

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



ST MARGARET'S, DUNFERMLINE
AND
CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME, OAKLEY

VIRTUAL  WEEK 40

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RESPONSE FOR THE SUNDAY MASS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

PSALM	All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SAT	4pm (SM)	2	Joe Hughes R.I.P.
	5.30pm (SM)		Barry Winter R.I.P.
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	3	Intentions of Bryan Little
	9.30am (HN)		Ferrari Family
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		Kevin Minogue R.I.P.
MON	10am (SM)	4	Maura O'Keefe R.I.P.
TUES	10am (SM)	5	Nicholad Hall R.I.P.
WED	10am (SM)	6	George Hunter (Anniversary)
THURS	10am (SM)	7	Sick Person
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	8	Anne Baxter R.I.P.
SAT	10am (SM)	9	Drumm and Madden Families
	4pm (SM)		Colin McIntosh R.I.P.
	5.30pm (SM)		Sheila McColgan R.I.P.
SUNDAY	9am (SM)	10	Jean and James Duffy R.I.P.
	9.30am (HN)		Peter Lynagh R.I.P.
	10am (SM)		People of the Parish (online only)
	11am (SM)		Francesca Giudice (birthday remembrance)

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass celebrated for a particular intention please get in touch by email, phone or drop a note through the letterbox or, if at a service, pop into the box for offertory collections.

If you wish a Mass card, write your name and address and one will be posted.

DEAR FRIENDS

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

We can only imagine the preparations that the Wise Men carried out in order to journey to Bethlehem. They had studied hard, kept an opening and enquiring mind, listened to the advice of experts. They travelled a great distance into unknown territory. They continued to trust that a greater force was leading them on their journey. With all of their wisdom and learning, they kneel before the Christ Child, recognising in him the fullness of the invisible God. They search for God, a search that is fundamental to all of our lives. They are wise enough to recognise him in the unlikeliest of settings.

St Matthew tells us that they returned to their homeland by a different way, avoiding Herod, but also signaling that their lives had been forever changed by this encounter with Jesus. We will all be pleased to close the door on 2020. Have we, on this journey, encountered the Living God? Have our lives been changed by this meeting? Will it just be back to business as normal in 2021? In the words of Pope Francis on this day last year: "This holds true for us too.

It is not enough to know *where* Jesus was born, as the scribes did, if we do not go there. It is not enough to know *that* Jesus was born, like Herod, if we do not encounter him. When his place becomes our place, when his time becomes our time, when his person becomes our life, then the prophecies come to fulfilment in us. Then Jesus is born within us. He becomes *the living God for me*.

Today we are asked to imitate the Magi. They do not debate; they set out. They do not stop to look; but enter the house of Jesus. They do not put themselves at the centre; but bow down before the One who *is* the centre. They do not remain glued to their plans but are prepared to take other routes. Their actions reveal a close contact with the Lord, a radical openness to him, a total engagement with him.

With him, they use the language of love, the same language that Jesus, though an infant, already speaks.

Indeed, the Magi go to the Lord not to receive, but to give. Let us ask ourselves this question: at Christmas did we bring gifts to Jesus for his party, or did we only exchange gifts among ourselves?"

Happy New year

Fr Chris

FR ISAAC'S REFLECTION

OUR GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO THE WISE NOT THE FOOL

One interesting thing about our search for God is that when He finally manifests himself to us, we become super excited, we hold onto it saying God revealed this to me or in the words of the prophets of old, "thus says the Lord". It is this personal encounter with God that spurs many of us on in our journey of faith. But what about those who have not seen? The Lord himself would say: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe". (Jn. 20:29) In this case, they seem to journey in the dark. I remember mother Theresa of Calcutta saying that through out her years of serving God and humanity, she never had a vision of God yet in that seeming dark and fuzzy condition she kept faith with her master. Like mother Theresa, May God keep us faithful to him when there seems to be no star to guide us or when the star disappears.

Today, the church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany of our God. It is all about the manifestation or the revelation of our God. In the past and even now God has always revealed himself in different ways. Today's celebration revolves round the fact that God reveals himself to the three wise men through the guidance of a star. The church is the star leading us to God.

It is generally not accepted that there were three wise men who came in search of Christ. The Bible does not mention that there were three wise men, but it mentions that three gifts; Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh were offered to the Baby Jesus. Tradition gave them the names: Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They were Pagan kings and astrologers whose studies of nature led them to God. Considering the after effects of their sojourn that is, the killing of the innocent children by king Herod, many have asked whether they were really wise men. They are called wise men for many reasons.

