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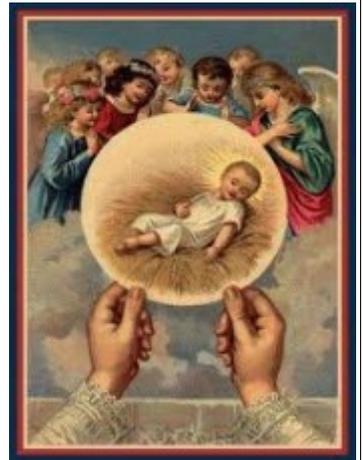
## **CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY EDITION** **26<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

My dear parishioners,

I have been here just over a year but in fact with my illness it's been quite shorter than that. So coming back in September has been like starting again. It was a wonderful time for Fr Dominic, especially with the help of some outstanding parishioners whose names I don't have to mention, but they know who they are. Those people helped to keep this place going with faith and with the practical responsibilities of the parish. I feel that the recent few months have really changed my knowledge of you; to knowing you and how concerned you have been about my health and recovery. I can't thank you enough for your prayers and love, even at times your critical advice. Love is very much a part of the mission of a priest as well as the relationship between a priest and his people.

As we ponder the Love which came to us at the birth of Jesus at that first Christmas and every Christmas since, this grace not only deepens us but changes us. Christmas opens our hearts, our minds and our lives to see there is always room for growth and renewal in faith. This cannot be found in any book on how to change your parish. It can only start with us, as we face the King of kings in the manger. We not only ponder about ourselves and our poverty, but on the gifts we have and what we can do for the Glory of God. Through Our Lady and in Saint Joseph we see how that Glory can be lived out.

Merry Christmas. Enjoy and remember it's Christmas till the Baptism of the Lord.



**Fr Gerard and Deacon Rob**  
**wish you all very happy and holy Christmas.**

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### Responsorial Psalms:

<b>Vigil</b>	: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.
<b>Midnight</b>	: Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.
<b>Dawn</b>	: This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us.
<b>Day</b>	: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Readings**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:3-7, 14-17 Psalm: 127

Psalm Response: **O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

### **Sunday 5th January - The Epiphany of the Lord - Readings**

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12 Psalm: 147

Psalm Response: **The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18 Gospel: John 1:1-18

### **New Year's Eve Celebrations**

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December, Seventh day in Octave of Christmas, there will Mass at 11pm, followed by drinks in the Presbytery

### **Dates for your Diary**

Tue	31	Dec	Seventh Sunday in the Octave of Christmas and Eve of Mary - 11pm Mass, followed by drinks in the Presbytery
Wed	01	Jan	Solemnity of the Mother of God
Fr1	03	Jan	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Mon	06	Jan	Church Hall will be closed for two weeks for electrical work
Mon	06	Jan	Epiphany Mass in School at 2.30pm - All welcome
Thu	09	Jan	Year 3 Class Mass at School at 8.50am - All welcome
Sat	11	Jan	Confirmation, Catechesis session 4.00pm - 6.00pm, Presbytery/Hall

On Sunday the **5<sup>th</sup> January 2020**, we will have an Epiphany Tableau at 10.30am Mass led by the children and a little procession to put the Blessed Sacrament in the Crib in His beautiful costume. To show the real presence of Jesus and to celebrate with our children and our parish the true meaning of Christmas and the beauty of the Epiphany.

After all other masses there will be a little procession to the Crib.

I would also like help with the refreshments in the hall at the end.

**PARISH OFFICE:** Parish Office will be closed from 26<sup>th</sup> December till 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Admission to St Hugh's School September 2020:** Fr Gerard will be available at the Presbytery for the signing of the SIF on Monday 13th January from 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

### **Christmas Offertory Collection**

By tradition, this is in support of our Parish Priest and forms a substantial part of his annual income. This is also one of our ways of expressing our thanks and appreciation to our pastor. Envelopes are available this weekend at the back of the Church if you will be away over Christmas. If you are a tax payer, **please mark your envelope 'Gift Aid'**.

**Giving Tree** - A huge 'Thank you' to all who supported the Giving Tree.

All the gifts have been delivered and received with grateful thanks.

Your generosity was evident by the number of gifts on the sanctuary. Thank you.

