ERY NA-TION OF THE EARTH RE-JOICE TO HEAR OF THE SA-VIOUR'S BIRTH.

**Epiphany – Feast Day 7<sup>th</sup> January**

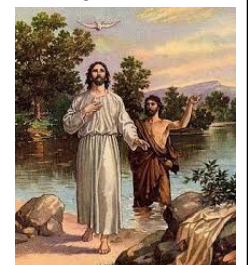
Epiphany is commonly known as Three Kings' Day or the Feast of the Epiphany. It means "manifestation" or "showing forth". It is also called Theophany ("manifestation of God"), especially by Eastern Christians.



**"Salvation shall come from the Jews..."** Significantly, Jesus did not say that Salvation would come TO the Jews, as if they were to be only ones to benefit; He said that salvation would originate and flow FROM the Jewish people, indicating that He, a Jew, would be the source of all salvation and that the gift of salvation would be open to all nations on earth. The divine plan of universal salvation is summed up in the mysterious figures of the three visitors who came from the East to worship the newborn King at Bethlehem. In these three men, we see the revelation of the divine plan that the salvation flowing from the Incarnation of the infant King would be open and effective to all who would accept it and respond to its life-giving way of life according to the opportunities and circumstances in which they are created. It means that there is NOBODY created by God who CANNOT be saved. Whether they are saved or not depends, of course, on whether or how each one uses the gifts and opportunities in which God's Providence places them.

**Baptism of the Lord – 8<sup>th</sup> January**

The Baptism of the Lord (or the Baptism of Christ) is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.



Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time in the West, however, the celebration of the baptism of the Lord came to be commemorated as a distinct feast from Epiphany.

**Society for Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)**

There will be a White Flower Appeal and Collection NEXT weekend



Society for the **Protection** of Unborn Children

I hope you all enjoyed a blessed Christmas. There was a good attendance at all three Masses.

I thank all who worked hard to make our Church look beautiful. I also thank you for all your Christmas greetings, cards and gifts, as well as being generous in the Christmas collections which will be used for Rosminian Missions.

**A Happy New Year to you all once again.**  
**Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.**  
 Fr Ambrose



**DONATE YOUR UNWANTED GIFTS**

Support church events throughout the year by donating any unwanted gifts which will be used as raffle prizes in fund raising activities. Donations may be left in a box at the back of the church until the end of January. Thank you for your continued support.



**PLYGAIN**

**St Peter's, Roath, 8 pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January.**

The tradition of keeping the Christmas celebration alive until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February goes back to medieval times and is still a feature of Catholic practice. However, after the Reformation "Plygain" survived mainly in the Welsh Chapels and for the second year it's a significant ecumenical step to bring the celebration back into the Catholic Church. Do come along to enjoy a variety of singing, mostly in Welsh, and meet everyone over light refreshments afterwards.

**Christmas Crib Offerings**

The Crib offerings this year will be sent to support Welfare Charities for children in Wales which help children at risk and in need of physical, emotional and spiritual support.

**SVP (St Vincent de Paul)**

Many thanks to parishioners for the recent very generous donations to SVP funds. It has been of enormous benefit to assist us in our work over Christmas



**RED APF BOX COLLECTION**

A big thank you to **Mrs Linda Kimber** for her sterling work with the red box collection for APF / Missio. Linda has collected through the boxes and donations the sum of £837.61. Well done, to all who contributed. As the Missio magazine shows, the money is very much needed and will be put to good use in the mission field.

**Deputy Headteacher Vacancy**

Archdiocese of Cardiff

St. Mary's R. C. Primary School  
 Queens Hill, Newport NP20 5HJ

[www.stmarysprimarynewport.co.uk](http://www.stmarysprimarynewport.co.uk)

'Together we inspire, empower and achieve, with Christ in our hearts'.

Salary: L11-15 (£50,476-£55,600)

**The Gift Aid Scheme**

Gift Aid is a way of benefiting the Parish at no extra cost to you. It is for UK tax payers. Instead of putting your weekly offering directly into the collection bag, you use individually numbered envelopes so that contributions can be recorded and a claim made.

*You do not need to contribute a fixed amount or to pay every week of the year. The amount you contribute and how often you pay is entirely up to you.*

If you are a taxpayer and are not already gift aiding your collection, please give serious consideration to joining the scheme.

**Please collect a sheet from the back of Church with further details.**

**John Manley RIP**

Requiem will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 11 am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church. What does Ordinary Time mean?**

Ordinary Time begins on the Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> after the Baptism of the Lord and runs until Ash Wednesday. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and runs until the First Sunday in Advent (the start of the new liturgical year).



Because Ordinary Time refers to the period of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that fall outside of the major seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter), and because of the connotations of the term "ordinary" in English, many people think Ordinary Time refers to the parts of the Church year that are unimportant. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" because the weeks are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, Ordinary Time is in fact the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

Ordinary time presents us with an opportunity to consider the fact that living as a Christian, calls us to meet the Lord in the real stuff of our own daily life.

**CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL**

There are a series of days of reflection, worship and study of the Bible, to help us apply it in our everyday lives. The first is to be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 10am in St Helen's RC Church, Court Road, Barry, CF63 4ET when David Beresford, Director of the Catholic Bible School, will be helping us to explore the message of Mark's Gospel and why this is helpful to us as modern Christians. All these Scripture Saturdays are free and there is no need to book, although donations to help cover the costs will be gratefully received. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided but please bring a packed lunch.

For more information visit:

[www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/jan18](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/south-wales-events/jan18)  
 or email [catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbibleschooluk@gmail.com)

**Weekly Church Events / Meetings**

<b>Monday</b> 7.30 pm	UCM Meeting – Meeting Room
<b>Thursday</b> 7.30pm	Bible Study – Lady Chapel TWG Meeting – Meeting Room