



If you look in the crib you will see some new exotic-looking characters. Already shepherds are there, worshipping the baby Jesus. Now people known as ‘Magi’ join them. They were pagan astrologers – wise men – who had come from the East – probably from Babylon. We’re not told how many came, but traditionally there were three of them, on account of the number of their gifts.

What a contrast they made with the shepherds! The shepherds would have been poor and unlettered Jews who had been grazing their sheep on the nearby hills. Angels had led them to the manger.

In contrast, we have the pagan magi who had come from afar. They were scholars, whose natural curiosity and wisdom had set them out on a journey, which led them to Christ. But to find Him they needed more than natural wisdom. God had inspired them to follow the star, and they needed the revelation of Scripture, explained by the Jewish authorities, to enable them to complete their journey.

At the manger we see both Jews and pagans, rich and poor. They represent all of us, regardless of our colour, race, class or religion. The Son of God shared our human life, lived among us and died for everyone. Though each of us has a different starting point Jesus reaches out to all of us. As He draws us to Himself He builds on what we already have; He comes to us where we are and leads us to where we should be.

To find Christ and to follow Him we need the courage and integrity of the Magi, who set out on a journey into the unknown.

We’re told that the Magi came with gifts. The gold is seen as representing Christ’s kingship, the frankincense His priesthood and the myrrh His burial. These would come together and find their fulfilment in Christ’s Passion. Then He would fulfil the hope of salvation of both the Jews and pagans, represented at the manger.

Today’s feast celebrates the infant Jesus being shown to the pagan world as king and saviour of all peoples.

The feast of the Epiphany gives hope to all of us, no matter who we are.

Jesus comes to us as we are, where we are, and calls us to follow him to his heavenly kingdom. The Magi heard and said ‘Yes’ to that call. And when they found Jesus they silently adored him.

Since this is a season for giving presents, let us, with the shepherds and magi, welcome Christ’s gift of Himself to each one of us. And let us give ourselves to Him in silent adoration and loving service.

Fr Isidore O.P.

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% &	The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.
' () Missale&	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Ordinary of the Mass, p 13; Asperges, p 41 •Sung setting: Missa cum Jubilo, p 208 Credo III, p 216 •The Proper of the Mass, p 59
!)&	Isaiah 60: 1-6
' & \$ *	(Ps 72)
!)&	Ephesians 3:2-3a.5-6
&	We have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship the Lord.
+ &	Matthew 2: 1-12
" &	We have seen his star in the east and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.
, -. / "" *	In addition to the Masses listed in the schedule on p 3, Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from / " 0 *

" " that there will be no 10am Mass on Monday as it is a Bank Holiday. Masses will be at 8am and 12.30pm only, after which the church will be closed. Normal services will resume on Tuesday, and there will be an 1 / \$ 2 , at 6pm, sung, in the older form, celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

. 3 % * " / 4 We are getting low on helpers to organise the drinks once Mass is finished, and to help wash up afterwards. If you can spare some time to help in this way, and would like to spend a convivial half hour or so doing a very useful job, please volunteer your services to one of the people behind the counter.

, 5 %)) * You can now see the photographs of the consecration of the shrine: 165 photos in three albums. Click on the link on the home page, then double click on one of the photographs, and you can see a slide show of each album. There is also Fr Leon’s reflection “The Relevance of the Martyrs”. On the ‘Resources’ page there is Calendar of Parish Social Events, and a pdf with the entire content of .

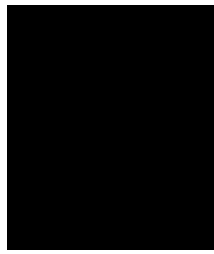
6 7 %8 \$ 1 * There will be a series of seminars on Thomas Aquinas and Contemporary Culture on Thursdays from 27 January to 3 March 2011. See noticeboards.

The Dominican Community wish all our parishioners and visitors a happy and holy Christmastide and New Year

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% * The NSPCC has a 24-hour helpline for use by anyone who is concerned about a child. See noticeboard, and there are small cards available by the doors with the number – 0808 800 5000, or use help@nspcc.org.uk.

% & " % * They are opening a new drop-in centre for asylum seekers for which they will need furniture and furnishings. Also there have been specific requests for a computer/laptop, mobile phone, fridge-freezer, scientific calculator and geometry set. If you can help with any of these things, please contact Gill Buttery, Development worker at leicester@cityofsanctuary.org or Refugee Action (Chancery House, 7 Millstone Lane).



