

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-6
Arise, shine out, 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 71

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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| 1. 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. | 3. 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. |
| 2. 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. | 4. 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. |

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was 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 Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-2

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 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.

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Epiphany

How many of us see our lives as a search for God?
The Magi set out on a journey that would change them forever. They trusted their deep intuitions symbolised by the star and followed it outside of their comfort zone into a new territory and there they humbly bowed down before mystery. Each of us is challenged to do the same.
(Richard Rohr)



CAFOD - the gift of peace

CAFOD
Just one world

A child is born,
In poverty,
In a busy city,
On the edge of society,
Amongst strangers,
Far from home,
in Syria, South Sudan,
in Brazil.

New parents,
dreams, dreams
of schools,
of medicines,
of food,
of a better future

Let us bring gifts of compassion, solidarity and justice.

The Epiphany Year C

6th January 2019

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Eucharistic Prayer: 3

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 5th January 2019

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Gerry Allen	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Francis Machin For our parish	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	For successful operation	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Anna McDermott	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	George Anderton	
Thur 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	For our parish	
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Special Intention (TB)	<i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Sheila Arkwright	<i>Feast: St. Aelred of Rivaulx</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Marie & Tom Hooper Roger Park	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory £673.32 Attendance: 216 (6.00pm: 106, 9.30am 110)
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Masses received this week:

George Anderton, Tom & Marie Hooper, Margaret Devine, Roger Park, Sheila Arkwright, for successful operation.

Please pray for the following: Frances & Les Farrer, Marie Gardner, Norah Stanton, Lawrence Dunnagan, Joan Anderton, Frances Copp, Francis Parkinson, Bill Embery, Judith Holman, Chris Goldsmith and Teresa Clarkson.

... for those who have died recently:

... and for those whose anniversaries are around now: Mary Parker, Patricia Drain, Leonard Nolan, Sofia Surwila, Nan Marshall, Eddie Docherty, Carlo Moretti, Peter Turner.

We keep in our prayers those who have been injured or lost their lives in conflict, especially those from our parish.

Happy New Year!

to all our parishioners and visitors. Thanks to all who came to celebrate Mass for the New Year on January 1st. We pray that God may greatly bless us all and our parish community in 2019.

Christmas Crib

Our two cribs remain in place until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord next Sunday.

Parish Leadership Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 16th January. We'd welcome new members to replace two long-serving members who have retired recently. See Fr. Peter. Thanks to those who continue to serve our parish on this and on the Finance Committee.

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Preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

St Clare's parish run a course every year and invite participants from other parishes. There are nine Sessions on Tuesdays 7.30 – 8.30pm, beginning Tuesday 8 Jan 2019

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

26 July - 2 August 2019. Part of the Pilgrimage is the Youth Section (aged 15+) . Now is the time to think about this and start fundraising. Details soon.

Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines

- escaped the Holocaust as a child, one of 669 children who were saved thanks to the Czech Kindertransport. She will share her experience at St Clare's Parish Hall, on Monday 14th January at 7pm. We ask for a £5 donation, which will go to Aid to the Church in Need. A donation will also be made to the Holocaust Memorial Fund.

'The Power of the Holy Spirit'

A Day of Renewal at St. Clare's on Saturday 9th February, led by Sr. Maria Natella. The day starts with Mass at 10am. Please bring a packed lunch.

Our Lady & St. Edward's Ladies Group

"The next meeting of will be on Thursday January 10th and will be a presentation by Brenda Fox called " Ribble Valley Memories." The meeting in the Parish Centre starts at 8.00 pm. Cost £2.00. Visitors welcome."

SPUC White Flower Appeal

There will be a retiring Collection next weekend for the work of this pro-life group. There is a local 'Life' Group based at Our Lady & St. Edward's parish.