

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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The Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany

“The sight of the star filled them with delight.”

We can learn from the Wise Men of the long journey how our journey should be.

The first king stands for gold, something we all want and something good in itself. It stands for prosperity, and all the things money can buy. But gold cannot buy love, truth, eternity; it cannot fill the heart. The wisdom of this Wise Man was that he knew this, and he came to find that which would fill his heart, that for which he could give his life. In this wise person money was put in perspective, and he was willing to kneel and offer it as a gift.

The second king brings incense; he is at home with the routines of religion and scholarship. He was drawn onward by a sense of wonder and mystery. He is aware of God's presence.

The third Wise King is a sad person. It is unusual for an adult to talk about death in front of a new-born baby. This wise man had an intuitive understanding of the suffering and early death that was to mark Jesus' life. He shows us how to accept and be dignified in the times of loss, disappointment or downturn.

Enrolment of First Communion Children

The children who are starting their First Communion Programme will be officially enrolled at the 10.30 Mass today. Please keep them, their parents and catechists in your prayers. First Communion will be celebrated on the 17 June.

CRIB OFFERINGS

The Crib Offerings this year are for the Christians in the Holy Land. Please don't forget them and the discrimination they have to endure. Be as generous as you can. The Salesians in Bethlehem run a school for Palestinian children. They also run a bakery and feed up to fifty families on a daily basis.

White Flower Appeal

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) are holding their annual appeal this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Parish Annual General Meeting – 22 January

The Parish AGM will be held after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 22 January. Please try to attend and perhaps offer your services. If you would like to raise any issues could you please let me have them by **Friday 20 January**.

Mass intentions for the Week Beginning

Sunday 8 January 2012

6.00pm Vigil Mass	John Radley RIP
Sunday 8.30am	Deceased parents of Margaret and George Reid.
10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 9.30am	Cathy McCarthy (Sick)
Tuesday 9.30am	The Searson Family
Thu'day 9.30am	The Leakey Family.

Friday 9.30am	Philip Kellett RIP..
Saturday 9.30am	The Holy Souls.
6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Patrick Curran RIP
Sunday 8.30am	John Banyard RIP
10.30am	Peter Foley RIP

PRAYER – Tools for the toolbox

May I draw your attention to this day on Prayer at Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh. See Poster on notice board and application forms on the table in the Narthex. Bring a packed lunch.

Week 1 of Ordinary Time

Prayer of the Church (Psalms Week 1)

Monday	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
Tuesday	Mass of the First Week of Ordinary Time. Beginning of Ordinary Time.
	Lectionary Readings Cycle 2. 10.15 Parish Finance Meeting. 7.30 Meeting with Confirmation Parents.
Wednesday	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service. 8 – 9 First Communion Parents' Meeting
Thursday	Mass of the First Week of Ordinary Time.
Friday	Mass of the First Week of Ordinary Time.
Saturday:	Mass of Our Lady on Saturday Salesian Study Day at Chertsey.
Sunday:	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. <i>Day of Prayer for Peace.</i>

SALESIAN STUDY DAY

**Saturday 14 January 10am to 4pm at
Salesian School Chertsey**

There are three main themes for the day

Don Bosco in the City of Turin	Fr John Dickson SDB
Sex and the city	Fr O'Shaughnessy SDB
Faith in the city	Fr Sahaya Selvam SDB.

ALL are Welcome. Please bring a packed lunch.

Dates to remember

22 February	Ash Wednesday.
8 April	Easter Sunday.
23 May	Pastoral Area Confirmations.
17 June	Celebration of First Holy Communion.

We remember the sick in our Prayers

Fr Bill Carroll (Abercorn House), Bridgette Timmins, Maria Fraser, Dominic Clark, Nick Mills, Debbie de Bono, Matt Murphy, Elizabeth Pearce, Claire Hilder, Audrey Phoenix, Anthony Leakey, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the Petition Book.

Please pray for the Repose of the souls of **Cecilia White's brother Kenneth** who died in the United States and **Jill Lamond's father** who died recently. May they Rest in Peace. Please keep Cecilia and Jill in your prayers.

We pray for the deceased members of our Parish

Bob Filby, Kathleen Davis, Elsie Milward, Alice Lumsden, Helen McDonald, Patrick Whelan, Brigid Knight, Martin Reeder, Spencer Jones, Fr JohnThompson SDB, William Carver, Michael Wilkin, Hilda Deffains, Wing Commander Crowdy, Bill Greningen, Fr Edward O'Shea SDB, Jack Croombs, Basil Prendiville, Eileen Kane, Thomas Carrol, Bridget Jacob.

May they Rest in Peace.