



The Priory Church of Jesus Christ Ascot

This Week at the Priory

**The Priory will be closed
January 1st till January 31st
with the exception of Sundays.**

**January 14th
Epiphany 2**
10:00am Solemn Mass

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, We saw his star as it rose and have come to worship Him. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Hymns: 724

For your prayers this week

Pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia: Abp. Winston Halapua, Jonathan Bishop of Ebbsfleet and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society. Bp. Norman Banks. St John the Baptist, Leamington Spa, Fr David Lawson. St Mary & St John, Camp Hill, Vacant. St Mary's Abbey, Nuneaton, Fr Mark Liddell. St Nicholas, Radford, Vacant. St Andrew, Shilton, Fr Andrew Coleman.

Pray for this Priory, Fr. Paul and the Trustees

Pray for the peace of the world.

Pray for those in need: the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, for refugees, for all victims of terrorism, cruelty or abuse, the lonely, the frightened, the despairing and the bereaved.

Pray for those who are sick or in need: Simon Plummer, John Clothier, Naomi Puttick, Derek & Barbara Scroggins, Ray Cook, Patti Sibbons, Lisa Bradley, Vienne Moore, Helen Coles, Karen, Jacqui, Jill Butcher, Helen, Elizabeth Wright, Johara Valenzuela, Duncan Payne, Marion Mills and family, Marjorie Saunders, Jakki Mattick.

Pray for the Departed: Fr. Cecil Hamilton Cooper, Bp. Arthur Groom Parham, Sr Mary Anna, Sr Harriet May, Sr Anna, Mother Alice of the Holy Sepulchre.

Readings for Next Week: Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Revelation 5:1-10

John 1:43-51



By means of heavenly signs God sent the Magi to the baby Jesus. In the end, the signs in heaven were not enough; but there was a special revelation about this child that added the missing element. When they did find the child, the Magi left him rich gifts. And then God warned the Magi in a dream not to return to King Herod to tell him where the baby was. Because of that dream, the Magi went home another way, and the baby was kept safe from Herod.

Just look at all the things God does for this one child! Signs in heaven, miraculously helpful strangers, special messages from God, rich gifts, and warning dreams, divine protection against powerful bad people.

How many children die, who might have been saved if even one of these things had been done for them? Why does God give all these things to Jesus? Why doesn't God give even some of them to all children?

The answer to both questions is the same, I think. The powerless baby Jesus is God's best hope of healing for human evil. Jesus is God's call of love. And that is why God's power can be used to keep Jesus from dying as a baby. He needs to die on the cross. That death is the last, most powerful call of love.

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