

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

6 January 2019

## The Epiphany of The Lord



In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the “Time of Manifestation”, or Showing. Today is the ‘Feast of the Manifestation’, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men that travelled from the East, we see all the nations other than the people

of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: “All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.” The same is true of the key word in the second reading: “Revelation”. Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God’s plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour’s birth revealed at last to us

### Marriage Matters

Gifts to each other: Epiphany means manifestation or revealing. The Wise Men brought Jesus gifts: gold, revealing his kingship, frankincense his Priesthood and myrrh his dying. On our wedding day, and every day since, we have ‘gifted’ ourselves to each other, and to others, unwrapping daily the ‘gold’ of our love, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our dying to self.

### Think Vocation

The magi were guided by a star to be shown the Prince of Peace in Bethlehem. As Christians, we have a responsibility to make Christ known to all those whom we encounter. We do this by living lives that show that Christ is alive within us. May our love for the Lord grow in this Year of Faith and lead others closer to Christ.

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### Sunday 6 January

9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children’s Liturgy*  
11am Mass (SB) - *with Children’s Liturgy*  
*We welcome Fr Byrne who will be celebrating our Masses today.*

### Monday 7 January

9.30am Mass (SB)  
7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)  
7.45pm SVP (SJ)

### Tuesday 8 January

9.15am Welcome Back Mass for School in Church (SB)  
1pm Funeral Service for Terence Maher (Overdale)  
2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)  
7pm Becoming Catholic Course (SJ)  
7.15pm SVP (SB)

### Wednesday 9 January

9.30am Mass (SJ)

### Thursday 10 January

9.30am Welcome Back Mass for School in Church (SJ)  
11am Welcome Back Mass for School (SC)  
7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)

### Friday 11 January

9.30am Mass (SJ)

### Saturday 12 January

10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation (Patmos Room, SJ)  
2pm Baptism (SB)  
5pm Mass (SB) - *with Children’s Liturgy*

### Sunday 13 January - *The Baptism of the Lord*

9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children’s Liturgy*  
11am Mass (SB) - *with Children’s Liturgy*

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### Prayers Please

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends.  
Bernard Holder, Fr John Ashton (SB),  
Jack Donnelly

**Lately Dead:** Peter McGowan, Pauline Brown, Richard Henthorne, Terence Maher, Herbert Hustwit

**Anniversaries:** Joan Coles, Mrs Wood, Marian Kosecki, Fr Gerard Duffy, Annie Gaskell, Sarah Cranshaw, George Cranshaw, Thomas Gaskell, James Wheeler

**Mass Intentions:** Mrs Wood, Barbara Grimes, Marian Kosecki, Pauline Brown, Fr Gerard Duffy, Peter McGowan, Richard Henthorne, Annie Gaskell, Sarah Cranshaw, George Cranshaw, Thomas Gaskell, Michael & Pat Hollingsworth & families (living or deceased), The Meadows family, The Sudworth family, Vincent Heron, Elizabeth Kerlin, The Barrett Family, Bill & Billy Carey, James Wheeler, Mark & Norah Maher & family, A sick person

**Cycle of Prayer Part 1 (of 6):** We pray especially for: openness to the Word of God; migrants and refugees; expectant mothers.

### Hope in the Future

Let us pray for the parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton, with Fr Chinnery, their parish priest, for the parish of the Sacred Heart, Westhoughton, with Fr Aspden and for the parish of St Alban, Blackburn, with Canon Harrison, Fr Taylor and the Marist Fathers. We pray for St Mary's College, Blackburn and for primary schools attached to these parishes.

### Facts and Figures

#### Offertory Collection

23-30 December: £3,994.96

**Cheques:** We now have our new Corpus Christi parish account name. Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you.

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 12/13 January 2019

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	A Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	S Copley	P McArdle, E Rothwell M Speed, A Rawlinson T Armstrong
11am (SB)	C Owen	J Murphy, K Wilkinson, P Carolan

**Congratulations:** To Pippa Holly Butler who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

**Baptism Preparation:** Takes place on Saturday 12 January (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's.

**St Brendan's Needs Your Listening Ears - Please Help Us to Help You. (9.15am Mass Thursday 17 January 2019):** The sound system's performance at SB needs improvement so all parishioners can hear services clearly. Before buying new equipment, we want to try and test it. We can't do tests at Sunday Mass, as it would be too difficult and we will need periods of silence. So, during the 9.15am Mass on Thursday 17 January, the equipment will be tested and the congregation will be asked about the sound quality. If necessary, some more tests will be carried out after Mass. It is important that we have a good number of parishioners to properly test the equipment. Please do join us, even if you don't normally come to Thursday Mass, as your input is very important. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you. *Tony Proctor, On Behalf of the Parish Premises Committee.*

**CAFOD Talk:** On Wednesday 6 February (7pm) Bishop John will be speaking about his most recent trip to Sierra Leone and Liberia, visiting CAFOD partners and finding out about their work. Come along to find out about how CAFOD is "listening to the cry of the Earth and of the poor". Meet CAFOD volunteers and staff from the diocese.

Venue; The Becket Suite at St Thomas of Canterbury Church in Heaton, Bolton. BL1 4PN  
Doors open from 6.30pm. All welcome.

**CAFOD:** The CAFOD Ceilidh will be held at St Osmond's (Long Lane) on 22 February (7.30pm to 11pm). Tickets, as last year, are £10.00 - there is a licenced bar and a good car park. We are aiming to raise enough money for a specific project this year - A Community Water Supply which is £750.00. Tickets on sale soon.

### NQT Primary Pool for 2019

We are now recruiting for our NQT Primary Pool for 2019. The Primary Pool will identify and recommend high quality candidates who will gain QTS in the summer, for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for 1st September 2019. All details and application forms available on the diocesan website: [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Completed application forms are to be returned by 12pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to Lauren Cumbo, Department for Education. Email**

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