

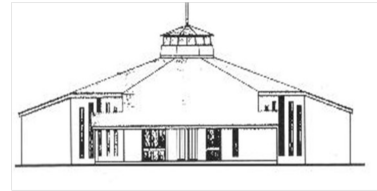
Holy Cross Catholic Community

'A family for all cultures to nurture disciples of all ages'

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7th January 2024 Epiphany of the Lord
Reading Cycles: Sundays Year B Psalter Week 2

Day and Date	Mass Time	Intention	Recently Died
Saturday 6th January First Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm	<i>Fr Pius Augustine Thanksgiving</i> <i>Karen McCarthy C Blessings</i>	All Souls whose names are entered in our Book of Remembrance and all victims of war & violence Our family & friends whose anniversaries occur around this week <i>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord</i> <i>R. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen</i>
Sunday 7th January Epiphany of the Lord	10.00 am	<i>Sue Griffiths & Family C B</i> <i>Angela & Family C Blessings</i>	
Monday 8th January Baptism of the Lord	9.30 am	<i>All Aborted Children</i>	Pray for the Sick of the Parish Heavenly Father, look with mercy on the sick of our parish community and help them in this time of sickness, Restore them to health, we pray, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Wednesday 10th January Weekday Ordinary Time	NO MASS		
Thursday 11th January Weekday Ordinary Time	9.30 am	<i>Michelle & Family C Blessings</i> <i>Sibi & Family C Blessings</i>	
Friday 12th January Weekday Ordinary Time	9.30 am	<i>Carl Morris Thanksgiving</i> <i>Mary McCarthy Thanksgiving</i>	
Saturday 13th January Weekday Ordinary Time	12 noon	<i>Carole Fowler RIP</i>	
Saturday 14th January First Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for personal prayer and silent Adoration on week days 30 minutes before the Mass. Confessions on Saturdays from 11 to 11.50 am.

Vocations Prayer

Lord, make me a better person, More considerate towards others, More honest with myself, more faithful to you.

Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do your will whatever it may be. Help me find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness in myself and bring happiness to others. Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to enter the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, may have the generosity to answer your call, so that those who need your help may find it.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

THE HOLY FAMILY

O Holy Family, bless and protect all the families of the world; safeguard their unity, fidelity, integrity and dignity. Enable them to live according to God's law that they may fulfil their sublime vocation. May their lives be a reflection of yours and may they enjoy your presence forever. Amen

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Amen

Parish Bank Details for your Offering

Name : Gendros Parish

A/C NO: 90264630

Sort Code 55 -61 -20

Last weekend Offering £ 335 Many Thanks

Parish Hall available for hire.

Please contact on 01792586454

The Epiphany of the Lord A Manifestation to the World

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Saviour of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.



This year our Crib Offering is for Caritas Menevia (to feed the poor) and Friends of the Holy Land

**Ministers of the Word
Weekend 13th / 14th January**

Saturday 6pm

First Reading Helen
Second Reading Sue
Bidding Prayers Luke

Sunday 10.00 am

First Reading Anjelica
Second Reading Aloys
Bidding prayers Maria de B

Church Cleaning

Week beginning :
8th January No clean
15th January Beena & Shiji
22nd January No clean

Ministers—if you cannot attend or need to change your rota, please let us know by contacting Donna (07745947773)

TO YOU MOTHER MARY

Now, Mother, once more take the initiative for us, in these times rent by conflicts and laid waste by the fire of arms. Turn your eyes of mercy towards our human family, which has strayed from the path of peace, preferred Cain to Abel and lost the ability to see each other as brothers and sisters dwelling in a common home." "To you we entrust and consecrate our lives and every fibre of our being, all that we possess and all that we are, forever. To you we consecrate the Church, so that in her witness to the love of Jesus before the world, she may be a sign of harmony and an instrument of peace. To you we consecrate our world, to you we consecrate especially those countries and regions at war."

While I am away for Hospital calls

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Singleton Fr Clement: 07459335606

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For any other emergencies

Canon Michael Flook : 07552601501

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" Nelson Mandela