



# St. Helen's Parish

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## 3rd January 2021

### Second Sunday After The Nativity

Eucharistic Prayer: III

Preface I of the Nativity of the Lord



**'The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.'**

### 3rd January 2021, Second Sunday After The Nativity

<b>Sunday</b>	10:30am	Vera Lambden RIP, Sheila Thomas, Healing & People Of The Parish
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### 10th January 2021, The Baptism Of The Lord (Feast)

<b>Sunday</b>	8:30am	Kathleen Byrne
	10:30am	Kirsty Vater & People Of The Parish

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

### Parish Hall Events

**No Parish Hall Events Until Further Notice**

### Sacramental Events

**Baptism Preparations**– Postponed until further notice.

**RCIA**– Postponed until further notice.

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation**– Postponed until further notice.

### Collections– 27th December 2020

Ordinary £234.00      Gift Aid- £338.35

**Sanctuary Lamp: Denise Harris**

## Second Sunday After The Nativity

**Due to Covid-19 , Masses will be celebrated without a congregation until Sunday 10th January . Masses will be live streamed, Details below.**

### +Live Stream

Live Stream Mass can be seen by visiting our website: [www.sthelensrcchurch.co.uk](http://www.sthelensrcchurch.co.uk)

### Weekday Masses: Mon 4th Jan– Sat 9th Jan 2021

<b>Monday</b> Weekdays Of Christmas Time	9:00am	Jerusha Tony – Thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday</b> Weekdays Of Christmas Time	9:00am 3:00pm	People Of The Parish <b>Holy Hour (Live Stream)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> The Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord	7:00pm	Ted Svendson
<b>Thursday</b> Weekdays Of Christmas Time	9:00am	Tony & Siji- Thanksgiving
<b>Friday</b> Weekdays Of Christmas Time	9:00am 3:00pm	Johny & Soniya- 25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet &amp; Stations Of The Cross (Live Stream)</b>
<b>Saturday</b> Weekdays Of Christmas Time	No Morning Or Evening Mass	<b>No Confessions/ Reconciliations</b>

### Mass Steward Volunteers

<b>Sat 6:30pm</b> 9th Jan	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Sun 8:30am</b> 10th Jan	Pat Wilkins, Obi Ofokansi, Chris Owens & Menna Jones
<b>Sun 10:30am</b> 10th Jan	Rebeca Johnson, Michelle O'Hare, Mervyn Jones & Philippa Jones

St Helen's Catholic Primary School

Mrs Kathy Giernalczyk (Head Teacher)

01446 700034

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

Mr David Blackwell (Head Teacher)

01446 729250

### +Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of **John Humphreys** who died recently.

#### **Funeral Arrangements:**

Reception into church on Tuesday 12th January.  
Requiem Mass on Wednesday 13th January.

### +Church Closure

Although churches are permitted to open in Tier Four, highest level of threat from the virus, I have in the interest of the well being of all, and for safety of the stewards, decided to close the church for public worship beginning Monday 28th December 2020 until Sunday 10th January 2021. There will be no Saturday Evening Mass on Saturday 9th January. Masses will continue to be live stream.

***Please note during this period the church will be open for funerals.***

This period of pandemic has been and continues to be a difficult time for families experiencing bereavement. Please remember them in your prayers.

### +Christmas Crib Offering

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this years Christmas Crib Offering. The amount raised was £486.30. This years Christmas Crib Offering is for children in our own diocese who are experiencing food poverty during this difficult time. Schools, parishes and diocese have already reached out in support of them in many ways including the Archbishops Food Voucher Scheme, this scheme has also helped out families in Barry over the Christmas period through our own Parish.

### +Sunday Mass Bookings 10th January 2021

**Mass bookings for Sunday 10th January 2021 will be taken from Tuesday 5th Jan until Friday 8th Jan.**

If it is your intention to attend Mass, booking is essential. Please book by email: **barry@rcadc.org** or by telephoning the parish office: **01446 735051** (option 2), please state which Mass you wish to attend and how many people are attending. **The parish office will be open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to receive bookings for Sunday Mass, either by email or telephone.**

### +Mass Intentions

Parishioners are welcome to continue to send in Mass intentions by posting them through the door of the Presbytery or by contacting Kirsty in the office.

### +The Catholic People Newspaper

The Catholic People is now published online. It can be accessed by visiting the diocese website: <https://rcadc.org/catholic-people/>

### +The Epiphany Of The Lord

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.

Epiphany is a large celebration, especially in Spanish speaking countries. Things look different around the household: the infant Jesus in the manger now has a small gold crown and is wearing regal robes.

The figures of the wise men have reached Bethlehem, completing the nativity scene.

The Church extends itself on Epiphany to the homes of the faithful. The custom of blessing the home on this day probably originated from these words in the Gospel, "And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary, His Mother, and falling down they adored Him." The priest blesses the house if he can be present, but if not, the father of the family may do so.

### +Quote

'The light of Christ is so clear and strong that it makes the language of the cosmos and scriptures intelligible, so that all those who, like the Magi, are open to the truth can recognise it and join in contemplating the saviour of the world.'  
**-Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**