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Christ is revealed to all peoples.

Wise men from the east, guided by a star, come to worship Christ. In them we see the homage of the nations to Christ, who is for ever the light of the world. We too are called to become an epiphany – a revealing – of God, by letting the light of Christ shine in our lives.

Sundays Year B ~ Christmas Season ~ Psalms Week (Solemnity)

Epiphany of the Lord 7th January 2024

Entrance Antiphon Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;

And kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Psalm 71

Second Reading It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia!

Gospel We saw his star and have come to do the king homage. Matthew 2:1-12

Saturday			6:00pm	Holy Souls	
Sunday	7 th January	Epiphany of the Lord	10:30am	Parishioners	
Monday	8 th January	Baptism of the Lord		No Mass	
Tuesday	9 th January	Feria		No Mass	
Wednesday	10 th January	Feria		No Mass	
Thursday	11 th January	Feria		No Mass	
Friday	12 th January	Feria		No Mass	
Saturday	13 th January	Feria	10:00am	Doreen & Stanley Howes R.I.P.	
			6:00pm	Parishioners	
Sunday	14 th January	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	David & Jane Henson	

Morning or Evening Prayer will be prayed fifteen minutes before weekday Masses. Confessions on Saturday 10.30-11.00am and Wednesday 6.00-6.30p

Sick and Housebound – Please pray for Stephen Agius, Andrew Thurlow, Jane Henson, John Barnes, Sue Williams, Jennifer Gates, Trudy McClusky, Gerry Watt, Leo Tolosa, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany, Vivienne Anne Mallett and Marcia Jenkin. Faithful Departed – Please pray Patricia Trappes-Lomax, Angela Gibbs, Cecil Scrutton, Louis Borg, Laura Dann, Catherine Sawyer, Sybil Chamberlin, Anthony Potter, Florence Cribb, David Culling, William Barbour, Edith Paston, Irene Bird, Noel Cook, John Yates, Rosalia Graci, Hugh Kelly, Sybil Scrutton, Geoffrey Green, Constance Petrie, Blanche High, Maurice Blake, Catherine Meehan and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honour of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.

St John Chrysostom

Jerningham Memorial: On Sunday January 28th, Lord Stafford will be attending the 10.30am Mass at the end of which we will process to the cemetery for the blessing of the refurbished Jerningham memorial.

"On Friday 12th January, the eve of the 27th anniversary of the founding of The Good Counsel Network, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com"

Emma Pask: There will be a memorial service for the late Emma Pask on Friday January 19th at 3.30pm.

Youth Group: The next meeting will be held in the Garden Room from 6.00 to 7.30pm on Monday January 15th. This one will be a games night, so please bring one or two of your favourite games - and a few friends! Refreshments will be provided. The group is open to all teenagers, give or take a couple of years.

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Amen

Collection 30th /31st December £872.91 **Many Thanks**

The next cake stall is on Sunday, January 7th in the Garden Room after Mass.

The last cake stall raised £65.50p. Many thanks for your support. Charity for this year is Shelterbox.

Community Chaplaincy Norwich (CCN) is running another training course for potential Volunteer Mentors, to join their team and support people leaving prison to resettle after custody. The eight-week course runs on Tuesday evenings 7-9pm from January 23 to March 12 2024. CCN welcomes enquiries from people aged 25+, from a broad range of backgrounds, including those with lived experience of the Criminal Justice system who have been out of prison for 2 years or more. Potential volunteers might expect to make a commitment of 2 hours per week. Read more about volunteering and download an application form at

https://norfolkchaplaincy.org.uk/volunteering/ or pop in to see them at St Stephen's Church, Norwich.

Confirmations: Please pray for the three candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish: Kenzie, Melissa and Ryan. Bishop Peter will be visiting us for the Confirmation Mass on Monday 20th May, 2024 at 7.00pm.

Breathe upon us gracious God, I pray, and show us this day Your Star which you did once show to the Magi, that as it formerly guided them to Christ, so, it may lead us to the Mysteries of Christ.