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Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Psalms 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

Parish

Rotas for Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Church cleaners Welcomers and Sunday Morning Refreshments. New Rotas are posted on website and noticeboard, and copies are available in the usual places.

Travelling Solo lunch All who 'travel solo in life' for whatever reason are warmly invited to meet for pub lunch after the 11 am Mass today.

Scripture group Next meeting **7.30pm, Mon 4 Feb**, in the Benedict Rm to read Chaps 9 & 10 of Luke's Gospel. All welcome

Preparation for Baptism of Infants. The next preparation programme starts on Sat 19 Jan from 11-12 noon, in the Benedict Room. Pl see Fr Allen before hand for an application form.

Parish Book Clubs meet in the parish house, and all are welcome. **(A) The Daytime Group** 1030 on Weds 27 Feb to discuss *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? *Inspired* draws on the best in recent scholarship to examine some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is

Masses Christmastide

S	5	Epiphany of the Lord <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	1700	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i>
				1800
Su	6		0900	Jerry Harrington RIP (Harrington)
			1100	Mary Whelan RIP (Ward)
M	7		1000*	Decsd family and friends of Stephen Wall
			1500	<i>Exposition and Rosary</i>
T	8		1000	Ruth Wilkinson RIP (Burke)
W	9		1130	Funeral of Bernie Morton
Th	10			
			0945	<i>Mass with St Nicholas School (All welcome)</i>
F	11		1115	Funeral of Tom Hempenstall
			1900	Mrs McCann RIP (Leese) <i>followed by 30 mins exposition</i>
S	12	Baptism of the Lord <i>Psalter Week 3</i>	1700	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i>
			1800	Ruth Wilkinson RIP (Mooney)
Su	13		0900	For the Parish
			1100	For the Parish
			1800	<i>Exposition and Evening Prayer</i>

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses, *as indicated above* *

Exposition: & Vespers 2nd & 4th Suns of month, 6-7pm; **& Rosary** Mon at 3pm

Reconciliation Sat. 1700-1730 (Exposition until 1740) and by arrangement.

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick: by arrangement.

Nourishing prayer at home: livingeucharist.wordpress.com/

Please pray for sick parishioners including Pat Serafinas; Thomas Stevenson; Peter & Olwyn Foster; Lea Burke and Fr Neil Bayliss. **Please pray** for Bernie Morton and Tom Hempenstall whose funeral s are this week and for Brendan Carroll, Jerome Harrington, Ken Hearne, Ronald Astley, Desmond Maguire and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

NB To include names on the list of isck parishioners please complete the form available in the porch and pass to Fr Allen so we meet the requirements of current Data Protection legislation.

not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world. **(B) The Night Time Club** 8pm on Jan 28 to discuss *With the End in Mind: Dying, Death and Wisdom in an Age of Denial* by Kathryn Mannix. who is a doctor in palliative care who wants us to be better informed and less afraid about dying. In stories from the bedside of her patients, she shares the experiences that enable her to see dying as something we can plan for and manage not something to fear and avoid discussing.

Diocese

Celebrating

Matrimony Archbishop Bernard invites all couples who celebrate a milestone wedding anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and each year over 60) AND those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019 to join him for a Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 3rd February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral. If you qualify and can attend, please email your details to Fr Allen THIS WEEKEND so that they can be submitted and a personal invitation be issued.

St Joseph's Home, Coleshill, offers Catholic residential care to older people and those living with dementia. Ring 01675 434500 for details

Other

A Lifeline for Marriages Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need! Info from 0788 729 6983 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's January prayer intention is that young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit www.pathwaystogod.org



Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany Scripture readings: Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12 Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible are published and copyright © 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton, Longman & Todd, Ltd and Doubleday, a division of Random House, Inc, and used by permission of the publishers. Text of the Psalms: Copyright © 1963, The Grail (England). All rights reserved.

The local Churches Together group invites you to

Prayer +

Friday 18th January at 8:30am
Prayer, and tea and coffee.
Emmanuel Church (CofE), Wyld Green, B72 1YG

Saturday 19th January at 8.00am
Jesus Prayer for 30 minutes, then toast for breakfast
St Michael's Church (CofE), Boldmere, B73 5RX

Monday 21st January at 6pm
Evening Prayer, followed by light supper
St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere, B73 5US

Tuesday 22nd January from 6.30 - 8.00 am
Grab a light breakfast and stay/leave as you choose.
Chester Road Baptist Church, B73 5HU

Wednesday 23rd January at 10.30am
Prayer, and tea and coffee.
Boldmere Methodist Church, B73 5UB

Thursday 24th January at 11am
Prayer, and tea and coffee.
Wyld Green URC Church, B73 5SW

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Each year, Christians of a particular country set a focus for the world-wide Week of Prayer. This year Christians of Indonesia have focused on the threat to unity caused by inequalities in wealth and opportunity. During the prayer at each local church there will be a chance to hear of a particular work of justice and care carried out in that community.

Would you like to become fully a member of the Catholic Church and enjoy communion with Jesus?

Come and see how Jesus is



NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS but for the fullness of life, and every day.

Parish House, Tues 8th Jan at 7.30pm

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. *Alleluia!*

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: *And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.*'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Ordinary of the Mass is found on p200 ff of Laudate. The Gloria, Holy, Memorial Acclamation and Lamb of God used in Ordinary Time are nos 1013 ff in Laudate.