Though they were Eastern kings, yet they dropped their pride as kings, humbled themselves and came all the way to Bethlehem to worship the new born king in sincerity of heart; unlike Herod the foolish king who wanted to destroy the new born king. We become foolish when we seek to destroy younger stars coming up or when we see them as threats to us. These Eastern kings must be men of deep faith, they see a tiny baby and they prostrated themselves to worship him because they believe he was God.

God does not reveal himself to fools but to the wise and humble of heart. Anyway "the fool has already said in his heart there is no God. They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds. There is no one who does good..." (Cf. Psalm 14:1). So how can such people see God even when he manifests himself.

Again, they were called wise men because they listened to God who told them in a dream not to return to Herod. When we refused to listen to God we become foolish.

Amongst many other reasons they are called wise men because they prepared gifts to present to the Lord when they appeared before him. We become unwise each time we come before the Lord empty handed to worship. And we become even more foolish when we finally appear before the throne of God empty handed that is, without good works on the last day.

Stay safe,
Remain Blessed
Happy Sunday to you.

LIVESTREAMING AND LIVE ACTION

- **PUBLIC WORSHIP**

- **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

- with the introduction of Tier 4 restrictions from 26th December, I have decided to cancel the planned weekday Masses.
- There will only be Sunday Masses (including Vigil Masses) during the Tier 4 restrictions. Weekday Masses will be Livestreamed from St Margaret's at 10a.m each day.

- **SUNDAY MASSES:**

- During Tier 4 restrictions numbers are restricted to 20 at each Mass. **Why not consider coming every 2 weeks to give someone else a chance?** Sunday Mass will be Livestreamed from St Margaret's at 10a.m.

The weekend Mass timetable is as follows:

St Margaret's	Saturday Mass at 10am, 4pm* and 5.30pm*
	Sunday Mass at 9am* & 11am*
Holy Name	Sunday Mass at 9.30am*

The doors will open 30 minutes before the start of each service, except the 11a.m Mass on a Sunday at St Margaret's when access will not be possible until 10.45am due to the private livestreaming at 10am.

For both weekday and weekend Masses livestream access as well as prior recordings, please go to <https://stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk/stream/> or at <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-margarets-rc-church>

***Booking for Mass:**

As you arrive each Sunday you will be asked if you want to your booking to roll over for another week. If you do this there is no need to phone on a Thursday. Only phone if would like to make a new booking. **Please try and phone at the specified hours:** Thursday 3-6pm for St Margaret's on 625611 and Thursday 3-5pm for Holy Name on 07711703927 (you can text as well)

St Joseph's in Clarkston are continuing with their telephone Mass service. The Number to call to hear Fr Stephen's Mass is 0141 473 4869.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

'My Jesus, I Believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
Although You have already come,
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.'



PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

From 'Patris Corde' proclamation by His Holiness Pope Francis announcing a Year of St. Joseph.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Charlotte MacIntosh on receipt of her medal marking completion of the Poppy Run in November in aid of the British Legion. She wishes to pass on her thanks for the financial & emotional support given.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT HOME



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-30/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

Sunday is the feast of the Epiphany. Today we celebrate the day when the good news of the birth of Jesus was brought to the whole world through the visit of the three wise Kings. They followed the star all the way to the stable in Bethlehem, to worship the infant in the manger.

Epiphany refers to the birth of Jesus - the manifestation of God in the world, the special way that God chose to come into the world to show the great love that He has for all peoples from all over the world. As we look at our crib figures or nativity picture we remember Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus.



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PARISH CHARITIES/GROUPS

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our SVP conference has been working hard to meet the needs of those in difficulty at this time. If you are able to help, the Bank Details are:

Account Name	SSVP AEO2044
Sort Code	800655
Account Number	00768139

A massive Thank You to all who have donated!



ST. MARGARET'S ONE WORLD GROUP

SUPPORTING MARY'S MEALS, HAITI HELP, EMMS AND PEAS.

We thank recent donors but if any of you feel able to donate to our work you can do so to our bank account (remember all Mary's Meals donations are doubled till 31/1 by the Government to £2million):

Account Name	St Margarets One World Group;
Sort Code	83-33-00
Account Number	10191867

If you prefer to send a cheque please contact our treasurer Maureen Japp on 01383 725967 or by email at maureenjapp@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH FINANCES

Please only donate if you can do so; do not put yourself into any hardship.

WAYS TO DONATE:

If you can, please consider Gift Aiding any donation you make.

1. Contactless

If you wish, you can donate by the contactless machine.

2. The old way

We still take hard cash as well! Just put into the plastic box at the back of the church on your way out after Mass.

3. Standing Order

Standing order forms are available on the parish website or you can set up on online via your bank.

