

## The Epiphany of the Lord



**They saw the child and his mother  
Mary, and fell to their knees...**

Once you understand the basics of cooking, a whole world of possibilities opens up before you - new dishes, experiments that have a chance of working, healthier ways of doing things... Without that, we either leave the cooking to others or just stick to what we've always done. On a bigger level, when we understood that the universe acted according to laws that we could discover, the whole world of natural science was ignited - and look at the benefits! If you still think thunder and lightning are caused by Thor's hammer or a god's anger, then you don't bother looking for answers. So many people don't ponder life, don't understand the amazing potential and newness of every day, because they haven't got the basic understand of how to find meaning in it - to fall on our knees to Jesus and his mother Mary. This doesn't instantly solve everything, but it is the foundation for entering into life, because my life, lived amongst 'us', is the way God reveals himself to me, and worshipping Jesus is the way my life and gifts flourish. (*Online*)



*A holy day has dawned upon us:*

*Come, you nations, and adore the Lord,*

*For a great light has come down upon the earth. (Roman Missal)*



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**SAFEGUARDING** - The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Epi Pfunde and Mrs Lilli Brice-Bateman. They can be contacted at [sg.olol.kingswinford@racob.org.uk](mailto:sg.olol.kingswinford@racob.org.uk) or [sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary.brierleyhill@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

## **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR C**

**5TH JANUARY 2025**

### **PSALM RESPONSE**

All nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star when it rose  
and have come to worship the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Christmas C2		Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 4th/5th Epiphany of the Lord</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH</b>	Dec'd Jenner and Wain families People of the Parish
Monday 6th	<b>NO MASS</b>	_____
Tuesday 7th	<b>NO MASS</b>	_____
Wednesday 8th	<b>10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH</b>	Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 9th	<b>9am Mass School</b>	School intention
Friday 10th	<b>10am Mass KF 10.30am-11am KF</b>	Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 11th	<b>5pm Mass KF</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 11th/12th Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH</b>	People of the Parish Gipson & Nepolin Fernandez

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our January deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Sheila Jelf, Beryl Backler, Ed Benedict, Melina Simpson, Joyce Southall, Fr Cecil, Irene Brown, Christine Holding, Christine, Marlene and Tony Lyons, Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Czuk, Martha Jones, Mavis Geach, Sheila Rowley, Roger Ward, Pauline Bant, Dorothy West, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Rob Bryan, Betty Storey and Connie Birch May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

#### Collections

W/E21/12  
 BH GA £414.00 Loose £261.93 Flowers £147.32 Hall hire £45.00  
 KF GA 127.00 Loose £316.21 Flowers £110.12 Hall hire £200.00  
 W/E 28/11  
 BH GA £63.00 Loose £231.37 Maintenance £76.96 Teas £19.05  
 KF GA 65.00 Loose £279.40 Maintenance £64.47

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 13th January 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre

**KINGSWINFORD:** Friday 9.30 - 11.30am **Foodbank** .

**FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations as the need is growing.**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Church Maintenance, next week for Missionary of St Paul Society.**

**Tea/coffee after Mass** - Please join Fr Shanju and stay for tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday morning at BH for a chat and a catch up.

**Missing mobile phone** a phone was lost in BH Church on Christmas Eve. If you picked it up and put it somewhere safe or have any idea where it might be please let Stephanie know as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Parish Christmas Card** - thank you to all those who have donated to Charity. Apologies the amount was **£346.00** not £246.00 your Parish Secretary can't count.

**Next Sunday** - there will be an appeal at both Masses for the Missionary Society of St Paul.

**Quiz night** will be on Saturday 11th January at 7pm. Please bring your own food and drinks, tea and coffee will be available and of there will be a raffle. No charge for the quiz itself just a bit of fun .

**Bring and buy sale - Sunday 26th January at St Mary's** if you have any unsuitable or unwanted gifts at Christmas please bring them on Sunday 6th and we will sell them after Mass for Church funds. Please bring lots of money too to buy the things that are donated. Please support this as much as you can.

**New Year resolutions** Each year people firmly believe that *this* will be *the* year - the year they lose weight, the year they make more of an impression at work, the year something is better than the previous. But how many of us make New Year's resolutions to follow Christ?

**Educate yourself** Proverbs 1:5 says, "Let the wise listen and learn yet more, and a person of discernment will acquire the art of guidance."

**Be generous** This is *not* limited to money! Remember, when we offer to help people pack for a move, practice for a speech, listen to their worries or feed the hungry, we are being generous and mirroring Christ's heart.

**Jubilee prayer cards** - The prayer has been printed on a card for you to take home and keep and are now at the back of Church. Thank you.

**Pope's prayer intention for January** For pilgrims of hope. We pray that this Jubilee year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. Amen.