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The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Year B

Psalter Week 2

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the "Time of Manifestation", or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6, Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6, Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

Psalm: 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 LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS and a CHAT in St Anne's room after 9.30am Mass today and every Sunday

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues and Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Week days after Sunday of the Epiphany

Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Jennifer Touhig (PM)	<i>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Michael & Kathleen Murphy (MH): Margret King (B&DC)	
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	The People of the Parish	
	St David's	11.15am	Betty Fitzgerald (Fam)	
Monday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Peg and Joe Coll (CJG)	
	Our Lady's	4.00pm	Vigil for Michael Joseph Bradley	
Tuesday	St David's	9.30am	Sue Jenkins (PJ)	
	Our Lady's	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Michael Joseph Bradley	
Wednesday	Our Lady's	2.00pm	Dorrie Crimmins	
	Our Lady's	4.30pm	Vigil for Cecilia Waters	
Thursday	St David's	9.30am	Colin Bowen (DA)	
	Our Lady's	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Cecilia Waters	
Friday	Our Lady's	9.00am	Sr Connla's ints (S&EG)	
Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Marion & Gerald Rosser (P&ML): Vincent & Mary Armstrong (JA)	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Holy Souls (VL): Margaret King (BS, HG&JF)	
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	John & Peggy Clack (JC): Christopher Drury (K&DF)	
	St David's	11.15am	Cullen and Curtin Families (JC): Robert Peacock (MP)	

Thank You

A very big thank you for your generous Christmas presents and cards, in thanksgiving I offered Mass on New Year's Eve for all your intentions.

A very Happy and Holy New Year from Canon John and Deacon Peter.

Tuesday: Divine Mercy Group 10am at St David's

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues: St David's Church 10.00-11.30

Fri: Our Lady's Church 9.30am - 5.00pm

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gift Aid	£460.90
Non Gift Aid	£735.19
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1317.82
Mass Count: 485	

Feast of The Holy Family

Gift Aid	£342.78
Non Gift Aid	£602.59
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1067.10
Mass Count: 475	

Christmas Mass Count: 765

Catechesis

First Confession and Holy Communion Programme.

The course commences on 12 January. The child must be a Catholic and baptised. It is presumed the parents are practising Catholics. If you wish to enrol your child on the programme please get in touch by telephoning 01633 482346 to make an appointment with the Parish Priest.

Rite of Acceptance (RCIA Course)

The RCIA Course takes place on Thursday evenings in St Anne's room, Our Lady's Church at 7pm

BUILDING MISSIONARY PARISHES' Proclaim '15

On 11 July next summer, invited representatives of all the dioceses in Wales and England will gather in Birmingham for a national convention on how we can best spread our Catholic Faith among those who do not yet share it. We are encouraged to hold local events that same evening, to pray for the national event and for God's blessing on our local efforts to share our faith. A diocesan PROCLAIM convention will follow later in the year, on Saturday 10 October 2015.

World Youth Day in Krakow 2016.

Preparation is in full swing, and, after a successful Youth Encounter Retreat at the Cathedral for the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Archbishop has officially launched the Registration for World Youth Day. Full information can be found on the diocese's WYD website -

www.Cardiff2Krakow.org

JANUARY

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for 2015 Entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer

Universal: Peace

That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

Evangelization: Consecrated life

That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

This short document from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is designed to help the faithful reflect and discern on marriage and family life in the context of our Catholic faith.

Ahead of the forthcoming Ordinary Synod on the Family in October 2015, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked us to reflect with 'true spiritual discernment' on the themes relating to marriage and family life that emerged from the Extraordinary meeting of Bishops held in Rome in October 2014.

'The Call, the Journey and the Mission - An Invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales to Reflect on the Gift of Marriage and Family Life' offers background information, Scripture passages, quotes from Pope Francis and presents a series of questions to stimulate discussion and response on the key issues.

Questions

- **What are your joys and hopes of marriage and family life today?**
- **What are your struggles and fears of marriage and family life today?**
- **How can we better understand marriage as a vocation?**
- **How does your marriage enrich you?**
- **How does your family life enrich those around you?**
- **In what way, through the abiding presence of God, is your family "salt of the earth and light to the world," and a place of and for handing on our faith?**

Our dioceses will give the Catholic community the opportunity to offer their views and feedback on these questions - possibly a named contact and an email address. We will publish more early in 2015.

Read/Download

You can read the document by using the link below or in the top right-hand corner of this page:

The Call, the Journey and the Mission 667.61 kB

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