



Liturgies for the Christmas Season



Friday CHRISTMAS DAY



10 a.m. Vera Finlinson *Anniv. D.*
6 p.m. Mass in Polish

Saturday St. Stephen

10.30 a.m. Mass in Polish
12.10 p.m. Mildred Mathews *Anniv. D.*

Sunday FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

10 a.m. Styles family, living and dead
4.30 p.m. Agnes English *R.I.P.*
6 p.m. Mass in Polish

Monday Holy Innocents

12.10 p.m. Harry & Margaret Thorburn *R.I.P.*

Tuesday

12.10 p.m. John McGeever *Anniv.D.*

Wednesday

12.10 p.m. Father Bernard Hearty *Lately dead*

Thursday

12.10 p.m. **Funeral of Marie-Therese Longrigg**
3.30 p.m. **Evening Prayer I**

Friday Mary, Mother of God

12.10 p.m. Tom Turner *Lately dead*

Saturday St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianen

12.10 p.m. Betty Ferguson *Lately dead*

Sunday, 3rd. January FEAST of The EPIPHANY

10 a.m. Edwards & Murphy families *R.I.P.*
3.30 p.m. **Evening Prayer & Benediction**
4.30 p.m. People of the Parish
6 p.m. Mass in Polish



Monday

9 a.m. Morning Prayer
12.10 p.m. Peter Jordan *Lately dead*

Tuesday

9 a.m. Morning Prayer
12.10 p.m. Elizabeth & Norah Forster *intentions*

Wednesday

9 a.m. Morning Prayer
12.10 p.m. Charles & Dorothy McCarthy *Anniv. D.*

Thursday

9 a.m. Morning Prayer
12.10 p.m. Father John Osman *intentions*

Friday

9 a.m. Morning Prayer
12.10 p.m. Pat & Paul Blackshaw *intentions*

Saturday

9 a.m. Morning Prayer
12.10 p.m. Father Bernard Hearty *Lately dead*
12.40 p.m. **Adoration of the Holy Eucharist**

Sunday, 10th. January The BAPTISM of the LORD

10 a.m. John Shepherd Jr. *Lately dead*
3.30 p.m. **Evening Prayer & Benediction**
4.30 p.m. People of the Parish
6 p.m. Mass in Polish



OUR LADY & ST. JOSEPH'S

Unto us a
Child is
Born



Wishing you
All a very
Happy & Holy
Christmas

from
Fr. Michael Murphy
Fr. Greg Kozienski
Deacon John Constable



Peace on Earth
and Goodwill
to all.

Father Michael writes....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Christmas!

May the joy, peace and love that our Saviour brings us at this Feast of his Birth be abundantly yours!

May God bless you and all your families throughout this holy Season!

A traditional English carol sings of the 12 days of Christmas. Through their decision to change the day for celebrating the Epiphany from the 6th. January to the nearest Sunday, our Bishops [*God bless them in their wisdom!*] have mucked this up. So, this year, the Feast of Christmas concludes with the Epiphany on Sunday, 3rd. January. The Church encourages us to continue our celebration of Jesus' Birth throughout all the days of the Christmas Feast, up to and including the Feast of the Epiphany. Do we need any further encouragement?! [*The Christmas season of course, continues for another week until the Baptism of the Lord.*]

When the New Year comes, I wish us all a Happy New Year. Before we join family and friends to welcome in and celebrate the New Year, there is an opportunity to come together joyfully and to ask for God's blessing on the coming year - Evening Prayer I of the Feast of Mary, Mother of God will take place at 3.30 p.m. and will last about 25 minutes.

With my love and prayers this Christmas,

Please pray for those who are sick : Mary Devlin, Celia Gonella, Altea Johnstone, Bernadette Osman, Norman Phillips, Ann Schrubba and Bill Traynor;

for those lately dead: Betty Ferguson, Father Bernard Hearty, Peter Jordan, Marie-Therese Longrigg, Amelia McElroy, John Shepherd Jnr., Father John T. Turner and Tom Turner;

for all whose anniversaries are about now: deceased members of the Edwards and Murphy families, Vera Finlinson, Charles & Dorothy McCarthy, John McGeever, Mildred Mathews, and Harry Thorburn.

Special Collections

First Collections at Masses today, in this diocese, form a major part of priests' annual salaries. Thank you for your support.

On Christmas Day, the Feast of the Holy Family and on the Epiphany, there will also be second collections. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Anglican Church of St. Andrew, Thursby [*severely damaged by fire last week*] and the Catholic parish of St. Joseph's, Cockermouth [*badly damaged by the recent floods*].

The Annual White Flower Collection will be on Sunday, 10th. January. This goes to support the Pro-Life movement.

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion, 2010

The date for First Holy Communion next year will again be on the **feast of Corpus Christi**, which falls on **Sunday, 6th. June**. If your child is interested in preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation & Eucharist, please talk to Fr. Michael or Yvonne Gibson.

Diocesan Directories

These are still on sale from the Repository after Masses on Sundays or from the Rectory, price £2.50.

Thank you

The Justice and Peace group gratefully acknowledge **£400** for Cafod which was raised from the sale of tea and coffee after Mass during the last year. Thank you to those who so kindly prepare the drinks each weekend - and to those who drink them!

They are also **proud to announce** that, because of your generosity, they now have sufficient funds for the first year of Father Henry's project in Sierra Leone as well as a start for the second year. Thank you. **Father Henry writes**, "*I am overwhelmed with happiness for the great effort the parish and the Justice and Peace Group are making to help needy children. May the good Lord continue to help you all*".

Dates for your diary

Friday, 8th. January

Cubs and Beavers are back after their Christmas break at 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"Teen Team" resume their fortnightly meetings at 8 p.m. in the Waterton Hall. Table tennis, games, tasty snacks [cooked with loving care!] and friends! **ALL** youngsters are welcome.