

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Feast of the Epiphany—6th January 2019



THE DEEP END: 'We observed his star at his rising'

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. *Jane Mellett*

'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

NEW YEAR PRAYER

Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings
Amen.



Many thanks to all who supported **GOAL's annual Christmas Day Mile** in the Phoenix Park. Your generous donations raised €7891.62 for **GOAL's** humanitarian work in developing countries.

Monday Morning Meditation resumes - 7th January

Eucharistic Adoration:
Tues & Fri day
after the 10am Mass

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP
resumes 14th January

Please Welcome our
recently baptised
**Cara, Patrick, Fiadh, Naomi,
Sinead, Gerard & James**



READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (13TH)

7pm: Kathleen Brennan
9am: John McNulty
10.30: Eamon Burke
12 noon: Brian Santry
7pm: Helen Devanney-Power

Intentions	6th January	13th January
Sat. 7pm	Noel Collins Gerry Cahill	Kathleen Mooney
Sun 9am	Caitriona Farrell	John & Ellen Hyland
10.30am	James Mary, Eddie & Millie Fay	Kitty & Liam McCarthy
12 noon	Joan O'Keeffe	Sheila & Patrick Fitzpatrick Sheila Kavanagh
7pm	Rose & Richard Harrison James & Agnes Griffin	Frank Powell MM, Jim Powell, Breda Roche & Alan Muldowney

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