



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
SACRED HEART & ST GERARD
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Epiphany

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Services this Week

Tuesday	6.00pm 7.00pm	Confessions until 6.45pm Mass in Sacred Heart
Wednesday	10.00am	Mass in Sacred Heart
Thursday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's <i>Confessions after Mass</i>
Friday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's
Saturday	4.00pm 5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St Gerard's Vigil Mass in Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.00am 11.30am	Mass in St Gerard's Mass in Sacred Heart

The Scriptures

First Reading
Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72
All nations shall fall prostrate
before you, O Lord.

Second Reading
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Alleluia, alleluia!
We saw his start as it rose and
have come to do the Lord
homage.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 2:1-12

Thank You

Fr Stuart and Deacon Jim would like to express their thanks for the many kind cards and gifts that we received at Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

We wish you every blessing and best wish for the New Year.

Justice & Peace

This Sunday there is a collection to support the work of Justice and Peace in the church. There is a box as you enter the church.

Christmas Collection

Thank you for your generosity to our parish Christmas collection, the Christmas Collection boxes are at the Church entrances.

Coming to Mass

Masses remain open and free for people to attend without major restriction. However please bear in mind that the churches will be well ventilated and you are asked to maintain a respectful distance and hand sanitise on entry. Please wear a mask to help protect yourself and others. It is also helpful to take a lateral flow test before attending Church.

The Church will continue to open no more than 30 minutes before the start of Mass and we will return to trying to keep an empty row between people and 1m distancing. If you are uncomfortable please feel free to move to a quieter part of the Church.

Thank You

The collection last weekend was £1988. The parish also receives an average of £430 weekly in electronic donations.

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

Baby Felix Durnion, Jackie Chinskie, Betty McDermott, Lorraine McCarthy, Leanne McGovern, Billy Mosedale, Thomas O'Donnell, Marcella Taylor, Fr Raymond Jaconelli, Avril Finnon, Matt MacDonald, Jean Murphy, Megan Carlin, Jamie Devine, Elizabeth Lunny, Margaret McMahon, Tom Downie, Mary Malone, Annie Taggart, Betty McAuley, Angela Ferguson, Mary Hughes, Wilma Dempsey,

Recently Dead: Jane Curran, David McAlroy, Elizabeth Melia, Mary McFall, Sr Carmel (Poor Clare's, Bothwell),

Months Minds: Jane Curran, Betty Mays, Helen McAuley, John McAuley (snr), Cathie McAuley, George McAuley, Ann McAuley, James Mulheron, Joe Costello. Jeanie Costello,

Anniversaries: Stephen Mulheron, John McAuley (Jnr), James McAuley, Lilian Whittingham, Joseph Burns, Thomas Burns, Albert Matusavage, Patrick Waddell, Helen McCann, Lizzie Costello, Nan Rowan,

A Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany

I wonder sometimes
If one of the stars that lit Abraham's night
Was the one that led the Magi to Jesus.
A dark canvas speckled by the most generous brush—
What an improbable promise to an old man.
But our God has never been daunted by the unlikely, the impossible.
What a sight for the Magi, too,
A baby resting on hay, his cries mingled with braying and bleating.
I like to think they heard in those everyday sounds a holy chorus,
Saw in that noisy tableau a Creator serenaded by His creation,
All of it embodied, enfleshed—
All of it good.
And when we've left our gifts for this implausible King,
May we, like the Magi, go home by another way—
Having encountered the holy,
May we protect it, guard it,
Trail its light behind us wherever we go.
A sacred arc transposed from heaven to earth,
May we ourselves become the star,
Leading the way to Emmanuel.
Amen.

Crib Collection

Parish Building & Finance Meeting

on Wednesday 19th January
at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church

Everyone is welcome to discuss the repairs and maintenance of our churches and halls as well as the financial implications of these decisions for our parish finances.

The Christmas collection at the crib supports the work of St Margaret's Children and Family Care society. The box is in front

Retreat

Fr Stuart will be on retreat from Friday 7th January until Friday 14th January. The Spiritans from Carfin will celebrate Mass during this time.