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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

7 JANUARY 2024:
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
(Year B (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6
Resp. Psalm: 71 (72): 1-2, 7-8, 10-13
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 7 January	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (p. 123)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 9 January	Tuesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time	NO LITURGIES	---
Thursday 11 January	Thursday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Ewen Macdonald, RIP (Anniversary on 9 January) Reception into St. Columba's of John MacPhee, RIP	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass Liturgy of Reception	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm 4.00 pm
Friday 12 January	FUNERAL MASS OF JOHN MACPHEE, RIP	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	12 noon
Saturday 13 January	St. Kentigern (Mungo), Bishop Mass Intention: Donald Mackinnon, RIP (Anniversary on 8 January)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 14 January	2 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 835) Special Collection: Mary's Meals	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

Epiphany of the Lord: New-born King

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews. As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, He is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth (see Micah 5:1-3; 2 Samuel 5:2). Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother (see 1 Kings 2:19). And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon (see 1 Kings 10:2,25). His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings.

Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations (see Numbers 22:21; 23:7; 24:7, 17). This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign—that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God.

We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfilment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle. We too must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star (see Revelation 22:16), and the light of the world (see Isaiah 42:6; John 8:12). As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts—our intentions and talents—on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this new-born King. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy: The Epiphany of the Lord, Year B (p. 123)

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John MacPhee RIP – John will be received into St. Columba's on Thursday afternoon at 4.00pm; his Funeral Mass will take place the following day – Friday 12 January – at 12 noon. All parishioners are very welcome to attend these ceremonies, and to pay your respects to a well-known member of our parish family.

Genesis to Jesus – The Ogilvie Centre would like to invite you to discover the riches of sacred scripture through an online zoom course called Genesis to Jesus. Presented by other members from our Diocese and over the course of 7 weeks, in which by the end you will be able to locate your place in salvation history. This is part of a wider programme, starting in January 2024 that will see us bring more of the St Paul Center archive of material, which they kindly have given us to use for free, to our Diocese. We have sessions starting on **Monday 15th January** (Evening or Afternoon) and **Tuesday 16th January** (Evening only). Go to the Ogilvie Centre website (https://rcda.scot/ogilvie/?page_id=18) for more details and to sign up.

Catholic Marriage Counselling Service – The RC Diocese of Aberdeen now offers a Marriage Counselling Service for Catholic couples in need of Couples Counselling. The Service offers a supportive unbiased and non-judgemental space that enables couples to identify and resolve their interpersonal issues and disagreements, while building on the strengths of their relationship. The contact person for this service is Ms Rosaline Nain Chia, (MBACP, Accred). You can contact Rosaline by using the referral form on the Diocesan website (https://www.rcda.scot/?page_id=34139) or by emailing her directly at counsellor1@rcda.scot.

Mary's Meals: 'Double the Love' Appeal – from now until 22 January, any donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous donors, up to £1 million. A donation of just £19.15 can feed a child every day for an entire school year. Because your gift will be matched by our benefactors, the same donation will feed a second child, too! There will be a Second Collection next Sunday (14 January) for Mary's Meals.

90 Club: December Draw Winners! – First Prize: John MacCormick; Second Prize: Alice Reilly; Third Prize: Louie & Shoenagh Volante. Next Draw takes place on Sunday 28 January. There are a few numbers available, if anyone would like to try their luck: only £2 monthly, and you could win one of 3 prizes. Please speak to Amanda MacNeil.

Prize Bingo in 2024! – This important Fundraiser Bingo returns on Friday 26 January. Doors open: 6.30pm; eyes down: 7.00pm. Items to give as prizes are always needed, and gratefully received; thank you for your support. There is a box in the entrance foyer, under the Piety Stall, in which you can place your donations. NB. We are still looking for someone to take over the Bingo - can you help us? If so, speak to Don, or to Fr. Domenico.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald, Pat Peteranna, Lauren Marsh, Katie MacCormick, Brian Hamilton, Dorothy Macdonald, Cathy Grant

R.I.P: Gerry Allen, Ali McDonald, Eileen Anne Millar, John MacPhee, Jean MacCormick, Agnes MacIntyre, Bill Bewley

Anniversaries: Archie Macdonald, Donald Mackinnon, Ewen Macdonald, Christopher Kelman, Mary McGlade, Father Gerald Fitzgibbon, Father Ronnie Walls, Sister Mary Lyons L.S.U., Allan Jamieson, Mollie Pocock, Pat O'Riordan, Audrey O'Connor, Robert Gibson, members of the Campbell & Macpherson families