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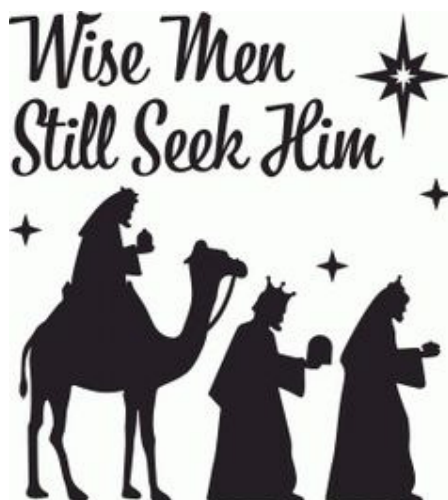
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THE EPIPHANY

*We saw his star and have come to do
the king homage.*

First Reading:	Is 60:1-6
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 71:1-2.7-8.10-13
Second Reading:	Eph 3:2-3.5-6
Gospel:	Mt 2:1-12





THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The earliest reference to Epiphany as a Christian feast was in A.D. 361, by Ammianus Marcellinus. The name is Greek and means 'manifestation' and was a general

celebration of the manifestation of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, including the commemoration of his birth; the visit of the Magi; all of Jesus' childhood events, up to and including his baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist; and even the miracle at the wedding at Cana in Galilee. In the Eastern Churches the emphasis is mainly on the baptism with the blessing of fonts and outdoor areas of water. In the West these elements became the theme of the Octave (13th January) with 6th focusing on the Magi. Saint John Chrysostom identified the significance of the meeting between the Magi and Herod's court: "The star had been hidden from them so that, on finding themselves without their guide, they would have no alternative but to consult the Jews. In this way the birth of Jesus would be made known to all."

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Paul Britain, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Kate Warner, Alexandra Hutley, John Moffet, Ronald Barnes, Doreen Rooney, Joseph Martin, Mary Shah, Hilary Rowley, David Bartlett, Peter Eary, John Griffin, Susan Ambrose, Peter Joyce, Richard Bowen, Arthur Waite, Sr Mary Jude OP, Susan Kiff, Joan Moran, Margaret Whitty, Stella Bushell and Sheila Harpur* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Finn David Martin** baptised at Tiptree on Tuesday.

MASS VARIATIONS: I shall be taking a few days' break this week so there will be no Mass Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

YEAR OF MERCY - SPRING EVENTS: Launch of Year of Mercy for Schools - Thursday 14th January, 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon - Bishop Alan Williams SM *Spirituality of Mercy*. Saturday 23rd January, 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon - Bishop Alan Williams, SM Catholic Schools as Centres of Mercy. Thursday 28th January, 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon - Fr Martin Boland *Year of Mercy Reflection Morning for Schools*. Thursday 11th February, 10.00 a.m. Bishop Alan Williams, SM *Meeting the God of Mercy through the Sacraments*. Saturday 13th February, 10.30 a.m.- Fr Martin Boland *The Lord never tires of forgiving*. Saturday 27th February, 10.30 a.m. - Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahon. All events take place at Cathedral House Brentwood. Telephone: 01277 265 285. Email:lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org

WHITE FLOWER COLLECTION: The Annual 'White Flower' collection for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child will be taken up after Mass next Sunday. Stickers, support cards and envelopes are available in the porch.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 27th December - £635.96.**

YEAR OF MERCY & NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS: The message of the Year of Mercy is in essence that if we rely on our strength all of us fail but the mercy of God embraces us and his grace enables us to become the people he wants us to be. When it comes to growing in moral spiritual virtues we are seeking to respond to God's love. While we may have many failings that need addressing it is better to focus on one particular point and examine ourselves on this periodically, even daily, rather than to take a scatter-gun approach. Today I would like to share with you a remarkable poem/prayer from a six year old submitted in our Christmas Prayer Competition. Even if the challenge she prays about is not ours it may offer a way we can think about our own difficulties.

*Dear God, please help me in the face of jealousy.
The face of jealousy
Is nasty and unkind
It plays with your heart
It plays with your mind.*

*It digs deep and won't let go
Until it gets what it wants
And takes you to a place
Horrid and low.*

*When I see the face of jealousy
I run and hide
But it laughs at me
And cries 'you can't escape me
Because I'm in your mind.*

*So now when I see the face of jealousy
I stand still and proud
Until it passes over me
Without a sound.*

*Who is the face of jealousy?
I don't know
But sometimes when I've looked in the mirror
I see jealousy's
Face looking back at me.*

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 3rd January <i>Epiphany [transferred]</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Bushell RIP David Bartlett (anniversary) All Parishioners
MONDAY 4th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Roma Royal RIP
TUESDAY 5th January	NO MASS		
WEDNESDAY 6th January	NO MASS		
THURSDAY 7th January	NO MASS		
FRIDAY 8th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 9th January	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasy Family
SUNDAY 10th January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Winnie McPherson (anniversary) Intention Chris Wood All Parishioners

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.*

Liturgical Rotas 10th January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sean O'Leary Derek Hand	Gabrielle Ruiz	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Valerie Bartlett	Tom McNally	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Eileen Roberts	Mary Branney