

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK	
<b>Sunday 2nd January</b> Second Sunday of Christmas	<b>Mass at 11.00am</b> <i>Offered for Harry Robinson</i>
<b>Monday 3rd January</b>	
<b>Tuesday 4th January</b>	<b>Mass at 10.00am</b> <i>Offered for a Special Intention (Holcroft)</i>
<b>Wednesday 5th January</b>	
<b>Thursday 6th January</b> <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	<b>Mass at 10.00am</b> <i>Offered for Channel-crossing Refugees</i>
<b>Friday 7th January</b>	
<b>Saturday 8th January</b>	<b>Mass at 11.00am</b> <i>Offered for Billy Roberts</i> <b>Confessions at 11.30am</b> <b>Exposition from 11.30am to 12 noon</b>
<b>Sunday 9th January</b> The Baptism of the Lord	<b>Mass at 11.00am</b> <i>Offered for Father Matthew McEnroe</i> <i>Parish Priest from 1911 to 1922.</i> <i>Died 8th January 1960</i>

### THANK YOU FOR RECENT OFFERTORY DONATIONS

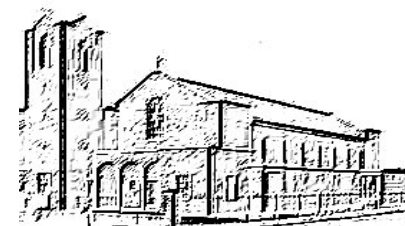
Offertory Donations on Sunday 19th December	£304.14
Offertory Donations on Christmas Eve and Day	£556.21
Offertory Donations on Sunday 26th December	£221.14

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## THE HOLY FAMILY PLATT BRIDGE

Sunday 2nd January 2022



### EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Please take a House Blessing Sticker from the back of church (take one for a friend too if you wish) to attach to your front door and to use to bless your home at the beginning of this New Year. The Blessing of Homes on the Feast of the Epiphany enjoys a long history. The inscription below is written or fixed on the house front door:

**20 \* C + M + B + 22**

The numerals at the beginning and end stand for the New Year 2022, the Star led the wisemen to the Christ Child, and the three Crosses are a sign of a blessing made in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The capital letters are the initials of the Latin phrase: *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (May Christ bless this house).

As you fix the sticker with the inscription to your door you may wish to say the following Prayer of Blessing:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here with health, goodness, gentleness, and faith. Fill us with the light of Christ so our love may include every brother and sister. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN**

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Ollerton from Rosewood Close, Abram who died on the 23rd of December aged 84 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated here at Holy Family on Wednesday the 19th of January at 11.00am prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium.

Also to the family and friends of Bill Hoofe, once of Millers Lane, Platt Bridge and more recently Norley Hall Care Home, who died on the 27th of December aged 87 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated here at Holy Family on Friday the 21st of January at 11.00am prior to burial at Westwood Cemetery.

And we continue to hold in prayer before the Lord, Mary Anderton from Carr Street, Platt Bridge whose First Anniversary of Death will occur on the 23rd of January.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to those children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion in small groups each Sunday over the coming weeks. During our Mass today they are: Thomas Rowland, Imogen Ffion Wheatley and Anastazia Lukowska.

### **OUR PIETY SHOP**

There is a selection of First Holy Communion cards available to buy in our Piety Shop, located at the back of church in the old baptistry.

### **LOOSE CHANGE FOR CHURCH**

Maybe as a New Year Resolution, why not start collecting your loose change and donating it to the church if you don't already. White Collecting Tins are available at the back of church for you to take to put your loose change into and then, when it's full, return it.

### **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

In the Eastern Churches the solemnity of the Epiphany was the original feast of Christ's birth. When adopted by the West, it became a celebration of the revelation of God's eternal plan of salvation in Christ, manifested as "the light to enlighten all nations" and represented traditionally in the story of the Magi. From early times it was associated also with a commemoration of the Lord's baptism when he was anointed as Messiah and revealed as God's Son.

The custom of keeping Christmas decorations until Epiphany has been celebrated helps to show that Christmas and Epiphany are but two aspects of the same feast. It would be even more appropriate to extend this custom through the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, the close of the season of Christmas.

*From The General Instruction on the Roman Missal*

**WISHING YOU EVERY JOY AND BLESSING  
FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

### **THANK YOU**

We are truly grateful to all those who work so hard and give their time and themselves so generously throughout the year to achieve so much in our parish, both in front of and behind the scenes. You make a real difference to our parish family and we give thanks to God for you.

Deacon Mike, Deacon Roy and Father Tony are deeply grateful to those who gave them Christmas cards, gifts and personal greetings. Your appreciation of our ministry is much valued by us.