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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord [A]

8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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## ✠ Spiritual Testament of Benedict



Here are some excerpts from the "Spiritual Testament" of Benedict XVI, which the Holy See made public on the evening of December 31: "When, at this late hour of my life, I look back on the decades I have wandered through, I see first of all how much reason I have to give thanks.

Above all, I thank God Himself, the giver of all good gifts, who has given me life and guided me through all kinds of confusion; who has always picked me up when I began to slip, who has always given me anew the light of his countenance... I thank my parents, who gave me life in difficult times and prepared a wonderful home for me with their love, which shines through all my days as a bright light until today... I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the many friends, men and women, whom He has always placed at my side; for the co-workers at all stages of my path... I gratefully entrust them all to His goodness... I ask for forgiveness from the bottom of my heart from all those whom I have wronged in some way... I now say to all who were entrusted to my service in the Church: Stand firm in the faith! Do not be confused! Often it seems as if science – on the one hand, the natural sciences; on the other, historical research (especially the exegesis of the Holy Scriptures) – has irrefutable insights to offer that are contrary to the Catholic faith. I have witnessed from times long past the changes in natural science and have seen how apparent certainties against the faith vanished... For 60 years now, I have accompanied the path of theology, especially biblical studies, and have seen seemingly unshakeable theses collapse with the changing generations, which turned out to be mere hypotheses: the liberal generation (Harnack, Jülicher, etc.), the existentialist generation (Bultmann, etc.), the Marxist generation. I have seen, and see, how, out of the tangle of hypotheses, the reasonableness of faith has emerged and is emerging anew. Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life – and the Church, in all her shortcomings, is truly His Body.

Finally, I humbly ask:

pray for me, so that the Lord may admit me to the eternal dwellings, despite all my sins and shortcomings.

For all those entrusted to me, my heartfelt prayer goes out day after day. Benedictus PP XVI.



# Second Week of Ordinary Time 2023 [A]

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<b>Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed</b> <b>Masses may be subject to change</b>		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Mary Madden &amp; Esther Madden (CR)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b> Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (End of Christmastide)</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Anne Kennedy (RD), Jim &amp; Jean Conlan (CB)</i>			Funeral Mass at 10am <b>Mary Giffney</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Requiem Mass for George Scott</b> Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am		Eucharistic Service at 10am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Requiem Mass for James Friel</b> Mass at 10am		Eucharistic Service at 10am	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Requiem Mass for Alan Byers</b> Mass at 10am			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Feast of St Kentigern</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am, Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Phia Boyle (RD), Patricia Power (RD)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)</b> Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Margaret Smilie (RD), Margaret O'Donnell (RD), Margaret Joyce (RD), June Doherty (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## Food For Thought

Have you ever been just sitting there and all of a sudden you feel like doing something nice for someone you care for?

THAT'S GOD! He speaks to you through the Holy Spirit

Have you ever been down and out and nobody seems to be around for you to talk to?

THAT'S GOD! He wants you to speak to Him.

Have you ever been thinking about somebody that you haven't seen in a long time and then next thing you know you see them or receive a phone call from them?

THAT'S GOD! There's no such thing as coincidence.

Have you ever received something wonderful that you didn't even ask for, like money in the post, a debt that had mysteriously been cleared, or a coupon to a department store where you had just seen something you wanted, but couldn't afford.

THAT'S GOD! He knows the desires of your heart.



Have you ever been in a situation and you had no clue how it is going to get better, but now you look back on it? THAT'S GOD! He passes us through tribulation to see a brighter day.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Harry Sammons, Beryl Meechan, Ennis McHugh,  
Paul McNulty, Peter Ross, Steven Fitzpatrick..*

### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Alan Byers, Tom McGreevy, Ann Ward, Anne Kennedy,  
George Scott, Mary Reilly, Betty Burns, James Friel,  
Margaret Smilie, Margaret O'Donnell, Margaret Joyce,  
Patricia Power, Phia Boyle, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.*

### ✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Patricia Brennan 2005, Robert Colvin 1998,  
Jimmy Crichton 2019, Gerard Fairhurst 2003,  
Bernard McLaughlan 1984, Derek Tomelty 2003,  
Joseph Gibbons 1973, Hugh Henry 2008, Jean Lamont 2016,  
Jimmy McAloon 2020, Jennifer McGregor 2014,  
George Nicol 1983, Joan McCallum 2001,  
William McLaughlin 2018, Rosina McPeake,  
Terry Murphy 1989, Annie Taylor 2021,  
Mario Marchetti 2013, Kathleen McSkimming 2019,  
Hugh Adams 2019, John Aitken 2001, Anne Bowles 2017,  
John Butcher 2017, Kathleen Brown 2012,  
Christine Cassidy 1998, Mary Donnelly 2006,  
Eamon Lennon 2009, Kathleen Tritschler 2006,  
Cecilia McCurdie 2005, James McNamara 1982,  
Archbishop Philip Tartaglia 2021, Mary Guilfoyle 2005,  
Ishbel McCarroll 1983, Monica McDonald 1997,  
Roy White 1993, David Stirling 2004.*

### St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Zara Heather Teresa Morrison, who will be baptised on Saturday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR GEORGE SCOTT** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of George Scott, who died on 21st December 2022, aged 79 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 10th January 2023 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR JAMES FRIEL** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of James Friel, who died on 26th December 2022, aged 81 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 11th January 2023 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR ALAN BYERS** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Alan Byers, who died on 19th December 2022, aged 67 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 12th January 2023 at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **TRADITIONAL HOUSE BLESSING ON EPIPHANY** Today on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, chalk will be blessed for the traditional House blessing. We write the first letters of the Latin Blessing: "Christus Mansionem Benedict" - Christ bless this house, also the first letters for he names the three wise men. In tradition: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar and we add this year's date; like this: "20+C+M+B+23". We ask God for his special blessing on our home in the New Year.

#### **The Obelisk in St Peter's Square**

In St Peter's Square, in Rome, there stands an ancient Egyptian obelisk - a single block of marble almost 100 feet high in the shape of the Washington monument and weighing 330 tons. It is the oldest obelisk in Rome, dating from about 1850 BC. There it had been erected as a monument to the Pharaoh, and it watched over two thousand years of Egyptian history - the longest reigning empire of all times. It stood there when Abraham was called, when Joseph was viceroy of Egypt, when Moses led his people out of Egypt. At the time of Christ, soon after these Magi came to worship him, the Roman Emperor Caligula brought it to Rome as a sign of Rome's superiority to Egypt. There it stood for four more centuries, a symbol of the Roman Empire, the largest empire in human history. A golden urn with Julius Caesar's ashes was placed on it. It stood in the arena where St Peter himself was martyred, and where hundreds of the first Christians also bore witness to their fate. Then the barbarians invaded Rome, and in the Middle Ages it fell. Ivy grew around it. It was half-buried near the old basilica. But the Church converted the barbarians, and when a new Christian culture emerged and flourished, and St Peter's Basilica was rebuilt and expanded, Pope Sixtus V had the obelisk erected in the center of the square. No longer is it a reminder of the long-perished empires of Egypt and Rome and the barbarian hoards. No. Now it has been put at the service of the universal Kingdom that will have no end. The Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Our Kingdom. Now it is topped with a bronze cross, and inside that bronze cross is a small fragment of the true cross, the cross on which Christ was crucified - the throne from which he continues to reign, and will continue to reign, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.

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Second Collection (Building Fund) £199.09

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#### **Special Collection**

The second collection this weekend is our annual collection for Justice and Peace.

#### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

*All bow: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate  
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
He suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

**Just for a laugh...** A Franciscan gets a haircut, and then asks how much he owes. The barber says he never charges clergy. The Franciscan thanks the barber and goes home. The next morning the barber finds a big basket of fresh bread from the Franciscans' kitchens. An Augustinian gets his hair cut by the same barber. The barber also tells him that he never charges clergy. So, the next day the barber receives a nice bottle of wine from the Augustinians' wine cellar. Father Duncan goes for a haircut, and the barber again says that he never charges clergy. The next day, when the barber gets to work, there are twelve other local priests already waiting for him. By the way, Father Duncan's haircut doesn't take too long!

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