%) % " % 9 1 8 will be given by Elizabeth Wayne with well-known local historians and musicians Richard Gill and Neil Crutchley. This is the President's Evening, and their talk is entitled "Let all the World in Every Corner Sing: Reflections on Hymns" on Friday 14 January. All are welcome. Meetings are held at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road (near Queens Road) at 7:30pm. The Theological Society is an ecumenical organisation, founded in 1959. Its aim is to provide a platform for serious theological debate which is both challenging to those with theological training and intelligible to the thinking lay person. The Society welcomes both new members and others who may find it more convenient to attend occasional meetings.

7 ! remains in urgent need of food donations to respond to the emergency needs of destitute asylum seekers in Leicester. To help, please leave your gifts after any Mass – non perishable goods such as tinned and dried foods are also mostly wanted. A full updated list of items may be seen on the noticeboard and in the Newsletter (26 December) on the parish website. Please keep giving generously to support these vulnerable people. Thank you.

) 2H@? \$ 3 . ' % 9 %) ') to Madrid in August 2011. Meet young Catholics from all over the world, celebrate our Faith with prayer, singing and catechesis, and enjoy the spirituality and culture of Spain. Contact Br Lawrence on wyd@english.op.org , visit www.madrid11.com and see noticeboard.

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 The Dominican Ordo for the liturgical year 2010/2011 may be ordered from this website: <http://www.lulu.com/product/paperback/op-or-do-2011/13999510>. Or you can download an electronic version from http://english.op.org/News_files/Ordo%20OP%202011.pdf.

Year 1	89 % 1 /	Psalter Week 2
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Thomas, & 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Isidore	
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Vigil	18.00 Helen & Keith Hallam's intentions & Anna Ryan	
	8.00 Gordon Mayes	
Family	9.30	
Solemn	11.00 Anne Potterton (sick)	
OP Rite	12.30 Winifred Dixon	
Students	17.00 / 1'	
	19.00 Jackie Hickey & family	
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	12.30 Nell & Nora Casserley (int)	
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	12.30 Morna Goggins & family (int)	
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	10.00 Peggy Harnedy	
	12.30 Bill Goggins (int)	
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	10.00 Bernie Daley (sick)	
	12.30 John & Phyllis Collopy (int)	
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	12.30 Bridie Horan (int)	
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	12.30 Stasia Fennelly	
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	Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7	Acts 10: 34-38
		Matthew 3: 13-17

. 9) % 8 9 7) * Have a look at the weekly blog created by Peter and Isidore Clarke OP. The blog address: <http://mywaygodsway.blogspot.com>.

) 3 % * Following the Papal visit, we have all been invited to continue the celebrations with a Year of Catholic Education. The Diocesan Education Service has picked out five main themes on which to base our activities for this year. These are " , " D % , > % , " % and . These themes are drawn together as 'The Angelus Project'. The Angelus links the five themes, and also provides a beautiful way for the Diocese as a whole, parishes, schools and other groups, to continue its follow-up to the Papal visit. Please take a prayer card from one of the tables by the entrances.

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 7.30 Lauds
 10.00 Mass
 12.30 Mass
 17.45 Vespers
 Old Rite Masses as announced.
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 10.30 Exposition until 12.30
 11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet,
 Rosary & Benediction
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 9.00 Lauds
 10.00 Mass
 10.30 Novena to Our Lady
 10.30 Confessions until 11.30
 12.30 Mass
 17.00 Confessions until 18.00
 17.45 Vespers
 18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday
 Old Rite Masses as announced.
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 18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass
 7.30 Lauds
 10.00 Mass
 12.30 Mass
 17.45 Vespers
 19.00 Mass
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 7.30 Lauds
 12.30 Mass, after which the
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 8.00 Mass
 9.00 Lauds
 9.30 Mass (Family)
 11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on
 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays)
 12.30 Mass (Old rite in Latin)
 17.00 Mass (for Students, term
 time only)
 17.45 Vespers
 18.00 Rosary
 18.20 Sung Latin Compline
 18.40 Benediction
 19.00 Mass
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 visits, ask ward staff to bleep
 the Roman Catholic Chaplain.
 For non-urgent visits leave
 message at the Priory or the LRI
 Chaplains' Office. Messages may
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