



ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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Sunday, 7th January 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR B

Mass Intention: Mary Beadnell RIP

Hymns for today:

Entrance Hymn: 170
Offertory Hymn: 166
Communion Hymn: 169
Recessional Hymn: 150

Mass Settings for today:

Kyrie: 488 **Acclamation:** 491
Gloria: 489 **Great Amen:** 494
Sanctus: 490 **Agnus Dei:** 495

WELCOME

For our celebration today you will require a Mass Sheet, a hymn book and a copy of any Mass Settings that we are using, all of which are available from the Welcome Team.

There will be a Children's Liturgy today. Activity bags, containing appropriate books and other materials, may be found hanging on the chairs at the back of church to be borrowed to keep children engaged during Mass. Please replace after use.

After Mass refreshments are served at the back of the Cathedral.

COLLECTIONS

The plate collection for last Sunday was **£169.70** and the collection for Christmas decorations was **£104.60**.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Readers: Maj N Fitzsimmons; Mrs J White
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Mr D Beal; Mrs M Casey; Mrs S Cole; Mrs J Hall
Welcome Team: Col A Gillham; Mrs S Cole
Children's Liturgy: Mrs Y Spreadborough

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tue 9th Jan: *Feria of Week 1 in Ordinary Time*
1200hrs – Funeral Liturgy for
Nanette Ronald RIP

Wed 10th Jan: *Feria of Week 1 in Ordinary Time*
1145hrs – Midday Prayer & Angelus
1200hrs – Holy Mass
The Emergency Services

MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, 14th JANUARY 2018

Readers: Mrs C Pritchard; Mrs J White
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Mr E Baldwin; Mrs P Beal; Col A Gillham; Mrs E Haddon
Welcome Team: Mr D Beal; Mrs E Bakomora
Children's Liturgy: Mrs P Ryan

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, in your personal intercessions, together with those who begin a new year without faith or hope.

PROTECTING LIFE

SPUC is holding its annual White Flower Appeal this weekend and there will be a Special Collection after Mass to assist the Society to continue its work in upholding the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Further details may be found at: www.spuc.org.uk

TODAY'S FEAST

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles, the other nations of the earth. Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide, the Twelve Days of Christmas, which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

IN MEMORIAM

The arrangements for Bishop Walmsley's Funeral have been made and the timetable of events is as follows:

Monday, 22nd January at 1700hrs – Reception into Church
Tuesday, 23rd January at 1130hrs – Funeral Mass immediately followed by interment at Farnborough Abbey

Refreshments will be served in Potters International following the Mass and everyone who wishes to attend is invited to both of the liturgies as well as the gathering afterwards. For logistic and catering purposes you are asked to kindly complete the form at the back of church.

MUSIC MAKING

Following the recruitment of some new choir members, the weekly rehearsal for all personnel involved will revert to 1900hrs on Thursdays, beginning this week on 11th January.

AND FINALLY ...

... see anything that annoys you as teaching patience. Anyone who abandons you as teaching how to stand up on your own two feet. Anything that angers you as teaching forgiveness. Anything you hate as teaching unconditional love. Anything you fear as teaching courage to overcome your fear. Anything you can't control as teaching how to let go.

With every blessing
Fr Nick