## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 6th January Weekday of Christmas Time					
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Fred Barnes Anniversary		
	Sunday 2	7th January <mark>The I</mark>	Epiphany of the Lord		
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Richard Hilton R.I.P.		
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	O'Sullivan Family, Special Intention		
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptism	Luca Michael Boardman		
Tuesday 9th January Weekday in Ordinary Time					
Sacred Heart	11.30am	Exposition			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Thanksgiving for Healing		
Wednesday 10th January Weekday in Ordinary Time					
St Joseph's	11.30am	Exposition			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Maureen Gallagher		
Thursday 11th January Weekday in Ordinary Time					
Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	People of the Parish		
Friday 12th January Weekday in Ordinary Time					
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	80th Birthday		

Saturday 13th January Weekday in Ordinary Time					
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Coffee & Gregory Family		
Sunday 14th January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time					
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Irena Baczynski Anniversary		
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Brenda Southern Anniversary		

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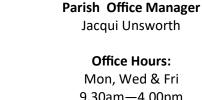
## 7th January 2024 Feast of the Epiphany

# **Clergy Team:**

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# **Food for Thought**

The Epiphany is a story of great hope. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus, we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Saviour, not just for the Jewish people but for all nations as well. To enter into the spirit of Epiphany we need to understand that God has no favourites, and no-one is excluded from his love. All are to be welcomed fully into God's family. The Gospel is a classic story about innocence in the midst of evil - innocence betrayed by those who should have cared. We hear how Herod pretends to want to pay homage to Jesus, but really is jealous and wants to get rid of Him. Don't we see that in our world today? How many innocent children and people suffer because of war, selfishness, power! We live in a world covered by the darkness of so many forms of hatred and

divisions - yet, the Word of God tells us today that the light shines into the darkness. As we enter into another new year, by the example of the Magi may we, with our own little gift of light, bring faith and hope to those we meet.

Praise Him!!





St Joseph's Church

#### **Recently Deceased**

We pray for those whose have died, especially James Connor, Marguerita Maria Sephton and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

#### Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them: Vera Seventi. Carol Greenhalgh, **Mary Griffin** Sean Fleming, Craig Hardman, Kitty Jones, Baby Roman Bleu Emery, **Doreen Hayes**, Sr. Megan **Nellie Flynn** Mary Barnes **Archbishop Patrick Kelly Catherine Peatv** Sandra Smith **George Cartledge** Pat Avery James Allen **Kathleen Holland** John Mulligan **Anthony Michael** Marian Hindley

May the Lord embrace them with healing love.

#### Baptisms

Congratulations to Luca Michael Boardman and his family, who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday at Sacred Heart Church.

#### **Christmas Memorial**

Candles will be available to collect from the church porch from this weekend.

#### Pope Francis January Prayer Intention

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

#### St Joseph's Church

Some of the benches in St Joseph's Church have been cordoned off and are not to be used as there are problems with the floor area. Sorry for this inconvenience.

> Our Three Primary Schools: Sacred Heart St Joseph's Twelve Apostles

Welcome back! We hope you have had a refreshing break and rest. May this new term be filled with blessings for everyone!

#### St Joseph's Players' 2024 Pantomime

#### **CINDERELLA**

Wednesday 24th January -Saturday 3rd February 2024

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7.15pm All Matinees: 1pm and Saturday evening: 6.15pm Tickets are available on: www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players

Tickets are also on sale at the Parish Office: on Friday 5th,12th and 19th January from 9.30-11.30

Group Bookings for 10 and over 07907 880308 Christian Aid is appealing for more help

#### Nugent Care

There will be a box at the back of both churches for Crib Offerings. All money will be sent to Nugent Care who support vulnerable people in the Archdiocese.

#### Parents

Can I ask parents to please accompany their child, when they need to use the toilet in church.

## Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for **Pope Francis** At St Joseph's for **Deanery Priests** 

#### **Dr Austen Ivereigh**

Author of the highly-acclaimed biography of Pope Francis, Dr Austen Ivereigh is a writer, journalist and commentator on religious and political affairs. He will share his insights and expertise with an audience at St Anne's Overbury Street on Sunday evening at 6.00pm on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The event will be live-streamed and recorded. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

#### **Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal**

International development charity 8 Christian Aid is appealing for more help in boosting funds to continue to support its local partners. Church leaders are being urged to renew appeals for donations - every amount will

appeals for donations - every amount will make a difference; £6 will pay for a basic hygiene kit while a donation of £37 will pay for a food parcel for a family of five in Gaza.

Further details on what is being done with the money is in the press release attached. To make a donation, please visit the Middle East Crisis Appeal page on the <u>Christian Aid website</u>.

## Children's Corner

How do you join the police force? Handcuff them all together!



When is soup musical? When it's piping hot!