

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 6 JANUARY 2019

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MASS TIMES	Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's		Mass Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>		----	NO MASS	
SUNDAY Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	9.00am 9.30am	11.30am 3.00pm	Confessions Solemn Mass  Solemn Mass Syro-Malabar Rite Mass	Deceased members of the Mulroy family  John Patrick & Dorothy Gray
Monday 7 Christmas Feria				
Tuesday 8 Christmas Feria				
Wednesday 9 Christmas Feria				
Thursday 10 Christmas Feria				
Friday 11 Christmas Feria	9.30am 10.00 – 11.00am		Service of the Word & Communion Rosary & Adoration	
Saturday 12 Christmas Feria	----		NO MASS	
SUNDAY 13 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	9.00am 9.30am	11.00am 11.30am	Confessions Solemn Mass  Confessions Solemn Mass	Andrew Lamb  Fr Christopher Miller



*Three wonders mark this day we celebrate: today the star led the Magi to the manger; today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast; today Christ desired to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation, alleluia.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - *May they rest in***

**peace:** Hilda Cox, Loretta Barnett, John Bradbury

**Confessions**

**Sacred Heart**

Sundays 9.00am – 9.20am

**Saint Joseph's**

Sundays 11.00am – 11.20am

**ABOUT BEING CATHOLIC**

The course of instruction in the Catholic Faith continues on Thursday 10 January at 7.15pm in the Sacred Heart presbytery. Please note the slightly later starting time. Please pray for those who are preparing to receive the Sacraments at Easter.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Parents wishing to have a child baptised need to attend a preparation session about the significance of the Sacrament of Baptism, the responsibilities undertaken by parents and godparents, and the details of the Rite of Holy Baptism. The next session will be on Tuesday 5 February at 6.00pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. Parents are asked to bring proof of their own Baptism in the Catholic Church to this meeting. Please let Gillian know if you will be attending this meeting by leaving a telephone message or emailing the parish office.

**PRAYER A DAY FOR VOCATIONS**

The list for January is in the porch. Please support this initiative in the coming year by volunteering to pray for vocations on one day during the month on behalf of the parish. Please also note the dates of the Day of Prayer for Vocations in our parishes this year. In the past these have been very poorly supported. We are experiencing at first hand the urgency of the need to pray for vocations!

**ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM DIRECTORY 2019**

Copies of the new directory are now on sale in the porch £4.

**OFFERTORY and FUNDRAISING The Sacred Heart**

Offertory gift aid £201 non gift aid £276.95 Total £477.95  
200 club winner no. 181

**St Joseph's**

Offertory gift aid £167 non gift aid £141.63 Total £308.63

**PARISH DIARY 2019**

January 10	About Being Catholic 7.15pm Sacred Heart Presbytery
January 19	Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
February 5	Baptism Preparation Meeting 6.00pm Sacred Heart Presbytery
February 28	Deanery Mass for Vocations, St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Trent Vale, 7.00pm
March 19	Day of Prayer for Vocations St Joseph's
June 21	Day of Prayer for Vocations at the Sacred Heart

**WELCOME**

This weekend we welcome Bishop David McGough who will be celebrating Holy Mass for us.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to our Altar servers Steve and Chanelle who became part of the Guild of St Stephen last Sunday. Thank you to all our Altar Servers for their commitment and hard work throughout the year.

**OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Please pray for our parish schools and for the Newman Catholic Collegiate as the pupils return for the Spring term. May all our schools be places where students, staff and families grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY**

Evangelisation - That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**SACRED HEART CRYPT PROJECT**

Work on the new Crypt meeting space is nearing completion.

**The project has been awarded a grant of £10,000 from the Albert Gubay Foundation.** We are extremely grateful for their support. This brings the total of grants up to £81,500 (plus the £10,000 Awards for All grant which funded the feasibility study and open day) The furnishings, kitchen items and audio-visual materials are separate from the cost of the building work so it is vital that we continue our parish fundraising in the New Year.

**UPDATE – FR CHRISTOPHER MILLER**

The doctors have decided that Fr Christopher is not physically well enough to have the major surgery he requires at this time as it would be too dangerous. He is undergoing a programme of further treatment, strengthening exercises and weight loss in the hope that it will then be possible to do a smaller, safer operation on the two most damaged vertebrae. Father sends his thanks for the cards, Mass intentions and kind messages. He sends best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas and has offered Holy Mass for all parishioners.

**EPIPHANY BLESSING**

Blessed chalk for the traditional Epiphany blessing of your homes is available at the Divine Mercy Altar.

Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".)

Example: 20 + C + M + B + 19