

Day	Time and Place	Intention	Donor
Epiphany 8 th January	9.30am	People of the Parish	HC
10 th January	6.30pm	November List (Ashton)	HC
11 th January	9.15am	November List (xc)	HC

Sunday readings are for the Epiphany which are always the same. The weekday readings are for Monday to Saturday after the Epiphany.

Feasts of the Week: Monday - The Baptism of the Lord
Friday - St. Hilary

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Margaret Wilkinson, Marian Walker, Austin Bolton, Frederick Turner, Richard Holden, Ellen Ibison, Sarah Smith and Frederick Young.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
9 th January		School	School re-opens
11 th January	7.30pm	Presbytery	Property Group Meeting
15 th January	9.30am	Church	Family Mass
18 th January	5.30pm	Presbytery	W Y A Programme No. 3
18 – 25 th January			Week of prayer for Christian Unity
22 nd January	3.00pm	Trinity Methodists	BVCT Unity Service
29 th January	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
24 th January	7.00pm	School	Parish Pastoral Group Meeting
3 rd February	7.30pm	Church	Women's World Day of Prayer
5 th February	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
13 th – 21 st Feb.		School	Half Term
26 th February	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
5 th March	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
8 th March	5.30pm	Presbytery	W Y A Programme No 4
12 th March	9.30am	Church	Family Mass
19 th March	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
26 th March	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
9 th – 16 th April		Church	Holy Week and Easter



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The Epiphany of the Lord 8th January, 2017

Parish Mission Statement

Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron, St. Francis, seeks to be a welcoming Catholic Community, by living, sharing and growing in faith. We strive to deepen our own relationship with Christ and meet the needs of others.



This Sunday: Christ is revealed to the Wise Men who sought him. Wise people still seek and find Jesus. He is the one who is the truest light and guide through our lives.

School Governing: Two foundation governors are needed for our school. They should be from our parish community. Governing schools is a most important ministry. Please contact myself if you would like to know more. We need to fill these posts if we are to keep our Catholicity in the school.
Fr. Philip

Parish Pastoral Council: meets on the 24th January. If parishioners have any matter to bring up, please give details either to myself or to Mr. Chris Moran, the Chair. Fr. Philip

Many Hands Make Light Work: Our parish is successful. But the parish is short of people to run it. We need more people to be actively engaged in parish life.

At the Christmas Vigil we saw our parish fully alive and vitally engaged. I hope we all felt part of the parish family as we welcomed the birth of the saviour into our world and our lives. But there is more to being a parish than the Christmas Mass. The work of the people in making the parish run successfully continues throughout the year in many ways. Of course it is very difficult for many to offer their time constantly. I understand in the complications of everyday life. That is why it is vital that there are more people who will assist in the various works of the parish. They will, by arrangement with others involved, share their ministry. Thus nobody is overburdened or feels they can't take a break. We need Eucharistic Ministers, an assistant sacristan, helpers in the music ministry, helpers for the First Communion and Confirmation programmes; children's liturgy leaders, helpers to maintain the grounds and the parish property, an assistant Newsletter editor, a volunteer parish secretary, Holy Communion and Confirmation course assistants, assistant accountants and cashiers, two governors for the school, also ladies to help with the flowers, experience not essential. I would dearly like to start a baptism preparation programme for those bringing children to baptism. There is so much help needed.

The rewards are great. There is a sense of purpose and a satisfaction in doing God's work. Take the plunge if you feel you can help, and speak to me. Fr. Philip

Anniversary List: We remember our dead each week at the Sunday mass. We are all part of the family of faith, whether living in this world or in the world to come. The saints in heaven are our friends; the dead we have known are just a prayer away. The present Sunday list is getting over long. It includes those buried in our cemetery or those connected with the parish that have died since 1930. Unless members of the parish object, I will prune the list to start with those who have died since 1960. This later date will include, I believe, the greater part of those we have known.

If any parishioner wants any other persons to be mentioned on a particular weekend, they should include them by sending the names at least a week beforehand to our newsletter Editor, Mrs Margaret Corbett or myself. Fr. Philip

W Y A Communion Programme: we restart the programme at 5.30pm on Wednesday, 18th January. Please pray for our 10 children who are due to make their First Communion on the feast of Corpus Christi on the 18th June. Please also note one alteration in the programme. The May session will be at 5.30 pm on Wednesday, 17th May, rather than 10th May. The 10th May is a difficult week, being SATS week in the schools. Fr. Philip.

Children's Liturgy: The Liturgy dates are published in the timetable on the back of this Newsletter, together with the Family mass days. The first Family Mass this year is on the 15th January.

Over 60? Deepen Your Faith: The Catholic Catechetical organisation CAFÉ has produced a discussion course on faith for the over 60's. Would anybody be interested in doing this course over the Lent? It will make a fitting Lenten study. It could be held either in the presbytery or at a private house if more convenient. Please contact me. Fr. Philip

Presbytery: 'Presbytery' means the place where the priest or presbyter lives. But I guess it is not well understood. Would it be better to change the name to St. Francis Parish House? Your views please. Fr. Philip.

Vocation Intercession: That our young people will learn to open the treasure of their unique vocation through prayer and adore Christ the King by their faithfulness to His call, we pray to the Lord.

Next Cleaning and Gardening Day: Saturday, 28th January.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits available after the Sunday Mass.

All parishioners, friends and visitors are very welcome to join us.