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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**8 JANUARY 2023:**  
**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 1)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6  
Resp. Psalm: Ps 71 (72): 2-3, 5, 6, 8  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 8 January	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> (p. 123) <b>Second Collection: Mary's Meals</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 10 January	Tuesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Katie Mackinnon, RIP (Anniversary: 5 January)	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	<b>6.00 pm</b> 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 12 January	Thursday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Ewen Macdonald, RIP (Anniversary: 9 January)	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	<b>6.00 pm</b> 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 14 January	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Mo Horne (Health and Intentions)	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	<b>8.15 am</b> 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 15 January	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (p. 693)	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>

## Epiphany of the Lord: A King to Behold

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendid lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the Child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today’s Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth” (see Micah 5:1–3).

Those promises of Israel’s king ruling the nations resound also in today’s Psalm. The psalm celebrates David’s son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world’s kings will pay him homage. That’s the scene too in today’s First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel’s king.

The Magi’s pilgrimage in today’s Gospel marks the fulfilment of God’s promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth” (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6; 4:6, 14). One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are “co-heirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today’s Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God’s words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page? (Scott Hahn)

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### **Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Epiphany of the Lord, Year A (p. 123)**

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**Today's Second Collection is for Mary's Meals;** it will sent, together with the Christmas Crib donations, on Monday 16 January. Any additional donations should be handed in BEFORE this date, please. Every £1 donated before 31 January will be doubled, as part of the 'Double the Love' campaign. This means that even more hungry children can be given a nutritious school meal, as well as an education – including those affected by natural disasters, disease, and conflict. Thank you.

**House Blessings** – Fr. Domenico is very happy to visit your home and bless it at the beginning of the New Year. If you would like to avail yourself of this opportunity, please have a word with him.

**First Holy Communion June 2023** – Children of P3 age or above are invited to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, which will take place on Sunday 11 June 2023 (Corpus Christi). Weekly classes will begin in January. Please e-mail the parish to request an application form, or speak to Fr. Domenico. There will be a preliminary meeting on Thursday 19 January at 530pm.

**Prize Bingo: continues after the Christmas Season** – eyes down again on **Friday 27 January 2023**, and thereafter on the last Friday of each month. Thank you for all of the wonderful items that you have handed in. Items that can be given as prizes are always needed; non-perishables can be handed in at any time.

**90 Club:** The first draw for 2023 will take place on Sunday 29 January. Envelopes for your dues are on the table at the front door; please take one, fill it out, and hand it back with your remittance to Don. Numbers are still available if you would like to join in this parish fundraiser.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Mo Horne, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot, Donald Mackinnon

**RIP:** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

**Anniversaries:** Campbell & Macpherson Families, Donald Brown, Mollie Pocock, Audrey O'Connor, Pat O'Riordan, Ewen Macdonald, Robert Gibson, Christopher Kelman, Moira Cook