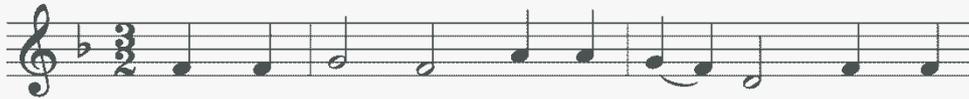
4. Online ad hoc donations

If you have internet banking you can use this too. There are two ways:

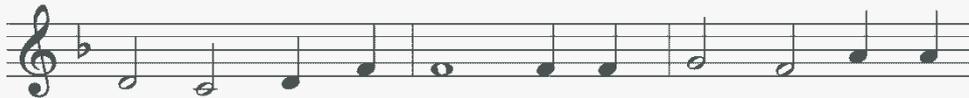
- using the following bank account details:
for **St Margaret's**: sort code: 80 06 55 Account 00720303.
for **Holy Name**: sort code 83 33 00 Account number 00176355.
- using the link via the Archdiocese (archedinburgh.org) online secure 'donate' links

EPIPHANY CAROL

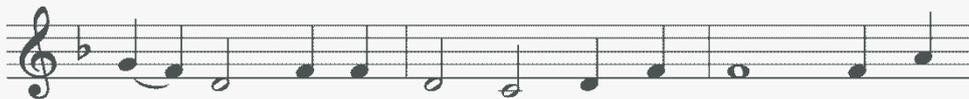
Words: Francis Patrick O'Brien

Tune: BEACH SPRING
The Sacred Harp, 1844

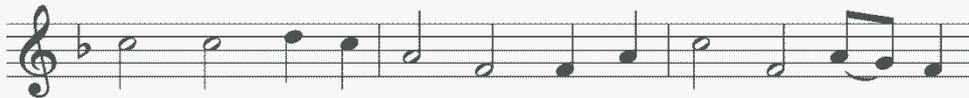
1. Ev - 'ry na - tion sees the glo - ry of a
 2. Ev - 'ry tongue shall sing the prais - es of his
 3. Once a - gain may we dis - cov - er Word made
 4. Gath - er, God, the world to - geth - er in the



star that pierced the night. As we tell the won-drous
 birth in deep - est night. He is heal - ing for the
 flesh sent from a - bove In our neigh - bor, sis - ter,
 bright-ness of your day. Fill our hearts with joy for -



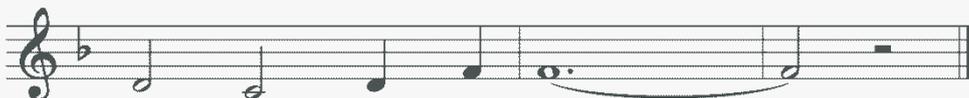
sto - ry we are bathed in ra - dant light. Star sent
 a - ges; he is Christ, our God's de - light. He pro -
 broth - er, in the lone - ly and un - loved. May we
 ev - er; help us walk the ho - ly way. May your



forth from high - est heav - en, danc - ing light of God's de -
 claims with - in his be - ing all our hopes, our great de -
 touch him, may we hold him, may we cra - dle him with
 jus - tice rule the na - tions; may all peo - ple live as



sign, Shine up - on the gift that's giv - en: Word made
 sires. He shall die to rise re - deem - ing all who
 care As we learn to love each oth - er, bring - ing
 one. Now we see our true sal - va - tion in the



flesh now born in time.
 fol - low with their lives.
 hope from out de - spair.
 glo - ry of your Son.

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WHAT CHILD IS THIS

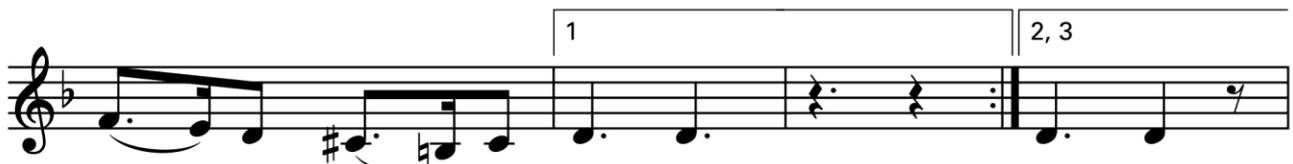
GREENSLEEVES
Arranged by Tom Booth



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king, to



1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let



1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
3. lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds



guard and an - gels sing; Haste, haste to bring him



laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837-1898.
Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871;
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WE THREE KINGS

KINGS OF ORIENT

Verses



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,
2. crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er
3. De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"

Refrain



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,
2. O - ver us all to reign.
3. Wor - ship him, God on high.
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.



star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11.

Text and music: *Carols, Hymns and Songs*, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

