



Parish Newsletter

St Fillan's, King St, Newport-on-Tay

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Queen St,

Tayport



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The Epiphany of the Lord 8th January 2023

Year: A (1) Psalm Week: 1 Liturgical colour: white

First reading: *Isaiah 60:1-6. Above you the glory of the Lord appears.*

Responsorial Psalm: *P71 (72) 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 All nations shall fall prostrate before you.*

Second reading: *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 7 The same promise to pagans.*

Gospel: *Matthew 2: 1-12 The Visit of the Magi.*

Holy Mass Times

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Saturday Vigil 5pm
Monday 10am Friday 10am

St Fillan's: Sunday Mass 10.15am
Wednesday 10am Thursday 10am

Mgr Pat's Corner

The Wise Men

The Wise Men are known as astrologers or philosophers from the East. They were certainly 'seekers', looking to the skies for signs and guidance; their hearts and minds set on finding God. These Wise Men embarked on an amazing journey, determined to find what they were looking for.

For Herod the thought of a new King, who might threaten his reign, forces him to call together all those considered to have authority on religious matters. He must find out who this King is. Herod is concerned with his power structures; the possibility of a new King is too much.

In contrast, the Wise Men are humbled before these leaders and genuinely seek to learn from them. They are open to what they see and hear. We are told, for example, that the sight of the star 'filled them with delight'.

This story has much to say to us today as we 'seek' out new insights or fresh manifestations of God.

As the Wise Men go '*into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary and, falling to their knees, they did him homage*'. This scene describes a moment of great joy, and of grace, and is in total contrast to Herod frantically calling the religious leaders together. God is found in the simple spaces.

The Wise Men represent all peoples, and all cultures, a clear message that God is for all regardless of nationality, culture and even faith. Today let us recall our own journeys to moments of epiphany, moments that led us to a new grace in our lives, a new stage of spiritual growth. What '*star*' had brought us there? What gifts did we leave? And what gifts did we receive in return?

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Special Prayers Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially for the Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who was buried last Thursday. Remember also those whose anniversaries fall around this time. Pray for those who are unwell and all those needing prayers this January, especially those in war-torn places. We think of those celebrating Christmas on the 7th January, far from home. We pray for those who step from leadership roles and those who take up new mantles of Authority. We thank God for all who are generous with their time and resources to help others.

GRAND TOTAL OF £480 RAISED BY OUR PARISH FOR SHELTER IN OUR CHRISTMAS BOXES. THANK YOU!

