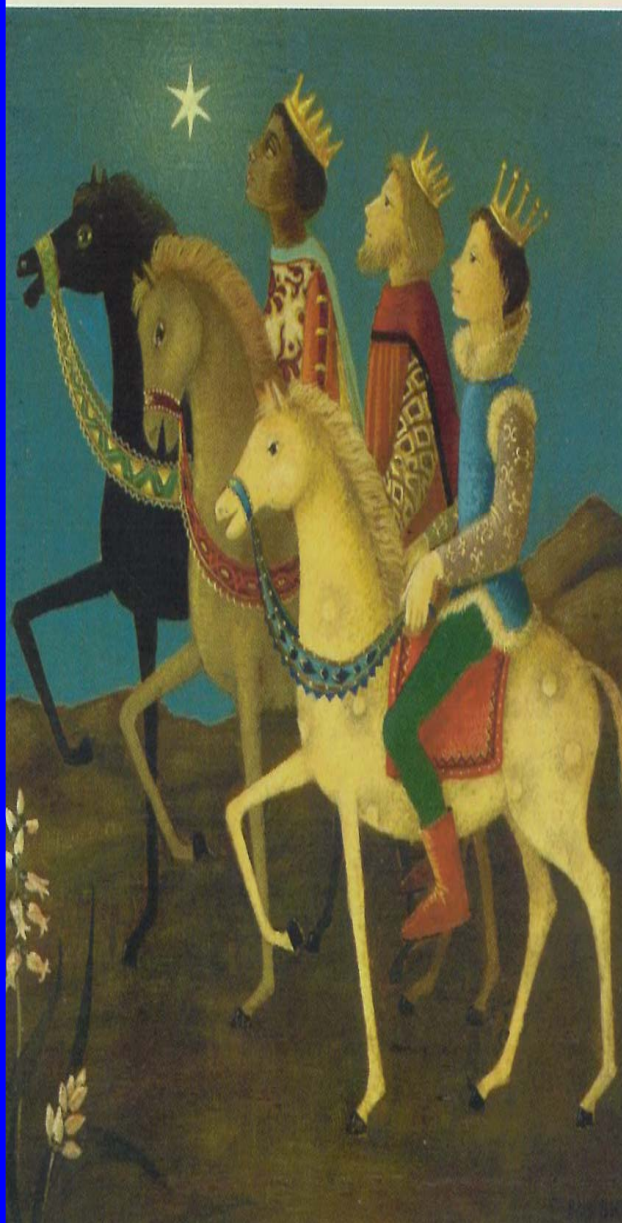


St. Bride's - Parish Bulletin

Star of Bethlehem



Solemnity of the Epiphany

ST. BRIDE'S

Epiphany 2008

Monday

Morning Mass: 8.15 am & 10 am

Exposition 10am-7pm

**Evening Prayer & Benediction:
7 pm**

Tuesday

Morning Mass: 8.15 am & 10 am

Wednesday

Morning Mass: 8.15 am & 10 am

Thursday

Morning Mass: 8.15 am & 10 am

Confessions 7-8pm & Adoration

Friday

Morning Mass: 8.15 am & 10 am

Saturday

Morning Mass: 8.15 am & 10 am

Confessions: after 10 am Mass

Sunday

Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord

**Vigil 5.30 pm 10am 12 noon
3.30 pm (Indian) & 6 pm**

News

Thank you to all who prepared the Church for Christmas Masses.

Read about the Catholic faith with up-to-date documents and booklets at the church entrance.

Catholic directory available at the area where the Catholic papers are.

RCIA group is organizing a weekend trip to Sancta Maria Abbey, Nunraw - 25th January

Collection for Justice and Peace this Sunday.

Fr Andre will be away to help in the parish of St Patrick's, Shotts over the next week.

A good and happy new year to all our parishioners

Coming up

Pope Benedict's letter on Christian Hope is available at the stall and on the parish website. Sunday readings are also available on the website.

