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**Newsletter for the week commencing 5th/6th January 2019**

**The Epiphany of the Lord (C)**

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

In a magnificent text Isaiah describes how the nations of the world and all their riches would converge towards the Temple in Jerusalem. The people are invited to exult before the glory of God that is arising.

**PSALM RESPONSE** 6pm & 8.30am: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

                                  10.30am: Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, and all peoples shall walk by your light.

**Second Reading: St. Paul to the Ephesians 3: 2–3, 5–6**

Paul writes that the mystery that was kept hidden from past generations of people concerns the entry of Gentiles into the community of believers.

**Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12**

The Magi led by a star reach Herod’s palace to inquire about the Child. After all the drama that took place before Herod and getting no assistance, the Magi are divinely guided to the new-born Child.

**Father John writes:**

I expect many of you can remember how we used to talk about the ‘faithful’ and their ‘priest’. It was a way of making a distinction between the priest and people. But today we hesitate to use those terms for that purpose, as both priest and people are equally called to be faithful to the Lord. I am sure you noticed how, at Christmas, St Andrews was full, and sometimes overflowing into the hall at each Mass. Many of the people were visitors from elsewhere, but also many of them were local Catholics, who choose to attend only once or twice a year. We must pray for them that they may hear the call to be truly faithful during the rest of the year. We don’t know their history or their circumstances, but whenever we get a chance to reach out to them in support and friendly welcome, we are helping them to feel wanted and maybe also help them to become truly the ‘faithful’.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased: -** Anthony Whatley RIP

**Those ill or infirm: -** Alan Davis, John & Marjorie Dumbleton

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: -** Helen Miller, Violet Braden, Margaret Thornton, Mary Jones, John Symons, Howard Wickham, Dorothy Newell, Margaret Salmon, Joyce Thomas, Christine Wood, Julie Elliott and Clemens Heinrichsmeier.

**Next week’s events and activities**

**Requiem of Anthony Whatley at St Andrews, Wednesday 11am.**  Anthony and Sandra came to Tenterden in 1998 and attended Mass at St Andrews, but he was in a local Care Home for the last five years of his life. Please remember them in your prayers and come to Requiem Mass on this coming Wednesday.

**Tenterden and District Christian Breakfast Meetings** – open to all.

The first meeting of the year will be held on **12th January** at St Mildred’s Church Hall between 8.30 and 10.30am. The cost is £10 including a full breakfast! The speaker will be **Julie Lupton** and she will be talking about the **Malawi Association for Christian Support**.

See the list in the porch for details of forthcoming meetings.

Society for the protection of unborn children (SPUC) -collection after Mass for donations Sunday 13th January (the Baptism of the Lord)

The annual octave of **prayer for Christian Unity** starts Friday 18th January.

Tuesday        Mother's Prayers Group meets in the Parish Room at 4.30pm; all mothers cordially invited.

Wednesday  Choir Practice at 7.00pm

Thursday       Ladies Coffee Morning meets in the Hall at 11.30am. Next meeting will be on January 24th when there will be a discussion on the future of the group. All ladies invited to attend.

**Next week’s services**

**The Epiphany of the Lord (C)**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 5th January  | Feria | 6pm Vigil Mass of Sunday – welfare of Eric Booth |
| Sunday | 6th January | The Epiphany of the Lord C | 8.30am Mass10.30am Mass |
| Monday | 7th January | St Raymond | 10am Mass |
| Tuesday | 8th January  | Feria | 10am Mass |
| Wednesday | 9th January | 11am Requiem Mass | **11am** Requiem Mass &Funeral for Anthony Whatley RIP followed by burial at Tenterden Cemetery |
| Thursday | 10th January | Feria | 9am Mass |
| Friday | 11th January | Feria | 10am Mass – Clemens Heinrichsmeier RIP - followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 12th January | Feria | 10.00 to 10.45am Reconciliation6pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 13January | The Baptism of the Lord | 8.30am Mass10.30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities: 12/13th January**

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|  | **6pm Saturday** | **8.30am Sunday** | **10.30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Pat Sargent | Alexander Wilson | Kathleen Bishop |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Elena PeckMaria Milton | Liz DumbletonRani Thomas |
| **Flowers** | Frances Lawrence | **Cleaners** | Liz and David Green |

**Kent Kindness**

There is a notice on the noticeboard in the porch about this small charity which works to support young

16-17-year-old male asylum seekers and refugees by giving them the skills to get by in the UK.

Please take a few moments to read the poster and think about whether **you** could help.