

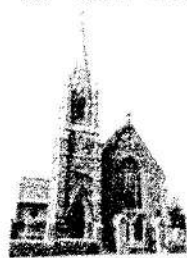
# Parish of St. Mary's

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Feast of the Epiphany - 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

This Weekend: January 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup>

7.00p.m John Sweeney and Tom McCormack,  
Liscahill.

10.00a.m No Intention

12noon Joe Reilly (First Anniversary).

*The Manor - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - No Intention.*

*Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.*

Next Weekend: January 12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup>

7.00p.m Seamus Smith

10.00a.m Robbie Muleady, Bracklin Road

12noon 1. Ned, Marie and Olive O'Reilly,  
Cranley.

2. Patrick and Helen Gilmartin, Tinenaire and  
deceased family members.

**Offertory Collection:** Sun Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> - €1,100. Thank you for your support of the Offertory Collection throughout the year which meets the expenses of the parish. Thank you too for your contributions to the six Dues Collections which provide an income for your priest.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** - Please pray for Thomas (Tom) Nugent, Devine Crescent who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescat in Pace.*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** resumes on Tues next - new members are always needed to take part in this prayer of Adoration of the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

1. The magi came from the east, hoping to meet Jesus and guided by a star. On your life's journey what are the hopes that inspire you, and what stars guide your steps? Name them for yourself.
2. The magi travelled together. Who have been your companions on life's journey? What has it been like when you have realized that you had companionship along the road? What made you conscious of that companionship? How was it demonstrated?
3. The magi lost sight of the star for a while. What clouds obscure the star that guides your life? Think of those to whom you have turned to get a renewed sense of direction. Perhaps some, like Herod, gave bad advice, but others were wise guides. Remember with particular gratitude those who warned you about dangers on the road and helped you set off with confidence on the right road again.
4. Eventually the magi had the joy of meeting Jesus. In the Epiphany we celebrate God made visible to all humanity. What encounters have you had in life that left you with the sense that God was in what had happened? How did these meetings help you as you, like the magi, 'returned to your own country'?

- John Byrne osa (INTERCOM)

### The Borrower

The people of the world have known,  
and still know, their need of a Saviour.  
When he comes, he comes as one in need.

He is born in a borrowed stable,  
and learns the trade of a borrowed father.

He eats and sleeps in borrowed homes,  
preaches from borrowed boats,  
enters his capital city on a borrowed donkey.  
He shares his last supper in a borrowed room.

Betrayed for borrowed money  
He is aided with his cross by a borrowed shoulder.  
Borrows a home for his mother, and is buried  
in a borrowed tomb.

Risen and alive in power, he is still a borrower:  
He wishes to borrow you and me.

**THE DEEP END:** The Wise Men were probably astronomers and philosophers, but most importantly they were 'seekers', looking to the skies for something that would bring them closer to God. They would have been familiar with the prophecy about a new King who would be a very powerful leader, and they may have been watching the skies for years, waiting for the right astronomical sign which would foretell His birth. Many astronomers have since tracked the skies from that period, to try to identify what 'star' the Wise Men could have seen. Some have identified Jupiter, not a star, which in 6bc was following that correct trajectory across the sky over many months. One must admire the faithful and determined journey that these Wise Men set out on, a journey which involved many risks. The Wise Men represent all peoples of all cultures and faiths who make such journeys in search of God.

We often look for signs in our own lives, especially when we are looking for answers. Let us have the courage to move out of our comfort zones in search of Jesus, just as the Wise Men did. They had no idea of what awaited them, but the Gospel speaks of their delight and joy when they arrived to that place.

'We often make do with looking at the ground ... I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky? Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?' - Pope Francis  
- Jane Mellett (INTERCOM)

### How beautiful is this!

*The elderly man in his eighties, hurried to his doctor appointment at 8am. He wanted to finish quickly because he must be somewhere by nine. The doctor asked what the next appointment was. He proudly said that at 9am every morning he is at the hospital to eat breakfast with his wife. The doctor asked in what condition his wife was in. The man said that his wife had Alzheimers disease, and for the past 5 years she hasn't known who he is. The doctor was surprised and asked the man why he continues to go faithfully if she has no idea who he is....the old man replied, "because I still know who she is."*

**STREETE PARISH PARK FUN RUN / WALK** in aid of St Christopher's Services takes place on Sun Jan 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00 p.m. No registration fees - donations welcome. All ages welcome, refreshments and raffle on the day.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Mikie Doyle, Monica Coyle.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Betty Mulhaire, Ruth McKeon.

Sunday 12 noon: Cora Murphy, Sarah Jane Murphy.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford, Sr Dymna Kelly,  
Mairead Fulham.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Ita Farrell, John Cahill.

Sunday 12 noon: Kate O'Donoghue, Emma O'Reilly,  
Siobhan Campbell.

- Fr Tom Healy PP -