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8th January 2012, The Epiphany (B)

9.30 am Family Mass Fr. Vincent (7th Novena Mass)
11.30am Sung Mass The People of the Parish
5.00pm Quiet Mass Edna Balinska RIP

Monday 9th January The Baptism of the Lord
10.00am Fr. Vincent (8th Novena Mass)
(The end of the Christmas Season - Ordinary Time begins)
Tuesday 10th January Requiem Mass
11.00am Doris Cook RIP
Wednesday 11th January Feria
10.00am Stan Conley RIP
Thursday 12th January Feria
10.00am Paul, Michael & Mary McLoughlin RIP
Friday 13th January Feria
09.00am Patrick O'Flynn
Saturday 14th January Our Lady
10.00am Fr. Vincent (9th Novena Mass)

15th January 2012, 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) psalter II

9.30 am Family Mass The deceased members of the Swallow & Jarvis Family
11.30am Sung Mass The People of the Parish
5.00pm Quiet Mass Tony & Monica Hamel Smith RIP

Monday 16th January Feria
10.00am Fernand & Lucia de Verteuil RIP
Tuesday 17th January St. Anthony (Abbot
10.00am Peter & Benjamin Morrell
Wednesday 18th January Feria
10.00am The Deceased members of the Mobley Family
Thursday 19th January Feria
10.00am Scholastica Rosa Ezechiel RIP
Friday 20th January Feria
09.00am Adela Balinska RIP
Saturday 21st January St Agnes
10.00am John Gibney RIP

22nd January 2012, 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) psalter III

9.30 am Family Mass Kristiaan Corner-Munroe RIP
11.30am Sung Mass Peter El Khourg
5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish



Parish Diary

Tuesday

Yoga
7.00pm - 8.30pm
Alexander House

Wednesday

Open Door Prayer
Group 7.30pm
Alexander House

Thursday

RCIA 7.30pm
The Library

Saturday

10.30am - 11.00am
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and
Confessions.
1st Holy Communion
Classes

Sunday

Children's Liturgy during
9.30am



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THE EPIPHANY

The story of the magi is one of the more mysterious in the New Testament. The gospel does not tell us how many - one early Christian tradition actually told of 12 astronomers making their way to Judea. This presumably paralleled the 12 tribes of Israel and, of course, the 12 apostles. However, as the number of gifts are mentioned, over the centuries the number dwindled to three. We have scant information about them except that they were searching for the child Jesus.

There is something about their journey that is both poignant, and profound. Among other things, the travels of the magi teach us the value of trust. They trusted in power from above to pierce the night sky and point the way. Their story also tells us that even the wisest of men need help to reach their goal.

It is significant that the magi travelled as a group, because no one makes a journey of faith alone. The Church is a community we are a body of people looking out for one another, supporting one another. We are all traveling, somehow, in the same direction. And when we can, we also help one another to read the skies, and follow the way to the light. So it was with the magi.

We call this feast "Epiphany," the Greek word meaning "Manifestation." On this feast, Christ is made manifest to the world, in a place many might never have expected. But our lives are made up of countless smaller epiphanies — discoveries that also defy expectations, and that can sometimes shed light on our world, just as the star shed its light on Bethlehem. God is made manifest everywhere.

This time of year, His grace is revealed to us in the faces of our children, in the smiles of our grandparents, in the comfort of having those we love close to us and the epiphanies explode around us. The epiphany of a family sharing a meal, a friend sharing a joke, a child sharing her fears or hopes or secrets. It is there in the kindness of strangers, and the courage and quiet dignity of those struggling to find shelter, or work. There is the epiphany of having someone take your hand and tell you that you are loved.

And there is the most wondrous epiphany of all: kneeling in this church and beholding a slender piece of bread containing our Creator, and our saviour. These are the stars that help to light our way.

But this feast should remind us: we are all magi, no matter from where we come. Each of us bears a gift, and has something to offer. And we are all journeying towards an unknown place of promise, guided by a never-ending light.

Rev. Greg Kandra

Stained Glass Restoration

Target **£50,000**

RAISED £44,154.62

NEED **£ 5,845.38**

Restored in memory of:

Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan

A much loved Parish Priest

NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS

TARGET **£18,480.00**

RAISED **£11,711.26**

NEED **£6,768.74**

THANK YOU

For your generous Christmas Offerings.

THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed until the 18th January. If you need to speak to a priest during these times, please call Our Lady Immaculate at Tolworth on 0208 399 9550.

READERS AT MASS

We are very short of Readers for Mass and urgently need new people to come forward and join the rota. If you would like to volunteer for this very important task, please contact Chelone on tel 07984 009 381 or chelmidi@yahoo.co.uk Thank you.

THANK YOU ALSO ...

To all who helped the Christmas Masses to run so smoothly and made the Church look so beautiful over this holy season. The Choir, The Altar Servers and Handmaids, The Church Cleaners, Sacristans, those who launder the Altar linen, those who arranged the flowers, those who decorated the Church and put up the crib, those who acted as welcome at the back of the Church and especially Fr. David.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Our Crib Offerings this year are going to help Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness.

'At KCAH we enable people to rebuild their lives by addressing the fundamental reasons why they have become homeless. Our organisation offers much more than just food and shelter. KCAH provides a lasting solution that restores self-esteem and confidence. When you donate money to KCAH, you are helping to get people out of homelessness for good.'

PLEASE NOTE – WEEK DAY MASSES

Whilst work on the Church floor continues, Mass Monday - Friday will be celebrated in Alexander House. Also there will be no access to the Church during the week.

