

## Feast of the Epiphany

**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 60: 1-6

**Psalms 71 Response:** All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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. (R)
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. (R)
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. (R)
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. (R)

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3: 2-3 5-6

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

**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 1-12

**Communion Antiphon:** We have seen his star in the East and have come with gifts to adore the Lord..

**Directories for our Diocese of Wrexham (North Wales Catholic churches)**



### EPIPHANY QUOTES:

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a King, myrrh for one who is to die.

*(Peter Chrysologus)*

*Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman's arms.*

*(St. Augustine)*

RIP Your prayers are asked for Esther Ruane who has died. (mother of Rt Hon Chris Ruane MP ) Esther had a variety of connections to St Mary's parish. Her funeral service will be at St Thomas' Church on Wed 10th Jan at 1pm May she rest in peace.



## Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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**Feast of the Epiphany**  
7th January 2018  
(reading cycle B, year of Mark's gospel)

### Mass time

### Mass Intention

SUNDAY	10.00 am - Mass for the People
MONDAY	- No service -
TUESDAY	9.30 am - Jean Waring RIP
WEDNESDAY	9.30 am - Margaret Jones <b>2.30 pm Funeral service for Theresa Nevitt</b>
THURSDAY	9.30 am - Doreen Patterson RIP
FRIDAY	9.30 am - Private intention
SATURDAY	- <b>No Holy Hour</b> -

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturdays 10.30am-11.15am and 4.15-4.45pm  
**Open Office Day** Thursdays 9.00am—4.00pm

For all enquiries or sacraments see as below For **Baptism** tel  
01745354311

Please let Fr Charles know of anyone who is ill or housebound  
Who would like to receive Holy Communion at home or the **Anointing of the Sick** for healing

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**Parish Finances:** The church collection for Sunday, 31st December, amounted to £490.57p of which £323.07p was 'loose' and £167.50p was Gift Aid.

**Hospital Chaplains on call:**  
Glan Clwyd: Mrs. Sheila Johnson, 01745 354311 /07717182557 Llandudno Hospital: Fr Moses Amune 01492 877353 Ysbty Gwynedd; Bay Hospital: Fr Frank 01492 532670 group.

**Baptism Course:**  
For those parents wishing to have their child baptised, the next Baptism course starts on Friday, February 2nd. Please ring Sheila Johnson on 01745 354311 to register your details.

**Bishop Edwin Regan** moved to Prestatyn on 6th December. His new address is: 'Walsingham', 5 Plas Avenue, Prestatyn LL19 9NH. Tel. 01745 887 379. We wish him well in his new home .

**3rd Annual Weekend Peace Festival Hosted by RHYL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY**  
Fri 12th - Sun 14th January 2018, in St Mary's Parish Centre.

**Friday 7pm—9pm Film Ladybird**  
Director Ken Loach

**Saturday 1pm—4.30pm**  
Peace songs—Talking - Short  
Films - Refreshments  
Speakers : Duncan Rees, Vice Chair CND Cymru  
Dr David Webb National chair CND  
Chris Bough Asst Gen Sec PCS  
Also Speakers on Palestine, Wylfa B Renewal project and Campaign against the Arms Trade.

**Peace Sunday Mass 10am Guest Speaker: Dr David Webb, Chair of CND.**

### **VACANCY FOR CHAIR OF DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION**

Bishop Peter invites applications for the position of Chair of our Safeguarding Commission. The Chair is an independent lay appointee with responsibility for leading the Commission in its essential role as part of the Diocesan Safeguarding structures. The Commission meets four times a year. Candidates should have professional safeguarding expertise in either statutory services (social work, health, probation, police), or the legal profession, or a relevant voluntary agency. If you are working in any of these roles, or have recently retired, please consider this role. Informal enquiries and formal applications can be made by contacting the Curial Offices - Telephone 01978 262726 or email [pa@wrexhamdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pa@wrexhamdiocese.org.uk)

### **SHALOM TV**

There was a programme on **St Winefride's Holywell** on 22nd November on **Shalom TV**. For anyone interested, the following link will take you to the Podcast version on their site.  
<http://www.shalomworldtv.org/videos/index/1603>

### **ADOREMUS – NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2018**

The Eucharistic Congress with the title *Adoremus*: This pilgrimage will bring people together from across the dioceses and further the service of the poor and marginalised in our midst. It will also aim to provide practical resources to develop the mission of the Church in prayer, contemplation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, please visit the following website address:  
<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Eucharistic-Pilgrimage>.

### ***Weekly Guide to Daily Prayer***

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially when it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The vivid narratives of this week's gospel are packed with stories of Jesus entering into the lives of real people and touching them in extraordinary ways. These are not far away stories, but ones that have a real meaning for us. This is a week of invitation from Jesus to us, with two invitations for us to ponder in our hearts this week.

Jesus encounters Levi, a Jewish tax collector. Because of his profession, he was probably wealthy but he had humiliated his family and made himself a pariah to most of those around him. Jesus' response to this "outcast" was to invite him to be one of his closest disciples - and to dine at his house.

In our own lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others in our lives. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus extends the same invitation to us - "Follow me". This clear and personal call to us is from Jesus who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a saviour in our lives. It is then that our hearts open to accept this invitation.

This week Jesus invites us to follow him, as friends and disciples. This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the

patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

*Let us pray:*

*Today our Saviour was adored by the Magi. Let us also worship him with joy as we pray Light from Light, shine on us this day.*

*Christ, you were proclaimed to the nations - by the power of the Holy Spirit open the hearts of all.*

*And may the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.*

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### **POINTERS FOR PRAYER**

1. What is the star (the vision, hope or purpose) which lights up your journey?
2. Like the wise men, our life journey is not one we travel alone. Who are the people who share your life journey now?
3. The wise men travelled bearing gifts. What gift do you bring with you on the journey?
4. At times the wise men lost sight of the star. What clouds have obscured your star?
5. Who, or what, might be Herod for you now? What forces, within or without, could subvert the dream or