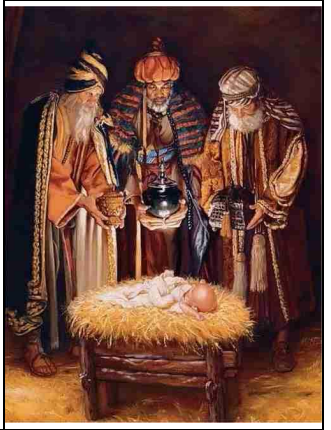


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DATE  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

SUNDAY  
**Solemnity of the Epiphany  
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE  
**Week 1**

**Live-stream: All of our services are now Live-streamed.**

<p><u>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>6:00pm</p>	<p>Int. of the Breen Family <sup>(KB)</sup></p>
<p><u>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January</u> Solemnity of the Epiphany</p>	<p>9:30am 6:15pm</p>	<p>People of the Parish <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i></p>
<p><u>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</p>		<p>No Services Today</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> <i>Feria</i></p>		<p>No Services Today</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> <i>Feria</i></p>		<p>No Services Today</p>
<p><u>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> <i>Feria</i></p>		<p>No Services Today</p>
<p><u>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> <i>Feria</i></p>	<p>6:15pm</p>	<p><i>Lectio Divina</i></p>
<p><u>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> <i>Our Lady Saturday Memorial</i> (1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)</p>	<p>6:00pm</p>	<p>No Morning Services Today People of the Parish</p>
<p><u>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January</u> <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p>9:30am 6:15pm</p>	<p>Anne Marie Cooper RIP <sup>(AS)</sup> <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i></p>

### Pope Francis

Observe the hiddenness and littleness of Jesus in the grotto. Look to the simplicity of the Nativity Scene, and know that goodness, even when hidden and invisible, grows in silence, multiplies in unexpected ways, and spreads the fragrance of joy.

#### The CaFOD Prayer



#### Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

At our baptism, you gave us a new birth - life in the spirit. You set us on the road to salvation. In thanks, we give you praise, our Father God, and sing to the glory of your name!

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Nigel Rainer**, **Mark Rainer**, **Elizabeth Morrissey** & **Agnes Bradbury**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace.

### Thank You

Deacon Peter and Anne would like to thank everyone in the Parish for the many cards, presents and expressions of love, we've received during the Christmas Season. We wish everyone a blessed New Year!

### Craft & Natter

We return to our weekly meetings this Tuesday, **9<sup>th</sup> January**, at our usual time of 11am – 3pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to come for the morning, the afternoon or for the whole day, just remember to bring your lunch. 50p per session which covers tea/coffee and supplies. For more information please call Christine W on 07900604902.

### Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for January is:- **For the gift of diversity of in the Church**. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the Catholic Church.

### Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

**Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Sister Ann-Marie, Carol Facer, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, John Green, Roy Allsopp, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Anna Morgan <sup>née Meehan</sup>, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath Breen, Max Lewis, David & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

Please remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them, that the Lord may grant them His healing and peace.

### Parish SVP

The next meeting of the Parish SVP Group will be on Thursday, **18<sup>th</sup> January**, after the 7pm Mass in the **Presbytery Meeting Room**. New members would be most welcome. Why not come along and see what you could offer to this group.

### Safeguarding Notice

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mr. Gerry Wintrip. Gerry can be contacted at: [sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

### Clothing Appeal

Can you help clothe a disabled elderly gentleman? A Catholic resident of Castlehill Care Home has arrived recently with almost no clothes. Deacon Peter will be pleased to receive donations of new or serviceable second hand clothes and toiletries. For a full list of items required please see the notice in the church porch. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Wednesday Friends

The next gathering of the Wednesday Friends will be on Wednesday, **17<sup>th</sup> January**, at **10am** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you have never been before why not come along for coffee/tea, a hot slice of toast, and a chat.

### Journey in Faith

We meet on **Mondays** at **6:30pm** during Term-Time in the Parish Meeting Room. This course is open to all members of the parish who are interested in learning more about the faith, and the teachings of the Church. Coming along to these sessions not only helps us to grow in our faith, but it is also an opportunity to support those who are preparing to be received into the Church this Easter.



Children's Liturgy takes place every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. At the start of the Mass the children will be invited to go out to the Meeting Room for their Liturgy. All children are welcome to come along.

### Christmas Crib Collection

This year, following the outbreak of war in the Holy Land our **Crib Collection** will go to support the work of the **Friends of the Holy Land**. The box for this collection will be located next to the Nativity Scene, at the front of the church, and will remain there until 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

### Whetstone Over 50's Group

The next meeting of the Whetstone Over 50's Group takes place this Monday, **8<sup>th</sup> January**, at **2pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Why not come along if you have not done so already.

### Is Your Family Missing Anything?

After the Christmas celebrations, we have gained two very nice bobble hats. They will be in the porch for a few weeks to enable you to retrieve them after which we will have to donate them to charity.



### 50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw for November entrants drawn on 31<sup>st</sup> December:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>CS</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>£150.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>PC</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>£75.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>£37.50</b>

**Total prize money this month: £262.50**

If you would be interested in joining our monthly draw (£5 per ticket) please speak to Sue W or Fr. Craig.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.



### Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels, please visit the 'Baptismal Enquiry' page of the parish website using the following link: <https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html> Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

**7pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

**7pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**7pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 6<sup>TH</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup> January 2024**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry W & Brian L
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>READERS:</b>	Helen C & Will B

#### **Duties During the Week: 8<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup> January 2024**

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team C
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Ann H

#### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 13<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> January 2024**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Ann & John T
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Tony M
	<b>READERS:</b>	John H & Cathy S
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Jonathan & Jenson G
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	John O'N & Elaine A
	<b>READERS:</b>	Alice G & Martin B
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Helen C, Karen & Brian L	

**And finally:-** The word Epiphany means manifestation. So for us the day of the Epiphany is the day that the Lord Jesus was shown in the flesh to all the nations. The wise men from the neighbouring pagan nations came to adore the infant Jesus bearing gifts. Therefore, by this we can understand how salvation is not just for the Jews but for all nations. This was a mystery to everyone, that God would come in our very flesh for the sake of the salvation of all mankind. Notice how there were many blocks and problems along their way but still God's providence triumphed. This will be the case for us too, as nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, provided that we follow Him wholeheartedly. And where do they find Jesus? Yes, in Bethlehem but Matthew is even more precise. The Magi went into the house and "saw the child with His mother Mary." This will be the case for us too, when we go to Mary, we will find her Child - the Child Jesus.

*May God bless you all, Jithin*