

**PARISH OF THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY
CHURCHES OF ST. STEPHEN AND
ALL SAINTS**
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Parish of the Most Blessed Trinity
The Epiphany of the Lord B,
7th January 2024



| All Saints | | St. Stephen's | |
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| Monday | 7.30 p.m. Mass/Novena | Tuesday | 10.00 a.m. Mass |
| Wednesday | 9.30 a.m. Mass | Wednesday | 10.00 a.m. Mass |
| Friday | 9.30 a.m. Mass | Thursday | 10.00 a.m. Mass |
| Saturday | 4.30 p.m. Vigil Mass | Saturday | 5.30 p.m. Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 10.30 a.m. Mass | Sunday | 12.15 p.m. Mass |
| Sunday | 5.30 p.m. Mass | | |

FEAST DAYS
Monday 8th January The Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of Christmastime.
Saturday 13th January St. Kentigern.
THE EPIPHANY
“They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh”. ~*Matthew 2:10-11*
The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this “new star,” they chose to follow it to discover the new King. The word “Epiphany” means “manifestation” and this is the moment when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world. The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that symbolise the Christ-child’s divinity, his eternal kingship and his destiny to be our Saviour by his death on the cross.
Most glorious Christ Child, the Father in Heaven honoured Your birth by placing a star over the place where you lay. Through that new star, Your divine presence was made manifest to the world in the Magi who responded with faith and worship. Please manifest Yourself to me within my own soul where You wish to be born, and give me the love and zeal I need to follow the example of the Magi, offering You my own gifts in adoration and trust. Jesus, I trust and adore You.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Christmastide ends with the Feast of the Lord’s Baptism celebrated on Monday. Ordinary Time begins on Tuesday and is devoted to the unfolding of the mystery of Christ in all its aspect. Green is the colour of ordinary liturgical time representing the freshness and eternal relevance of the Gospel message reflected in the evergreen foliage of nature.
St. MARGARET’S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE SOCIETY will receive the donations made at the Crib.

Anniversary of Sr. Frances 7th January.
May God grant eternal rest to our dear Sr Frances, who laboured for so many years in Christ’s vineyard of St Stephen’s, may her family, friends and fellow parishioners know Christ’s comfort and the assurances of our Catholic faith.
THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE is on 8th January 2024, the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. A special collection will be taken up for Justice and Peace this weekend.

Note about Monklands Hospital:
“Our Chaplains and Eucharistic Ministers want to offer all Catholic patients Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick during their stay in hospital. To enable this, it is very important to inform the nursing staff working on your or your loved one’s ward so that they can let the Chaplaincy team know to visit.”
Registration for School
Children living in the catchment area for **St. Patrick’s Primary** who will be 5 years of age between **1st March 2024 and 29th February 2025** should be registered for school during week commencing **Monday 15th January 2024.**
Please bring your child on any of the following dates/times to enrol them at St. Patrick’s Primary School:
Monday 15th January - 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Tuesday 16th January - 9.30am - 10.30am & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Wednesday 17th January - 11am - 12o’clock
Thursday 18th January - 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Please bring the following documents to enrol your child:
♦ **Birth Certificate,**
♦ **Current Council Tax bill as proof of address.** If you do not have this, a replacement can either be downloaded from NLC website or obtained from a One Stop Shop
♦ **Your child’s Baptismal Certificate, if available**
A member of our management team will meet with you to complete the necessary paperwork. Parents/Carers wishing to make a placing request for their child should enrol at their catchment school and submit a placing request for the school they wish their child to attend. Placing requests should be made online at <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/placing-requests>

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins on 18th January 2024. The chosen theme is ‘**You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself**’ (Lk 10:27). Brothers and sisters from the Catholic Archdiocese of Ouagadougou, Protestant Churches, ecumenical bodies and the CCN in Burkina Faso collaborated generously in drafting the prayers and reflections. They experienced their work together as a real path of ecumenical conversion