

**CORNERSTONE** has again messaged with thanks for the parishes' generosity - not least for the £210 collected at the Nine Lessons & Carols concert at Immaculate Conception before Christmas. A very generous offering to the homeless at the season of the birth of the One who had no place to lay his head.

**THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** which was drawn just before Christmas realised over £1100 for our parishes. Thanks again for your support!

**SCHOOLS BACK** The academic world starts to revolve again from Monday, with the start of the Spring term. Welcome back! We look forward to celebrating that new beginning at the school Mass with St Charles staff and children on Thursday in church.

On Mon 14th Jan at 3.30 at St Charles school there will be a meeting for parents presenting children for First Holy Communion instruction this year.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** There will be a brief meeting for all ministers (HAD & GAM & BB) after Sunday Mass at St Charles next weekend - 13th. This meeting is scheduled to start at 12.15pm, and finish before 1pm.

**CRIB DONATIONS** When you visit our cribs here and there, please note that donations will be sent to the Holy Childhood mission charity, to help needy children in Catholic parishes in the developing world.

**MONTHLY PUBLICATIONS** (Maybe `Magnificat` will arrive after newsletter publication; the publishers apologise for the oversight.)

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** Last chance to pick up those parishioner-to-parishioner cards from the back of church.

**CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IN MANCHESTER** has sent info about itself and its meetings. The association seeks to bring together Catholics who work in medical services, to support and encourage them. They invite any such to come to a gathering at 7.30pm at St Mary's RC church in Levenshulme M19 3PY on Tues 15th Jan. Contact Fr Laurence or Dr Mark Coley at [cmamanchester@gmail.com](mailto:cmamanchester@gmail.com).

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** This year the service for the Woman's World Day of Prayer will be on 2nd March at Central Methodist Church. The theme of the service is based on Genesis 1:1-31 - Caring for "God's very good creation." A meeting to plan the service is to be at **1.30 on 15th January at Central**. Ideally we would like at least one person from each church to be involved in the planning Thank you and kind regards : Susan Edwards (St. Luke's) Any takers? Pls let me know.

From "The Journey of the Magi" : TS Eliot

*`A cold coming we had of it,  
Just the worst time of the year  
For a journey, and such a long journey;  
The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter.`  
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,  
Lying down in the melted snow.  
There were times we regretted  
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
And the silken girls bringing sherbet. . .*

*All this was a long time ago I remember,  
And I would do it again, but set down  
This set down  
This: were we led all that way for  
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,  
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,  
But had thought they were different; this birth was  
Hard and bitter agony for us, like death, our death.  
We returned to our palaces, these Kingdoms,  
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
With an alien people, clutching their gods.  
I should be glad of another death.*



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6th Jan 2019



5pm (GAM) Eddie Boyle RIP (fam)

Sun 6th  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9.15 (BB) for the parish

11am (HAD) Ken Pover RIP (fam)  
*HAD noon bapt, Watson*

# O Come let us adore him!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Mon 7th	<b>Monday after Epiphany / St Raymond of Penyafort</b> 9.00 (HAD) George Simpson RIP	
Tues 8th	<b>Tuesday after Epiphany</b> 9.30 (HAD) H Souls	
Weds 9th	<b>Wednesday after Epiphany</b> 9.30 (HAD) Dead List	
Thurs 10th	<b>Thursday after Epiphany</b> 9.30 (HAD) ( <i>school Mass in church</i> ) G McSherry RIP (fam)	
Fri 11th	<b>Friday after Epiphany</b> 9.30 (BB) dec'd of the parish	
Sat 12th	<b>Saturday after Epiphany / St Aelred</b> 9.30 (HAD) Holy Souls	<i>confessions 10.30</i>
Sun 13th	5pm (GAM) for the parish <b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> 9.15 (BB) C Hussell RIP 11am (HAD) M & J Cannon RIP (fam)	<i>EMins mtg after Mass (HAD)</i>

**THE EPIPHANY**  
Psalter week 2

**Introduction to the Readings** : We celebrate the arrival of the Magi bearing their gifts; as we come to Mass, we offer our gifts of our worship and love.

**First Reading**: Is 60 : Above you, the Glory of the Lord appears.

**Responsorial Psalm**: *All nations shall fall prostrate before you O Lord.*

**Second Reading**: Eph 3 : It has now been revealed that the pagans share the same inheritance.

**Gospel** : Mt 2 : "We saw his star and have come to pay the new-born King homage."

MONEY MATTERS - Last weekend's collections	
<b>Hadfield</b> Envelopes - £149.37 Loose plate £78.45 SOs £254.00 Total £481.82	<b>BB/GAM</b> Envelopes £155.51 Loose £56.34 SOs £120.38 Total £332.23

**LAST WEEKEND'S TOTE WINNERS**  
HAD : 1st : £40 M Clough 2nd : £25 D Handley

<i>DUTY CALLS : Next weekend : 13th Jan : Baptism of the Lord</i>					
	READER	B PRAYERS	E MINS	TEA	MUSIC
<b>GAM</b>	B Pickford	B Pickford	CN		
<b>BB</b>	T Travis	J Burkinshaw	SQ MD	MB	Cathy
<b>HAD</b>	O Russell	M Watson	PP MA	fams	var

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

*Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish:*

Philip Love, Mary Perry, Peter James, Adrian McHugh, Fr John Cairns, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Sheila Doyle, Pauline Anderson, Marion Robinson, Eileen Berry, Tess Fish, Monica Krommendijk, Nella Lewykyj, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning, Dorothy Yarwood.

*Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time* : Frs. Michael Stewart, Bernard Shaw, Dennis Higgins, Colleen Whittham, Ken Pover, Florence Walton, George Simpson, Brian Derbyshire, Maria Fenton, Paul Anthony Farnsworth, Joseph Mitcheson.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord : May they rest in peace : Amen*

**PARISH NOTES**

**THIS WEEKEND** we celebrate The Epiphany, rejoicing with the Magi to worship God-with-us, and gift Him with our faith and prayer. This day is of great significance and celebration for our parishioners who originate from the Ukraine and other Eastern-rite churches : we wish them *Shchaslyvoho novoho roku*. We pray together for the welfare especially of refugee, migrant and distressed families.

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH FAMILY** Gerard Robert Watson, baptised this weekend at St Charles. May your holy guardian angel always watch over you.