

## St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church

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Fáilte! Bienvenue! Witajcie! Merhba! Mabuhay! Bienvenidos! Benvenuto! Croeso! Welcome to all!



*The Adoration of the Magi, Andrea Mantegna (circa 1431-1506)*

### **Scriptures at Mass: The Epiphany of the Lord**

The prophet Isaiah cheers the exiles who returned from Babylon with a vision of a restored city. The prophecy is fulfilled in Christ and in the new Israel, the Church. (Isaiah 60:1-6)

The second reading expresses the theological meaning of today's feast; God invites Jews and Gentiles to share in the salvation brought by Christ. (Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6)

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

### **Parish Mass Book pages 115-118 Prayer of the Church: Week 2**

**Prayer for Vocations** *Loving God, you love me and you know me better than I know myself. Give me the grace to live out your call to me in this life and to rejoice with you forever in the next. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen*

**David Bateman** is on placement with us until 25<sup>th</sup> January. David is in his second year of formation for the priesthood at St Mary's College, Oscott. **Larry Murawski**, of Fareham Parish, will be with us this weekend as part of his formation for the permanent diaconate. **Nick O'Neill**, our own deacon in formation, will visit the parishes in Havant Pastoral Area for one weekend a month as part of his ongoing preparation. Keep them in your prayers, please.

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**Lectio Divina** 7.30 pm Wednesdays, Jan Salvesen-Sawh, 0784 656 3935

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January, Christmastide**

5 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

6 pm Mass Margaret Powdesly RIP

**The Epiphany of the Lord, 6<sup>th</sup> January**

10 am Mass for the intentions of the people

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January, Liturgy of the Day**

10 am Mass Fr David Goddard RIP

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, Liturgy of the Day**

6.30 pm Mass for the Parish

*followed by Evangelisation Strategy Group meeting*

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, Liturgy of the Day**

10 am Mass David & Maureen Todd's intentions

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January, Liturgy of the Day**

10 am Mass for Vocations

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January, Liturgy of the Day**

10 am Mass intentions of Colin & Marie

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January, St Aelred**

5 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

6 pm Mass Carole Welch RIP

with the baptism

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January, Baptism of the Lord**

10 am Mass for all those baptised at St Michael's

*Fr John Lavers celebrates this Mass.*

**Please pray** for all who are ill. We also pray for the repose of the soul of Owen Greer RIP, brother of Marie MacDonald.

**Unwanted Christmas Gift Sale** Please feel welcome to donate any unwanted gifts you have to the parish! A sale will be held on the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> January. A box is available in the working sacristy.

**Weekly Collection: thank you** for your donations for Christmas and for the Feast of the Holy Family. We also thank the kind team who count the collection for us each week and Martin McGranaghan, Chairman of our Finance Committee, for co-ordinating this.

**Missio Red Boxes** Liam Hutchings the Promoter, writes, with thanks: *The final figure for collections from the Red Boxes (Mill Hill Fathers) was £600.65. The parish has again responded generously in giving help and hope where they are most needed.*

**Crib offerings** for the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre:  
£52.32

**Havant Passion Play** Jacky Chong speaks about this at our Masses this weekend.

**The Journey of the Magi by T. S. Eliot**

A poem for the Feast of Epiphany; you might like to read this aloud with your family or friends.

*'A cold coming we had of it,  
Just the worst time of the year  
For the journey, and such a long journey:  
The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter.'  
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,  
Lying down in the melting snow.  
There were times we regretted  
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.  
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling  
And running away, and wanting their liquor and  
women,  
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,  
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly  
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:  
A hard time we had of it.  
At the end we preferred to travel all night,  
Sleeping in snatches,  
With the voices singing in our ears, saying  
That this was all folly.  
Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,  
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;  
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the  
darkness,  
And three trees on the low sky,  
And an old white horse galloped away in the  
meadow.  
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the  
lintel,  
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,  
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins,  
But there was no information, and so we continued  
And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon  
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory  
All this was a long time ago, I remember,  
And I would do it again, but set down  
This set down  
This: were we led all that way for  
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,  
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and  
death,  
But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death,  
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,  
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
With an alien people clutching their gods.  
I should be glad of another death.*