**Christmas Gift to Coldingly Prisoners:** Once again, thank you to all the those who sent your Christmas greetings and chocolates to the prisoners of Coldingly.

### **Our Parish Projects Update**

Wishing you peace from Ahotokurom Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre, Ghana.

**Thank you to all at St Hugh of Lincoln for your generous support. The staff and residents want to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peace in 2020.**

If you would like to read about some of the activities that you are supporting, please do take a look at this uplifting December update at [www.ahoto.org/newsletters](http://www.ahoto.org/newsletters)

**On the Solemnity of the Epiphany**, chalk will be blessed at each Mass, so you can write by your home's entrance +20 C M B 20+, the letters C, M, B have two meanings: the names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar and the words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

The "+" signs represent the cross & 2020 is the year.

**Thank you** very much to everyone for your support for £20 Sunday, which has enabled us to start building works and the restoration of the Church toilet. Please pray for all those who worked on it, especially the roofers son, who died in September at the age of 19.

**Prayers and Help for the Sick and the Housebound:** We offer our prayers for all the sick and the housebound, especially during the Festive Season.

**Woking Foodbank Collection on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> January:** There will be a collection point in the Narthex over this weekend. Supplies are running low and all donations of non-perishable foodstuff, toiletries and nappies (size 4&5) will be very much appreciated. However they do have plenty of tea, baked beans, canned peas, pasta, cereals, soups & jams. Thank you.

**PARKING** - A number of complaints from our neighbours have been made recently regarding the parking of our parishioners. Please avoid parking on the pavement and blocking drives. Do think about walking or parking in the village car park please.

**Christmas Bazaar** - Tes Dionisio was the lucky winner of the Hamper Raffle. £126 was raised, bringing the grand total of the Christmas Bazaar monies to £3255.54. This amount will be divided between the school and the parish. Thanks for your continuing generosity.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### The Nativity of the Lord - 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Cycle A

Wed 25	8.00am	CHRISTMAS DAY - Dawn Mass	People of the Parish
	10.00am	- Solemn Mass	Tess Friel RIP
Thu 26	12noon	St Stephen, First Martyr	Altar Servers
Fri 27	7.30pm	St John, Apostle; Latin Mass	Sisters of Mary Morning Star
Sat 28	11.15am	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	Andrew Higgins RIP

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Cycle A

Sat 28	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Intentions of Bishop Peter Doyle
Sun 29	9.30am	Morning Mass	Repose of Soul of Julia Cross RIP
Sun 29	11.30am	Morning Mass	For the People the Parish
Tue 31	11.00pm	7th day in Octave of Christmas	Paula McArthy RIP
Thu 02	7.30pm	Latin Mass	Sisters of Mary Morning Star
Fri 03	12noon	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	Intentions of the Ryan Family
Sat 04	11.15am	Feria in Christmastide	Rosalind & Ian Hall

### The Epiphany of the Lord - 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Cycle A

Sat 04	6.00pm	Vigil Mass of the Epiphany	Tommy and Breege Bulger RIP
Sun 05	9.30am	Morning Mass	Paula Stravens
Sun 05	11.30am	Morning Mass	Private Intention of Maria
Mon 06	12noon	Monday after Epiphany	Intentions of the Cassidy Family
Tue 07	12noon	St Raymond, Priest	Arthur Sale Intentions
Thu 09	7.30pm	Latin Mass	Renee Gahegan RIP
Fri 10	12noon	Friday after Epiphany	Sisters of Mary Morning Star
Sat 11	11.15am	Saturday after Epiphany	Private Intentions

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** one hour before 12noon Mass on Weekdays and half an hour before 11.15am Mass on Saturday.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 10.30am - 11.00am and 5.30pm - 5.50pm on Saturdays.  
Vespers and Benediction: Sundays at 5.00pm

*Mass Intentions are available for the months of January and February 2020*

**Offertory Collection for last week:** £1,167.74 of which £588.33 was Gift Aided. Many Thanks.



Loving Mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.  
V. After childbirth, O Virgin, thou didst remain inviolate.

R. O Mother of God, plead for us.

Let us pray. O God, Who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may experience her intercession for us, by whom we deserved to receive the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.