Help available for Carers who have family members with dementia - tel no 641 8796.

Parish diaries were slightly delayed but are **now on sale at the Greenlees entrance to the church-£1 each.**

More News

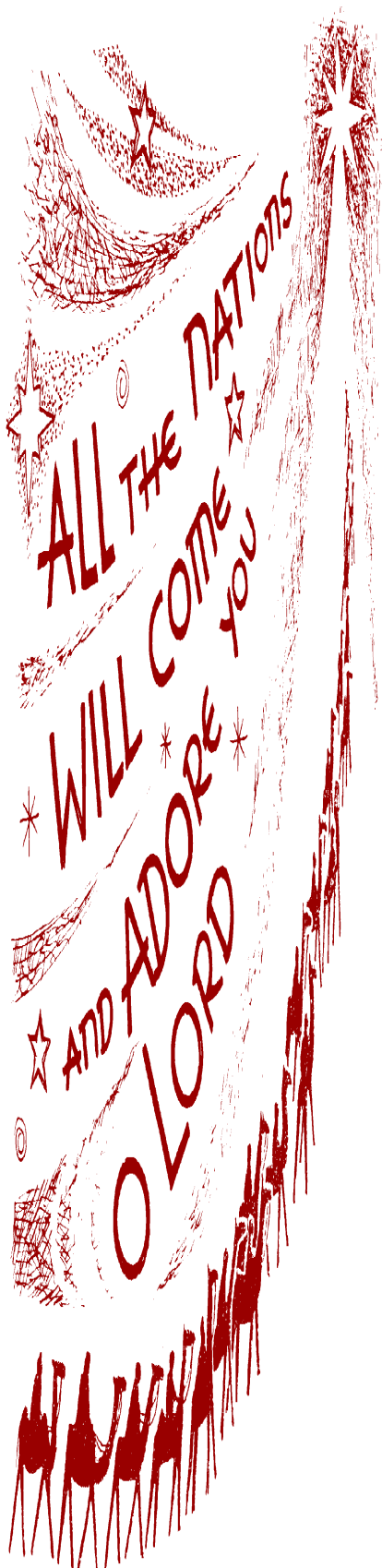
The icon of St Joseph will have two new panels. A drawing of the panels is in the porch.

will take place here at St. Bride's on 20th January at 7.30pm. Canon James Foley will be the preacher.

special Christmas quarterly collection. Envelopes may still be put in the basket. Thank you for the help given.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service

Please support the Church by the



New Year Message

...2. The natural family, as an intimate communion of life and love, based on marriage between a man and a woman(2), constitutes “the *primary place of ‘humanization’* for the person and society”(3), and a “*cradle of life and love*”(4). The family is therefore rightly defined as the first natural society, “*a divine institution that stands at the foundation of life of the human person as the prototype of every social order*”(5).

3. Indeed, in a healthy family life we experience some of the fundamental elements of peace: justice and love between brothers and sisters, the role of authority expressed by parents, loving concern for the members who are weaker because of youth, sickness or old age, mutual help in the necessities of life, readiness to accept others and, if necessary, to forgive them. For this reason, the family is *the first and indispensable teacher of peace*. It is no won-

der, therefore, that violence, if perpetrated in the family, is seen as particularly intolerable. Consequently, when it is said that the family is “the primary living cell of society”(6), something essential is being stated. The family is the foundation of society for this reason too: *because it enables its members in decisive ways to experience peace*. It follows that the human community cannot do without the service provided by the family. Where can young people gradually learn to savour the genuine “taste” of peace better than in the original “nest” which nature prepares for them? *The language of the family is a language of peace*; we must always draw from it, lest we lose the “vocabulary” of peace. In the inflation of its speech, society cannot cease to refer to that “grammar” which all children learn from the looks and the actions of their mothers and fathers, even before they learn from their words.

