



**7<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.**

**The Epiphany of the Lord, B.**

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Charity registration number - SC002876

**Mass Times for the Week**

Monday 10.00a.m. The Baptism of the Lord.

Tuesday 10.00a.m. St. Basil and St. Gregory.

Wednesday 12 noon. Funeral service for Alex MacMillan.

Thursday No Mass.

Friday 12 noon. Requiem Mass for Joey MacDougall.

Saturday 10.00a.m. St. Kentigern.

Saturday Vigil 7.00p.m.

**Next Sunday Mass:** 10.30a.m. and 1.00p.m. St. Mary and St. Finnan, Glenfinnan. **Second Sunday of the Year, B.**

**Confessions:** Saturday 9.30-10.00 a.m. and 6.00-6.30 p.m.

In our prayers we remember the souls of all the Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries occur during the course of this week: Julia Gibson, Maud McHale, Ronald MacEachan, Bernard Dougan, Annie McKinney, Mary MacDonald. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

Today's **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord** is a revolutionary feast. Christ is revealed as the Saviour, not of a select group of people, but of all peoples. Jesus broke down the great barrier that existed between Jews and Gentiles. The word epiphany means a revelation, or literally "drawing back the veil." Like the Magi (Kings, wise men), on this feast we have come to worship the Christ-child. And again, like the Magi, we have to go back to our homes and get on with our ordinary lives. But hopefully we will see those lives differently. In the divine child, we see our own divinity.

Please let Fr. Roddy know if you have any family or relations who are **sick in hospital** or at home and who would appreciate a visit and the reception of Holy Communion.

The **Special Collection** this weekend on the Feast of the Epiphany, the Church's Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace, supports the Diocese's contribution to various Commissions of the Bishop's Conference of Scotland, in particular the Commission for Justice and Peace, and also the Commission for Pastoral and Social Care, which includes the National Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults, as well as the Scottish Catholic Inter-Diocesan Tribunal. All of these make a vital contribution to the Church's mission in Scotland in the areas of Justice and Peace and your generous support will be most welcome.

There will be an **ecumenical service** in St. John's on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00p.m. to celebrate Christian Unity week. People from various Christian churches throughout Lochaber will be present. Please show your support by coming along. There will be teas/coffees after the service.

The **Sick and the Housebound** of the parish will be visited during the course of this week.

Reflection:

"Christ's light was not lit once in Bethlehem and then extinguished. For over two thousand years his light has shone upon the world. And it will continue to shine on all who believe in him and follow him. The light of Christ is a persistent light, and has the power to draw people to its shining. It shines in the midst of disasters and upheavals. It is a defiant light, which no darkness can overpower. Its purpose is not to judge us, but to show us the way to the Father's kingdom. God has called us out of darkness into the wonderful light of his Son. We must live as children of the light. So, let us imitate the Magi, and walk in the light of the Lord.! (Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB).