FROM FR KEVIN:

The Christmas Crib is honoured as a focus of devotion throughout Christmastide. A visit to the Crib to pray and give thanks for the birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ is encouraged. The Angelus will be sung at the Crib during the Sundays of Christmas.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We celebrate today the arrival of Magi in Bethlehem. Having followed the star, they find Jesus with his Mother Mary, and they bow down and worship him. They offer him gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. We commemorate this holy day with devotions at the Crib at the beginning of Mass, following verse 3 of the Entrance Hymn after which the hymn continues with verses 4 & 5.

AN APPEAL

The Crib figures are of very good quality, but some of them have suffered some damage over the years. It would be good to have them restored in time for next Christmas! Donations for this project would be much appreciated and may be given to either Fr Kevin or the Churchwardens.

WORKING PARTY

The next working party will be after Mass on Saturday 1st February. Please join us to polish the brass and keep the church looking beautiful. Refreshments will be served.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our link parish St Mary's Chitungwiza & their Mission School.

The pupils & staff of our Pre-School & Church School as they start their new term this week.

Fr Luke Irvine-Capel, Bishop-Designate of Richborough. Bexley Street Pastors.

The sick: Val, Rose, Sean, Norah, Bob, Irene, Heather, Helen, Gareth, Dinah, David, Richard, Muriel, Peter, June, Stephen, Sheelah, Claude, Ellen-Josephine, Darcie, Mark, Sinead, Gloria, Ann, Gordon.

The Recently Departed and their families & friends:

Grace Asare, Paul Gladden.

Anniversary of Death: None this week.

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Sunday 5th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



10.00 am Parish Mass Processional Hymn: 55 Offertory Hymn: 99 Communion Hymn: 79 Recessional Hymn: 788

Masses this week...

Tuesday 7th January Tuesday after The Epiphany 6.00 pm Mass Wednesday 8th January Wednesday after The Epiphany 9.05 am School Mass Thursday 9th January Thursday after The Epiphany 10.00 am Mass Friday 10th January Friday after The Epiphany Saturday 11th January Saturday after The Epiphany 10.00 am Mass Sunday 12th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 10.00 am Parish Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) available after any Mass or by appointment with Fr Kevin.