

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH  
WORSHIPPING AT  
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**Saturday 4th  
Sunday 5th**

**6.00pm. Vigil Mass The Epiphany of the Lord  
9.30am. Sunday Mass**

Tuesday 7th

10.00am Eucharistic Service  
St Raymond of Penyafort P

Wednesday 8th

10.00am Mass

Thursday 9th

Exposition and Benediction 5.45pm - 6.25pm  
Mass 6.30pm.

Friday 10th

Mass 10.00am.

Saturday 11th

11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Ab	Abbott
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	R	Religious
	V	Virgin

**Saturday 11th  
Sunday 12th**

**6.00pm. Vigil Mass The Baptism of the Lord  
9.30am. Sunday Mass**

**This Feast Day is the close of the Christmas Season.**



When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Luke 2:1-12

**Gold:**  
To show his Kingship. He is Lord.

**Frankincense:**  
To show his Divinity. He is God.

**Myrrh:**  
A burial spice to show his humanity.  
He is man.

**Please note that the parish office now has a new phone number 01282 942308.**

## Friendship and Bereavement group

This will be on Wednesday 8th of January after Mass (approximately 10.30).

## Christmas Decorations in Church

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the decorating of the Church for Christmas and with the "heavy lifting". We are now looking for help to take everything down! The church will be open on Monday, the 13th of January between 10.00 and 12 noon. Please come along to help and to claim any contributions you made. There will also be an opportunity to pick up your items between 11.15 am and 12 noon on Sunday 12th and again for a short time after 10.00 am Mass on Tuesday the 14th. Once again, many thanks.

## Rota for Welcomers

A new rota for welcomers is on the website and on the sacristy noticeboard. Please check when you are needed and note it. If you are unable to complete, then it is your responsibility to ask someone else on the rota to do it.

*Happy New Year.*

*May 2025 bring Peace and Blessings  
to you and all whom you love.*

Dear Parishioners,

Another year comes to its close and another one begins. Who knew what the last one would hold and who knows what we shall experience in the months to come?

Once thing we are sure of, is that we are the People of God. He loves us and he is always here, eagerly awaiting our invitation for him to enter our lives, to give us his love, his peace and his blessing.

Here in the Good Shepherd Parish we are blessed with a beautiful church which lends itself to the liturgical celebrations which don't just remind us of the presence of God, but actually brings us into his presence and enables him to come to us in very real ways in his Word and in his Sacraments. But there is more.

Jesus promised us that where two or three are gathered in his name, he is there among them. The fact that we have a beautiful place to meet is fine, but counts for nothing if we do not assemble in it to make Jesus Christ a reality in this place simply by our presence and our sharing of Faith and Worship. But there is more.

Today's Feast of the Epiphany reminds us that Jesus came for the stranger and those who were seeking but did not know him, but who were overjoyed to be able to recognise him when they found him. With his presence amongst us and within us, we must take him to others and allow them to find him through us.

May God bless you all for your participation in the life of the Catholic Church in this area and for the work you do in supporting this parish in so many generous ways.

Happy New Year. Fr. Peter.