



# The Parishes of

## St. Margaret Ward

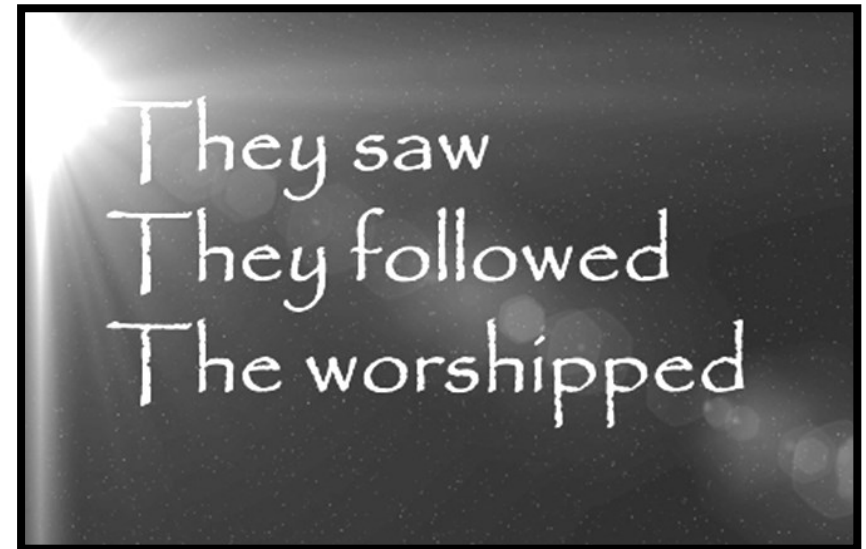
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## All Saints

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## Our Lady of Lourdes

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### Newsletter The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading	Isaiah	60:1-6
Psalm	Psalm	71:1-2.7-8.10-13.R.cf.v11
Second Reading	St Paul	3:2-3.5-6
Gospel	Matthew	2:1-12

Parish Priest: Father Ned Wall. The Presbytery, 164, Carrington Lane  
Permanent Deacons: Anthony Caffrey and John Conway  
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	St. Margaret Ward	All Saints	Our Lady of Lourdes
The Epiphany of the Lord			
Sat 2nd	5.30 pm Teresa Moran		
Sun 3rd		9.30 am Fabian Gaughan RIP (Birthday Anniversary)	11.00 am Adam Flowers
Sun 3rd		5.00 pm Peter Bailey	
Mon 4th	9.15 am Eucharistic Service	Eucharistic Service	No Service
Tues 5th	9.15 am Eucharistic Service	No Service	7:30 pm Eucharistic Service
Wed 6th	9.15 am Eucharistic Service	7.30 pm Eucharistic Service	12.15 pm Eucharistic Service
Thurs 7th	7.30 pm Eucharistic Service	No Service	No Service
Frid 8th	9.15 am Eucharistic Service	9.15 am Eucharistic Service	12.15 pm Sr Therese Curran
The Baptism of the Lord (C)			
Sat 9th	5.30 pm Sr Vivina Dede		
Sun 10th		9.30 am Maureen Keys	11.00 am Marie Hill (Int)
Sun 10th		5.00 pm Eamonn O Donnell	

**REFLECTION**

The "Epiphany" of Jesus, his revelation to the world, was accompanied by the offering of three gifts, each of which symbolised a different aspect of the divine/human saviour.

Frankincense is offered to Jesus, the Son of God, the eternal Word of the Father, who is worshipped with the Father and the Spirit. Gold is offered to Jesus, the King of the human race, the summit of creation. Myrrh is offered to the divine/human saviour of the world, who suffered and died for the salvation of all.

Jesus continues to be revealed in our own day. He is revealed as the Word of God, speaking to us in the marvellous workings of nature, in the achievements of the human spirit, and in the dialogue between Church and world. He is revealed to us as King in every victory over ignorance, alienation, and powerlessness. He is revealed to us as the Suffering Messiah in the heart and face of every poor person, every stranger, every wanderer living in a back alley, or under a bridge, every person victimised by others.

"His glory has shone among us" We have only to recognise him and to do what the Magi did in his presence: "They prostrated themselves and did him homage."

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**Psalm:**

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
We saw his star as it rose  
and have come to do the Lord homage.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon :**

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

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**Next Week s Readings:**

First Reading	Isaiah	40:1-5.9-11
Psalm	Psalm	103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30.R.v1
Second Reading	St Paul	2:11-14.3:4-7
Gospel	Luke	3:15-16.21-22

# **HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

***Do not be afraid about the future - instead, give everything over to God in prayer:-***

*Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart*

*Philippians 4:6, (GNT)*

**ALL PARISHES**

**ALL SAINTS BIDDING PRAYERS**

Many thanks to everyone who signed up to contribute bidding prayers.

The rota for January is:

- 3rd The Donne family
- 10th Kath Farmer
- 17th Kaye Groves
- 24th Irene Patterson
- 31st The Moley family

Please submit your contribution by the Friday before the Sunday either directly to the parish office or via email at [parishes3@yahoo.com](mailto:parishes3@yahoo.com). A full list of all contributors from January through to March 2016 can be found on the noticeboard at the back of church and on the three parishes website.

**MONDAY CLUB**

The Monday Club re-opens on Monday (4th January) at 2.00 pm in the Parish Centre We will enjoy our usual social gathering and have an informal chat about the Programme for the first months of the year

Remember, all are welcome'

**A GREAT YEAR FOR TRADCRAFT**

2015 started with Traidcraft's 'Fair Necessities Appeal'. Your stall was able to send £400 accumulated profit from previous years. Then there was a 'Big Brew' in March which raised a further £400, so a total donation of £800 was sent from the parish. Over the year we have ordered £2,680 worth of goods which reflects our ongoing commitment to hard-pressed producers all over the world. There are communities thriving and children attending school because of this support.

A huge 'Thank You' to all our customers and to the volunteers who run the stall every week.

**ST MARGARET WARD**

The next meeting of the Christian Meditation Group is Tuesday, January 5th at St Margaret Ward.