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The Epiphany of the Lord – 7th January 2024

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	7th	Epiphany of the Lord	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-6</i>
			St M	11.00am	Sister Anne McCarthy (FM)	<i>Matt 2: 1-12</i>
Mon	8 th	Baptism of the Lord	St M	10.00am	Bridie Donahue (MS)	<i>Is 42:1-7, Acts 10:34-38, Mk 1: 7-11</i>
Tue	9 th	Weekday			No Mass	
Wed	10 th	Weekday	St O	10.00am	Ena Telford (SK)	<i>1 Sam 3: 1-20, Mark 1: 29-39</i>
Thu	11 th	Weekday	St M	10.00am	<i>Class Mass: Year 2</i>	
Fri	12 th	St Benet Biscop	St O	10.00am	Thomas Malone (MSmith)	<i>1 Sam 8: 4-22, Mark 2: 1-12</i>
Sat	13 th	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Peter&Mary Dunleavy (sick) MS	<i>1 Sam 9: 1-19; 10:1 Mk 2: 13-17</i>
Sun	14th	2nd Sunday of Year B	St O	9.30am	Shelagh Moore (BH)	<i>1 Sam 3: 3-19, 1 Cor 6: 13-20</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	<i>John 1: 35-42</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30am – 10.45am at St Mary's Church <i>St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Daily 7.30am to 7.30pm</i>						

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in January: Cath Peffers, Eileen Whalen, Pat Scott, Storr Family, Maureen Ruddick, Grace Robson, OR, Win Brown, Ma Teresa Prodigio, Mercedita Ramos, Angelette Lingaya, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Terry Oxley, Luke Goodwin, Sheila Lamb.

And for Fr John Gibbons, Pat Lowndes and Jean Cook who died recently. Jean's Requiem Mass will take place at St Oswin's on Wednesday 17th January 10.00am followed by commital at Tynemouth crematorium. Pat's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's on Monday 22 January 10.00am followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Lesley Hanratty, Frances Robson, John Scott, Monica Nugent, William Reynolds, Violet Collins, Monica Flynn

Next Sunday we especially welcome the Holy Communion children at Mass.

Next Sunday at the end of Mass you will be able to support the work of SPUC, the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

The Diocesan Holocaust Memorial Evening takes place on Tues 23 Jan 7pm at St Mary's Secondary School, Newcastle, NE7 7PE. The speaker is Mrs Deanna Van Der Velde. To book contact interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk.

Parish Finances: With the closure of HSBC Whitley Bay Branch it would be enormously helpful if more parishioners would consider making their **contribution to the church by standing order** with the parish, to the following account:

HSBC Name: DHN Tynemouth Our Lady & St Oswin
 Account Number: 12011336
 Sort code: 40-34-18

We can also collect Gift Aid donations in this way. Just let us know by e-mail to the parish office.

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date: 16 January

HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date 16 January

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details and all the job offers or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis - in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The Holy Father has asked that 2024 be year of prayer, as a preparatory year for the Jubilee. In preparation for the Jubilee, dioceses are invited to promote initiatives to remind people of the centrality of both individual prayer and community prayer. There are lots of resources available on the diocesan website at: www.rcdhn.org.uk

The Rosary is Prayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after Mass on Mondays and Thursdays. *All welcome.*

The Order of Mass can be found on Page 4 of your Hymn Book

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

The prophet cheers the returned exiles with a vision of a restored city which will become a beacon of light for all the nations.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71

Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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| 1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement | 2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. |
| 3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall
fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. | 4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. |

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

This reading expresses the theological meaning of today's feast: God invites Jew and Gentile to share on an equal footing the benefits of the salvation brought by Christ.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Gentiles came from a far country to pay homage to the Christ-child, while the Jewish leaders rejected him.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Question of the week

The Magi were strangers from another land.

How do you welcome immigrants and strangers in the name of Christ?