4. The family, since it has the duty of educating its members, *is the subject of specific rights*. The *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which represents a landmark of *juridic civilization of truly universal value*, states that “the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to

protection by society and the State”(7). 5. Consequently, whoever, even unknowingly, circumvents the institution of the family undermines peace in the entire community, national and international, since he weakens what is in effect *the primary agency of peace*. This point merits special reflection: everything that serves to weaken the family based on the marriage of a man and a woman, everything that directly or indirectly stands in the way of its openness to the responsible acceptance of a new life, everything that obstructs its right to be primarily responsible for the education of its children, constitutes an objective obstacle on the road to peace. The family needs to have a home, employment and a just recognition of the domestic activity of parents, the possibility of schooling for children, and basic health care for all. When society and public policy are not committed to assisting the family in these areas, they deprive

of themselves an essential source the service of peace. The social communications media, in par-



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Recently died: Phil O'Donnell; Helen Adams; New Year & Christmas Remembrances: Anne Clarke; Peggy & Andrew Feeney; Lizzie & David Clarke; Catherine McNeil;; Giuseppe, Serafina; Dominic, Lorenzo, Sabatino, Dario & Gloria Crolla; Daria Mozzachiodi; Evelyn Gilroy; ; John Hannah, Thomas Houston; Ellen Leonard; George McGuire; Norah & Philip Smith; James & Mary Anne Kelly; James & Alice Breslin; Gerald McLaughlin; Michael O'Mailley; Mary Donnelly; Patrick, Thomas & Rebecca Law; Peter, Agnes & Michael Smith; Law & Smith family; Evelyn Hewitson; Sadie Duffy; Pat Murray; Giuliano, Domenica, Matthew & Fordie Gizzi; Thomas McNamara; Owen & Elizabeth Ferrie & family; Elizabeth & Michael Dowdican; Willie Martin; Nellie & John McBride; John Cunningham; Josephine McGeachy; Edward Cairns; Frank Hammond; Chrissie & Tom Greig; Mary & John Evans; Margaret & Bernard McGovern; Jane Wiggins; Brian Hinshelwood; Jessie & Sam Gourlay; Anna Dunlowe; Mary & Tommy Gourlay; Edward Duffy; Bernard & Isabella Flannigan; Monica Lithgow; Canon Thomas Murray; Frank & Catherine Flanagan; John & Christina Shannon; May & Charlie Docherty; Liz & Tom Coulter; Isobel Leonard; Winnie Flaherty; Coulter & Docherty families; Leonard & Mullen families; John Summers; John McGuire; Anne McGuire Sinclair; Pat McCallum; Lizzie McCallum; Betty Hamlin; Mary McHugh; Watson, Traynor & Rodger families; Patrick & John McKenna; Jimmy Kerr; Edward O'Rourke; William, Annie & John Gormley; Mary & Elizabeth Quigley; Catherine & Annie Smith; Paul Brady; James & Anne McDade; McAuley family; Bridget & Francis Fitzpatrick; Carmel, Bill & Mark Acton; Margaret, Joseph & Tommy Kearns.; Andrew & David Lees; John & Catherine McDonald; Sandy, John (Jun) & Robert McDonald; Frank & Jessie McDermott' Jean & Hugh Hendry; Catherine & Edward Clark; Robert Torley; James Conroy; Devine & Gault families; Patrick (Sen & Jun), Elizabeth, Thomas, William, John, Edward, Eric, Gerard, Rose & Rachel Quinn; Frank Finnigan; Helen McDermott; Jack McAdams; Rev Jack Brady; Monsignor Alex Devanney; Con & Martha Clark; John Cunningham; Andrew, Sarah & marion Findlay; Sarah McGinley; Willie, Helen & Patrick Reilly; John McSherry; John & Mary Morgan; Sunny Casey; Fr John Casey; Jean Casey; Helen McElhinney; Mary & Joseph Stromier;