

St. Helen's Parish

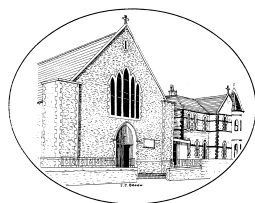
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Sunday 6th January 2019

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'They saw the child with his mother Mary and falling to their knees they did him homage'

6th Jan, The Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord

Saturday	6.30pm	James Wright
Sunday	8:30am	Ted Svenson
	10:30am	People Of The Parish

13th Jan, The Baptism Of The Lord (Feast)

Saturday	6.30pm	Alison Stewart
Sunday	8:30am	People Of The Parish
	10:30am	Brian Tyler & Maureen Howells

Parish Hall Events

Monday	1:00pm	Mother & Toddler (14th January 2019)
Wednesday	2:00pm	Ladies Circle

Please pray for all the sick and elderly members of the Parish, their families, carers and all their families.

Sacramental Events

Baptism Preparations– On 9th & 16th January at 7:00pm in the Presbytery.

First Holy Communion– Preparation will resume on Wednesday 9th January at 5:15pm in the Parish Hall. Children only.

Confirmation– Preparation will resume on Wednesday 9th January at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Candidates only.

The Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord

Weekday Masses: Mon 7th Jan – Sat 12th Jan 2019

Monday Monday After The Epiphany	9:00am	Theresa Doherty
Tuesday Tuesday After The Epiphany	9:00am	Thanks Giving – K. Devasia Adoration 12:00 Noon– 6:00pm
Wednesday Wednesday After Epiphany	9:00am	Francis Clements
Thursday Thursday After The Epiphany	1:15pm	Requiem Mass— Sheila Copp Church Open For Prayers 9:30am-5:00pm
Friday Friday After The Epiphany	9.00am 3:00pm	K.M john Miraculous Medal Church Open 9:30am– 5:00pm Divine Mercy
Saturday Saturday After The Epiphany	9:00am	Ellan & John Power 10am-11am Confessions/ Reconciliation

Cleaners and Counters

Church Cleaners– Wendy & Co

Counters– This Week A Next week B

+Family Monthly Prayer

Last Friday of each month. Next date is 25th January 2019 at 2:00pm in The Lady Chapel.

Sanctuary Lamp: Margaret & Albert Hardy

St Helen's Catholic Primary School

Mrs Kathy Giernalczyk (Head Teacher)

01446 700034

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

Mr Stephen Grech (Head Teacher)

01446 729250

Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of **Sheila Mary Copp & Mary Philbbs** who died recently.

Funeral Arrangements:

Sheila Mary Copp- Reception into Church **Wednesday 9th January at 4.00pm**. Requiem Mass **Thursday 10th January at 1.15pm**.

Mary Phibbs- Reception into Church **Thursday 17th January at 4.30pm**. Requiem Mass **Friday 18th January at 10:00am**.

Dates for your Diary

+Catenian Association

Representatives of the Catenian Association will be present at all Masses next weekend to make a short presentation about their Youth Bursary Fund.

+Franciscans Meeting

The next meeting of the Secular Franciscans is on Sunday 6th Jan at 3.00pm in the Parish Hall.

+Mother & Toddler Group

Mother & Toddler Group will resume on Monday 14th January 2019.

+Outreach Group

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 8th January at 7:00pm in the Presbytery

+Exploring Your Faith

Exploring your faith sessions are made up of films on the given topic. This year the sessions will take place on a Monday evening once a month at 7:00pm in the Parish hall. The next session is on **28th January** and we will look at the film 'Brother Sun, Sister Moon.'

+Ladies Circle

Wednesday 9th January Rosary in Church at 1:30pm, Meeting at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall.

+Standing Order Change of Details

As of January 2019 the Parish bank sort code will have changed to **20-18-23**. Anyone who pays their parish donations by standing order please instruct your bank of this change otherwise the payment will not reach our account. Thank you

+Silence

We should value our Church building as a unique resource providing a **sacred space** where individuals find opportunity to be with the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. Every Parishioner or Visitor to our Church should be able to experience it as an **oasis of peace** – which depends on each one of us ensuring prayerful silence and stillness. It is important that in '**Sacred Places**', we maintain a silence in keeping with the **Sanctity** and **Dignity** of our **Church**.

+The Epiphany Of The Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfilment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

— **Pius Parsch**

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

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