



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

MASS TIMES

Friday 5 January

10 a.m. 7 p.m. [Vigil]

Saturday 6 January

10 a.m. 11 a.m. 7 p.m. [Vigil]

Sunday 7 January

9 a.m. 10 a.m. 11 a.m.
 12.30 p.m. 7 p.m.



The **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY** is celebrated on January 6. This feast commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men or Magi - Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar, to worship the baby Jesus. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. They brought with them gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These gifts were very meaningful.

Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was.

Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped.

Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when He died. Bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold His suffering and death.

Traditionally in Ireland, the day was known as 'Nollaig na mBan' as it was the day when women celebrated Christmas.



MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK

NEW YEAR'S DAY - MONDAY 1 JANUARY: Mass at 10 a.m. only

TUESDAY 2 - FRIDAY 5 JANUARY: 10 a.m. 7 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS - DEC/JAN

SAT 30

7 p.m. Maureen Doran

SUN 31

11 a.m. Esther / William Hollingsworth
 12.30 p.m. McDonagh / McGuane Families

MON 1 JANUARY

10 a.m. Tom Holland

TUES 2

10 a.m. Ann / Patrick O'Neill
 7 p.m. Brenda Hederman [M.M.]
 John Hederman

WED 3

10 a.m. Ann Owens
 7 p.m. Charlie / Margaret Boyle

THURS 4

7 p.m. Canice Hennebry

FRI 5

7 p.m. O'Neill Family

SAT 6

11 a.m. **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**
 Margaret Greene
 7 p.m. Joe Harbourne [M.M.]

SUN 7

9 a.m. Tom Foster
 11 a.m. Michael Buckley
 12.30 p.m. Louis Krüger
 7 p.m. William / Eileen / Miriam Lynch

BAPTISM DATES

Jan	13	20	Apr	14	21
Feb	10	17	May	12	19
Mar	10	24	June	09	16

Contact Parish Office: 01 494 1204

HOUSEBOUND & HOSPITAL PARISHIONERS

If you or any member of your family is unable to come to Church due to sickness or old age, or in hospital - please contact the Parish at 01 -4941204 and arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion to them.

Bereaved? Would it help to talk?

Why not come along and meet with the

Bethany Bereavement Support

Monday 29 January

8 p.m.

Iona Pastoral Centre

[one-to-one facilitation available on request]

Contact: 086 2464 556



POPE FRANCIS' 10 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR YOU

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker...the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping."