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(incorporating SS. Mary & Monica, Cottingley
and Sacred Heart, Bingley)
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
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THOUGHT FOR THE EPIPHANY (5/6th January 2019): Christmas is not just a day - it is a season, and today we come towards its conclusion and wonder at the amazing event. God has chosen to become like us and to live the same life as us. As we thank God for Jesus, we seek to see the Word made flesh reflected in those whose lives we touch.




 **1st Reading: (Is 60:1-6).** The prophet cheers the exiles who returned from Babylon with a vision of a restored city. The prophecy is fulfilled in Christ.


 **2nd Reading: (Eph 3:2-3,5-6).** God invites Jews and Gentiles to share in the salvation brought by Christ.


 **Gospel: (Mt 2:1-12).** Three Gentiles came from a far country to pay homage to the Christ-Child, while the Jewish leaders rejected him.

THOUGHT FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (12/13th January 2019): Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan so that he could be sealed by the Holy Spirit and strengthened for his mission. On this feast we too rededicate ourselves to our mission which we undertake by virtue of our own baptism. We proclaim by our lives that Jesus is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world.



 **1st Reading: (Is 40:1-5,9-11).** The people are urged to prepare a way for the Lord who is coming to save them.

 **2nd Reading: (Titus 2:11-14f).** God's grace and love are manifested in Jesus Christ.

 **Gospel: (Lk 3:15-16,21-22).** We hear a small sample of the preaching of John the Baptist, and are given a brief account of the baptism of Jesus.

RECONCILIATION (Confessions): Saturday (before the Vigil Mass) from 4.15pm-4.45pm.

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time especially:

Brenda Barker, Noel Bourke, Stella Dick, David Clegg, John Moran, Patrick Murphy, Jacob Kinsey, Christine Matthews, Fr. Chris Willis, Ann Routledge, Noreen O'Neill, Richard Longden, Patricia Long, Bridget & Harry McKenna, Frank Crowther, Bev Shuttleworth, Kathleen Lavelle, Tony Shlpman, Aileen Bristow, Delia Medley, Brian Marie, Frieda Clapham, Joanna Jackson, Thomas McCann, Elizabeth Hartley and Ian Harrison.

Mass Intentions received recently: LEONARD TIMBRELL (b'day a), PETER LACEY (id), LINDA P. BENNETT (b'day a), RONNIE PARKER (a), CHRIS KAVANAGH (b'day a), TERRY LARKIN (a), BRYAN ROLLASON (b'day a), MGR. PETER DOOLING (b'day a) and GINA GILL (b'day a).

CAFOD: Bronagh Daly from Cafod will visit the parish on Saturday 19th January from 12 pm to 4 p.m. to run a preparation session for the Family Fast Day Lenten Project at Sacred Heart, Bingley. Light refreshments will be available. For more details please email Maria Beckwith: mastecasbeckwith@gmail.com

Offering
Total

Thank you for your generosity which amounted to:
£687.50 (Env) & £483.50 (Loose) 22nd/23rd December;
CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: £2,305 and
£531.50 (Env) & £426.50 (Loose) 29/30th December.

Retiring Collection for the POOR MISSION FUND (supporting those parishes less fortunate than ourselves within the Diocese) will be taken at Masses over the weekend of 12/13 January. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS THANKS: Thank you to everyone involved with the Christmas Celebrations (in no particular order): the Choir, Musicians, Organists, Altar Servers, Flower Arrangers, Church Cleaners, Crib Arrangers, Altar Linen Cleaners and to you for your most generous Christmas Offerings and gifts, cards, presents and presence. It is all very much appreciated. Thank you once again! A word of thanks too to our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Aileen Moran who has arranged the Readers' Rota for many years at Cottingley has now stepped down but Anne Copley has volunteered to take over. Many thanks to Aileen and Anne for all they have and will do!

CRIB OFFERINGS will be donating them to FHL (Friends of the Holy Land). Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing initiatives. FHL is apolitical and ecumenical. Please keep our brothers and sisters in the land of Our Lord's Birth in your prayers at this time. Thank you.

THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS is seeking **NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS** to help undertake the Governance of a variety of charitable trusts and schools within the Diocesan 'family'. Would lay Catholics wishing to be considered as potential future Trustees and School Governors please send CV and covering letter to: Mr. Ian Burrell, Chief Operating Officer, Diocese of Leeds, Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds LS6 2BX. For more information, email: volunteering@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

The 2018 DIOCESAN ANNUAL REVIEW is available at the back of church and is also available online at: <http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/assets/files/Annual-Review-2018.pdf> Feedback would be appreciated - please email: communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

VACANCY - Financial Accountant based at Hinsley Hall. A good all-rounder to work in a small Finance Team providing financial and administrative support across our Diocese. Please contact John Moran for a job description at john.moran@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Closing date 11th January 2019.

CATHEDRAL LECTURES: at Wheeler Hall, St. Anne Street, Leeds at 7pm. The final lecture will be on Tuesday 8th January 2019 - "The Church and Change: Observations on the Present Crisis in Catholicism" with Professor Richard Rex, Professor of Reformation History in the University of Cambridge. An expert in the history of the Tudors and of the Reformation, he is author of several books, including The Theology of John Fisher (1991) and The Tudors (2006). His most recent book is The Making of Martin Luther (2017). Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection. For further details e-mail johnbeaumont315@gmail.com or phone 07949 223575.

TWIG (Third World Interest Group) will meet on Thursday 17 January at 7pm at SS. Mary & Monica's, Cottingley.

BINGLEY CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE will be held at Sacred Heart, Bingley at 6pm on Sunday 20th January 2019. All welcome. This is our chance to pray together with our fellow Christians in Bingley for the unity that Jesus prayed that we should have.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Many thanks to all who help but we are always looking for an extra pair of willing hands. If you can help please contact Margaret Abbott 01274 560340 for Sacred Heart, Bingley or Christine Acomb 01274 562887 for SS. Mary & Monica's, Cottingley. Thank you.



SANCTUARY CANDLES: are lit each week in memory of your loved ones.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Feast of **THE EPIPHANY (5/6th January)** **BINGLEY: MICHALA & SAM BUTTERFIELD**

COTTINGLEY: HARRINGTON & HARRIS FAMILIES

OUR LADY CANDLE: STEFANIA & GEORGE CZAJKA

Feast of **THE BAPTISM (12/13th January)**

BINGLEY: REBEKAH CANTOPHER

COTTINGLEY: MARY WINDLE

OUR LADY CANDLE: EDNA NANCY MILLS

 **Feast of
THE
EPIPHANY**
5/6th January
2019

5.00pm [Vigil] BINGLEY	Sheehan & Power Families	
9.15am COTTINGLEY 11.15am BINGLEY	Harry Kitching (A) Addy & Clarkson Families	
Monday 7th Weekday of EPIPHANY	NO MASS OR SERVICE TODAY	
Tuesday 8th Weekday of EPIPHANY	9.30am COTTINGLEY Mike Shaw (LD)	
Wednesday 9th Weekday of EPIPHANY	9.30am COTTINGLEY Dorothy Mungovin (LD)	
Thursday 10th Weekday of EPIPHANY	9.30am COTTINGLEY Michala & Sam Butterfield (A)	
Friday 11th Weekday of EPIPHANY	9.30am COTTINGLEY Margaret Whitehead (A)	
Feast of THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12/13th January 2019	5.00pm [Vigil] BINGLEY	Shirley Kowalski (S)
	9.15am COTTINGLEY 11.15am BINGLEY	Klara Golab (A) Stanislaw & Michalina Gurbis (A)
Monday 14th Ordinary Time Year 1	NO MASS OR SERVICE TODAY	
Tuesday 15th Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am COTTINGLEY Edna (Nancy) Mills	
Wednesday 16th Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am COTTINGLEY Special Intention: Sheila Patton	
Thursday 17th ST. ANTHONY	9.30am COTTINGLEY Austin Neary (LD)	
Friday 18th Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am BINGLEY with Yrs 3/4 Holy Souls in Purgatory	
2nd Sunday of the Year 19/20th January 2019	5.00pm [Vigil] BINGLEY	Ruth Albrow
	9.15am COTTINGLEY 11.15am BINGLEY	Ronnie Parker (A) John Kenefick (A)

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Feast of the EPIPHANY A LIGHT FOR ALL PEOPLES

5/6th January 2019

**The sight of the star filled
them with delight, and falling to
their knees they did him homage.**
(Matthew 2:11)

The BAPTISM OF THE LORD THE CHRISTIAN VOCATION

12/13th January 2019

**While Jesus after his baptism,
was at prayer, heaven opened and the
Holy Spirit descended on him
in bodily shape, like a dove.**

(Luke 3: 21-22)



**THE EPIPHANY & THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
5/6th January & 12/13th January**