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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th/6th January 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	
Saturday	12.30 pm		Marron & Hurley families People of Parish
SUNDAY	10.00 am		William Greene
Friday Day of abstinence		11.45 am	Eucharistic Service

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12th /13th January

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm		People of Parish Frances & David Baines
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Peggy Breen & Elaine McGlynn

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, Peter McKernan, William Parish, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, John Mullen, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael O'Connor, Andy Walsh.

SUE McCLURE'S FUNERAL will be on Tuesday 15th January at St. Joseph's.

MARY (MAUREEN) TEAGUE'S FUNERAL will be on Friday 18th January at 11 am at Sacred Heart.

The collection last weekend came to £273.01
The **December Fiver a month** collection came to £184.03

THE SECOND SATURDAY CONVENTION

is next Saturday at The Bethel Convention Centre in Kelvin Way, West Bromwich. Starts 8 am, Mass at 9 am.

WORLD YOUTH DAY Our pilgrims will be leaving for Panama on Saturday 19th January. 10 young people from St. Vincent's, Sacred Heart & St. Joseph's are going. Please pray for them.

MARRIAGE MASS Sunday 3rd February at 11 am at St. Chad's. Those celebrating particular milestone anniversaries this year

(10,15,20 25, 30, 40,50,60 yrs) and those preparing to get married in 2019 are invited to this Mass

THE GUILD OF St. STEPHEN MASS is on Saturday 9th February at Noon at St. Chad's with the Archbishop. I hope most of our servers and their families will be able to attend. Please see Francis Prom.

CONFIRMATION this year will be on Tuesday 5th February with Bishop Pargeter at 7 pm. Please make a note of it and come and support our candidates.

ENGLISH PRAYER TIME You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in Sacred Heart Presbytery on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English. You can check that it is happening by phoning Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

THE KINGDOM WARRIORS meet on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm at St. Vincent's Church, Nechells Parkway. This a group for young adults (18+) and involves the study of the Bible.

ORDER OF MALTA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Friday 3rd May – Thursday 9th May 2019. The Order subsidises sick, disabled and older pilgrims. Please see notice in Church for details.

Please will you send one of the SPUC cards which will be presented to the Prime Minister to ask her not to give parliamentary time to decriminalising abortion.

First reading **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13**

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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.

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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.

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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.

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak

Fr. HUDSON'S 115th Annual Fund Raising Ball 26th January. Tickets £40. See notice for further details or go to www.fatherhudsons.org.uk

A Day for Practising Catholics Aspiring for Leadership Positions in Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham 8.30am – 3.30pm on Saturday 19th January 2019 (no cost for this course) Don Bosco House, Coventry Road, Coleshill, B46 3EA. Please use this link to book a place on this course: <http://w.pfrms.co/2ltp>

and save the lives of the poor.

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second reading **Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Gospel **Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.