



Sunday 5th January 2025

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

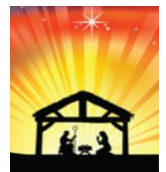
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Epiphany of the Lord . . . The Magi were blessed, they were given the guidance of a star. In the darkness of this world we have all been given help on our journey to God; the beauty of nature, the Word of God in Sacred Scripture, Spirit-filled witnessing and preaching, the faith of others and our own faith. May our prayer be like theirs filled with adoration. When we look towards the light of Christ, it gradually becomes an inward light and the mystery of Christ becomes the mystery of our own lives as well.

Guiding Star . . . God our Guide, you sent the star to lead the Magi to your only begotten Son. Fill us with the confidence that you are walking with us. Open our eyes to your Spirit, and encourage us in our faith, so that we may confess that Jesus is Lord, and worship him as the Magi did in Bethlehem. Amen.





Mass for the Sacrament of Marriage and Family Life . . . Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 8th February 2025 at 12.00pm to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage and Family Life. This is taking place during National Marriage Week and in Pope Francis' Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope.' **Do you have a significant anniversary to celebrate?** Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary in 2025 has the opportunity to be presented by Bishop Stephen with a Certificate of Celebration during the Mass. We are sure that in Pope Francis Jubilee Year of 2025 there will be couples celebrating twenty-five, fifty, sixty years of marriage particularly. Anyone celebrating such a special anniversary can request a certificate by completing the form which can be found on the Diocesan website or by calling the Faith and Mission admin team on 0191 243 3316. If you require any further information, please contact: Deacon Rob Wareing. Diocesan Lead for Marriage & Family Life: Mobile: 07841 530991. Email: rob.wareing@diocesehn.org.uk.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle: Hearts in Search of God – Webinar. All are welcome to join us for this online Year of Jubilee formation opportunity based on pilgrimage. We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker Dr Phil McCarthy, project lead for Hearts in Search of God: Pilgrim Ways, who will share his wisdom and experience based on the history, significance and spirituality of pilgrimage. The session will also explore and consider some of the options and practicalities for embarking on a local pilgrimage during the Year of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. **Wednesday 15th January, 2025, 7.00pm – 8.00pm.** You will need access to a Zoom account to attend this session. Please visit the Diocesan website to register your interest on this online session. Booking deadline is Sunday 12th January, 2025. If you have any difficulty accessing the online booking form please contact: 0191 243 3316.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January ~ For the right to an education ~ Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Gwen Gallagher is collecting used stamps for Assistance Dogs and would be grateful if any stamps were left at the back of the porch. Thanks to everybody who has saved stamps throughout the year. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all.

| Epiphany of the Lord | | | |  |
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| 5 | Sunday | 9.00am | For Families | |
| 6 | Monday | 9.15am 5.30pm | Birthday Thanksgiving Medjugorje Rosary for World Peace | |
| 7 | Tuesday | | | |
| 8 | Wednesday | | | |
| 9 | Thursday | 11.30am 6.00pm | Requiem Mass ~ Norma Mazey Rosary & Healing Exposition | |
| 10 | Friday | | No Mass | |
| 11 | Saturday | 9.15am | Dixie Thomas | |
| The Baptism of the Lord | | | | |
| 12 | Sunday | 9.00am | Thanksgiving ~ 60 th Wedding Anniversary ~ Mike & Carole Stansmore | |
| Anniversaries: | | Veronica Kitson, Doreen Hill, Ray Chesser, John Sparks | | |
|  | | Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley, Samuel Kiberu, Brian Wetherell, | | |
| Reader for Sunday 12th January – Paul Delplanque | | | | |
| For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003 | | | | |



Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of Heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

(Taken from the official prayer of Pope Francis for the Holy Year)

Congratulations to Mike and Carole Stansmore who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

CAFOD . . . Introducing Jubilee – online session – 18th January 2025. All are welcome to join this online session for “A general introduction to the Jubilee Year” with special guests including Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission for the Catholic Bishop’s Conference, Christine Allen, CAFOD Director, and Kayode Akintola, CAFOD’s Head of Africa Programmes. Hear what Jubilee Years are about, how we’re celebrating as a global and national Church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this Holy Year. Also featuring a special song by Catholic Group Ooberfuse and more. **Saturday 18th January, 10:30am-midday.** Log-on details on the CAFOD Website.

Current Job Vacancy . . . Youth Safeguarding Adviser. Full time, two year fixed term contract. Deadline for applications is Thursday 16th January 2025 at 12 noon. Please visit the Diocesan website and select menu for application details.

Prayer for the New Year . . . Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future. We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.