

# Services This Week

## Sacred Heart

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Eucharistic Service**  
12.00 noon

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

**No Service**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

**Eucharistic Service**  
12.00 Noon

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**No Service**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January

**(Exposition 11.30 a.m.)**  
**Mass 12.00 noon**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January

11.00 a.m.  
6.15 p.m.(Vigil)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE**  
**LORD**  
10.30 a.m.

## St Anne's

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
12.30 p.m.

# Sacred Heart & St. Anne's Parish Newsletter

The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025



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### MESSAGE FROM FR. JIM:

**TODAY'S FEAST**, brought forward from Monday, commemorates the visit of the Magi to the stable in Bethlehem, bearing gifts for the infant Jesus of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The word 'Epiphany' means 'revelation' or 'manifestation' and here refers to the revealing of Jesus to the world.

Such is the importance of this feast that in some countries, notably in the Eastern Orthodox Church, the full celebration of Christmas is delayed until this day. Also In Spain and South America it is traditional to exchange Christmas presents on this 'Three Kings Day'.

Unlike the custom in the material world, the Church's Christmas season does not end with Twelfth Night but continues until next Sunday when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. With this in mind, our crib and Christmas tree will remain in place until then.

**2025 –As noted in previous newsletters, this is designated by Pope Francis as a Jubilee Year and a Year of Hope**, when we

are all urged to be 'pilgrims of hope' and encouragement to all with whom we come in contact, striving to bring reconciliation, peace and harmony in a world suffering from the impact of war, the ongoing effects of the Covid pandemic and climate crisis.

## **FEASTS OF THE WEEK:**

(No major saints'-days are commemorated during this week.)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Olive Mary Wright, Fr. Flor O'Donoghue (former curate at Sacred Heart), Mary Miller, Ken Talbot, Walter Calvert, Teresa Mary Evans, John Stanley Fletcher, John Joseph Murray, Leslie Reed, Arthur Nield, Nancy Pritchard, Rose McGarry, James Byrne, Nina Regan, Theresa Regan, Mary Catherine Clegg, Mary Ashworth, Con Dineen, Joan Goodbier, William Scahill, James Carr, Claire Warland. May they rest in peace. We continue to remember in our prayers Anita Monk whose funeral service was held on Friday. Lord, grant her eternal rest in your heavenly kingdom.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers Pat Garswood and Brian Stockdale, both recovering from recent surgical procedures, and all who are unwell at this time. Heal your servants, Lord, who are sick and send them help and comfort from your holy place.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025:** An Ecumenical Service will be held at Larmenier Retirement Village Chapel on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30 p.m. followed by refreshments. The event is under the auspices of Churches Together and we have been sent an invitation to take part. The theme of the service is 'Do you believe this?' There is an illustrative poster on the notice-board.

**COLLECTIONS:** Christmas Offertory £755.65 (Sacred Heart £652.75; St Anne's £102.90). Many thanks for your very generous offerings. Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> December : Offertory £376.65 (Sacred Heart £289.60; St Anne's £87.05). Parish Pound (Sacred Heart) £108.95. Thank you.

**'RIPPLE OF HOPE':** A further £280 has been banked in our Skipton B.S. savings account. This comprised £75 from the Christmas sale at Larmenier, £50 from the church Christmas quiz, £5 from the church box and £150 in private donations. December bank-interest of £12.91 has been added to the account, bringing the balance up to £5,331.82. Very many thanks to all our supporters and best wishes for the New Year.

**'LIVING FAITH':** Copies of this favourite bedside booklet of daily reflections and short prayers, covering January – March – are now available at the back of the church (just 50p).

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTAS** (Sacred Heart) : The new rotas for 2025 are now available for collection from the sacristy.

**PARISH LUNCH:** The first lunch of the new year will be served on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January from 12.30 p.m. in the Parish Room. The list for names is on the notice-board or you can book your place(s) by simply phoning 580443. If you haven't attended one of these very relaxed social gatherings before, why not start the new year by coming along to this one? A warm welcome awaits.

**BINGO** resumes in the Parish Room on Thursday afternoon this week from 2.00 p.m. Please note the earlier start-time.

**KNIT 'N' NATTER** group will meet tomorrow (Monday) afternoon from 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Room.

**BOOK-CLUB:** New for 2025 – a proposal from Wendy Parsons to set up a book-club with monthly meetings in the Parish Room. The idea is for the group to read a chosen book each month and then gather to share their thoughts and assessment of the book in a relaxed atmosphere with tea / coffee provided. Members will decide on a convenient afternoon or evening (probably a Tuesday or Wednesday) for the feedback sessions. If you are interested, please sign the list on the notice-board or have a word with Wendy. It is hoped to begin in February.

**JUBILEE PRAYER:** Below is an extract from the Jubilee Prayer (the full version can be found on the rear flap of the new edition of 'Living Faith' available from the back of the church).

*May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you, our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever. AMEN.*