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Sunday, 5th January 2020

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR A

Mass Intention: Jack Judah RIP

Entrance Hymn: 166

Offertory Hymn: 170

Communion Hymn: 169

Recessional Hymn: 150

Kyrie: 488

Gloria: 489

Sanctus: 490

Acclamation: 491

Great Amen: 494

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 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 **£276.54**.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Readers: Mrs J White; Col J Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs M Casey; Mrs S Cole;
Mrs E Haddon; Mrs P Ward

Welcome Team: Mrs A Paintin; Mrs P Brooks

Children's Liturgy: Mrs P Ryan

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wed 8th Jan: *Weekday of Christmas Time*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer & Angelus

1200hrs – Holy Mass

John Beattie RIP

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY 2020

Readers: Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs C Pritchard

Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs B Brunning; Col A Gillham;
Mr C Kamwenje; Mr J Thompson

Welcome Team: Mrs M Casey; Mrs E Gillham

Children's Liturgy: Mrs P Rossiter

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, in your personal intercessions.

PROTECTING LIFE

SPUC will be holding its annual White Flower Appeal next weekend. There will be a Special Collection on Sunday which will 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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The next First Holy Communion Course will start with a parents'/guardians' session on Wednesday, 15th January at 1900hrs. Registration forms are available at the back of church and further details may be obtained from one of the catechists.

WELCOME ADDITION

We celebrate with joy, and give thanks to God, for the arrival of Dcn Tony & Mina's granddaughter, Aria Grace, born last Sunday.

TODAY'S FEAST

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle of 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 other nations of the earth. 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.

TIMELEY COMMEMORATION

A year-long programme of events marking the 850th anniversary of the murder of Saint Thomas Becket have been unveiled. 'Becket2020' will see venues in London, Canterbury and beyond host a range of events across the year to commemorate a moment which changed the course of history. www.becket2020.com

IN MEMORIAM

The founder of Handicapped Childrens Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT), Brother Michael Strode, died on Friday, 27th December. Details of his life may be found at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/38605

DISCOVERING SCRIPTURE

2020 is the 10th anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord', *Verbum Domini*, and the 1,600th anniversary of St Jerome's death, whose Latin Vulgate translation of the Bible served the Western Church up until the last century. These dates have inspired the dedication of 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. Further details at: www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks

AND FINALLY ...

... may God grant us the serenity to accept the people we cannot change, the courage to change the one that we can, and the wisdom to know it's ourselves.

*With every blessing
Fr Nick*