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8th January to 14th January 2024

Fr Jack

A few very simple things about today's reading.

1. The magi studied the star. That was their job. They noticed something different and they followed their instinct using nature/their job. They read the signs of the times.
2. It led them to a small village and to a dirty stable where they saw a baby who was also a king. God appears in very strange places. We need to have eyes to see.
3. Having discovered the child/God their lives were never the same again.

Stop two extreme abortion amendments

Pro-abortion MPs, Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill. Right To Life UK has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment.

Please visit

<https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments>
to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

TARMAC.

Tomorrow, Monday we hope to tarmac the rest of the care park. So it will be out of action for the week.

CATECHISTS MEETING.

Next Sunday the 14th there will be a catechists meeting after the 12 Mass. (Roughly 1.15 to 3). All catechists have been invited but if you feel you have something to offer please take this as an invitation. Just come along. We need to look at the future and see what we are doing in the whole areas of catechesis, formation and evangelization.

A Good Marriage

Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team and to book on. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

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MASS INTENTIONS

Baptism of the Lord

Monday	10:00am	Bridgit Pereira RIP
Tuesday	10:00am	Timothy James Joyce RIP
Wednesday	10:00am	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	10:00am	Compassion
Friday	10:00am	The Displaced
Saturday	06:00pm	Intention of Zoe Appah
Sunday	08:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Priest Intention
	12:00noon	Int. of Olu & Family

"The Sun and the Cave"

*This is a beautiful Sufi parable. *Worth a read !! **
"One day the Sun and a Cave struck up a conversation. The Sun had trouble understanding what "dark" meant and the Cave didn't quite get the hang of "light and clear" so they decided to change places.

The Cave went up to the Sun and said, "Ah, I see, this is beyond wonderful. Now come down and see where I have been living."

The Sun went down to the cave and said, "Gee, I don't see any difference."

When the sun went down, it took its light along and even the darkest corners were illuminated.

That's why the Sun couldn't see any difference. There is a quote from an old book that says "The enlightened ones can never be sent to hell or pushed into darkness. They carry their heaven on their shoulders all the time".

We thought that heaven is a place where we are supposed to go, perhaps it was a state of mind we were supposed to achieve.

If you are full of darkness within, full of negativity, fear, and doubt, you become a Cave unknowingly. It's hell within and no matter how much you accumulate, you still remain hollow.

If you are illuminated like the Sun, then the darkness of the cave wouldn't matter. You could be in the worst of circumstances, you'll still be able to find a blessing somewhere.

Trust you'll be carrying your Heaven with you in 2024"