



### LIFE IS A REALITY CHECK - NEW BOOK OF FR VINCENT TRAVERS OP

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### 2019 CALENDARS

2019 Calendars from the Association for Church Archives of Ireland available in Priory Reception. Cost €5.00 each.

### CRAFT 'N' CHIT-CHAT GROUP

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## Liturgy & Devotions

### Sunday Masses

#### Saturday Vigil 7.30pm

**Sunday:** 8.00am, 9.00am (Irish),  
10.00am (Family), 11.15am, 12.30pm,  
6.00pm

**Mass in Polish:** the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 4.30pm

### Weekday Masses

**Monday-Friday:** 7.00am, 8.00am,  
10.00am, 1.00pm, 8.00pm

**Saturday:** 8.00am, 10.00am

### Adoration

**Monday:** after 8.00pm Mass

**Tuesday:** after 10.00am Mass

**Saturday:** after 10.00am Mass (until  
11.15am)

**First Friday:** after 10.00am Mass (until  
12.50pm)

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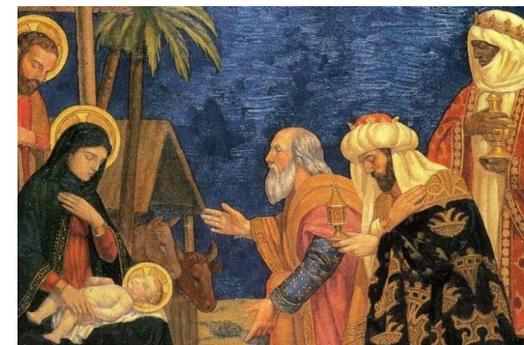
St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, The Epiphany of the Lord (C), 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## EPIPHANY

The word "epiphany" means "manifestation" and it refers to the manifestation of God in this world in the Person of Jesus Christ, first as a babe in the manger of Bethlehem to poor, humble shepherds who represented sinners for so many people and then to some wise men from the East. The former represented the Jewish people, the latter the Gentiles or non-Jews. There were many other manifestations. However, as history advances it is customary to limit "Epiphany" to the appearance of Jesus to the "magi". Several legends have grown up around them such as details that do not appear in the Bible such as that they were kings, three in number, that they brought three gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh, that they were from different countries, one being a black African and so forth.

Men who were prepared to give up their way of life in their own country, to search for someone about whom they had little or no details. They were courageous persons searching for the God they did not know and for the salvation which they believed he could offer. Their faith was strong and they accepted what help God gave them, namely the star to guide them.

When they arrived at Jerusalem they



felt that they could rely on information supplied by politicians in the person of King Herod and by learned scholars and experts who advised the religious leaders. They quickly learnt otherwise.

We are familiar with the importance of Sacred Scripture. It is God's vehicle of revelation. The Wise Men were not familiar with the Bible. They relied on human knowledge such as science and phenomena like the star which they followed. They were not aware that the true "star" is the word of God. It is the Light of Christ bringing the light of knowledge into the world of darkness.

In your lives you should follow "the star" which is the Word of God, the Light of Christ that is contained in the Sacred Scriptures, meditating upon a short passage daily. Fidelity to this practise will made you into "Stars for others"

+ Fr Paschal Tiernan OP

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