



# Holy Family and Our Lady's Parishes

Intercessions

3rd January 2010

## The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C)

**Fr Bill Flynn:** The Good News of Jesus' birth is for all the people of the earth, from powerful kings to the poor and needy. We, therefore, bring to the Lord of all the Universe our needs and the needs of all the world.

**Response: shine in the darkness.**

**Deacon John / Reader:**

For the people of all nations, cultures, philosophies and traditions, that they may hear and believe the Good News of salvation.

*(Pause)* Father of light:

**R./ shine in the darkness.**

That we who follow the infant King of the Jews may share his life of service and bear witness to gospel values with our lives, so that more people may come into the light of Christ's love.

*(Pause)* Father of light:

**R./ shine in the darkness.**

For our Jewish brothers and sisters and all who glory in the Star of David.

May we who share God's blessing with them always respect those who were the first to hear God's good news.

*(Pause)* Father of light:

**R./ shine in the darkness.**

For people of all faiths and of none, that in this New Year they may grow in faith and love.

*(Pause)* Father of light:

**R./ shine in the darkness.**

For those in our midst who are sick or in sorrow, that our support may remind them of God's unfailing compassion.

*(Pause)* Father of light:

**R./ shine in the darkness.**

For all those ships and crew affected by piracy on the seas especially the tanker the 'St James Park' We pray for the cessation of such acts and the safe return of the crew and passengers.

*(Pause)* Father of light:

**R./ shine in the darkness.**

For those serving in the armed forces especially those from HMS Eaglet. May they and their families be kept safe throughout this Holy Season and return home soon from their missions of peace and justice.

*(Pause)* Father of light:

**R./ shine in the darkness.**

For those who have died and for all those known to us who have died during the year 2009 - may the light of heaven may be theirs.

*(Pause)* Father of light:

**R./ shine in the darkness.**

*For our own intentions we now pray in silence.*

As we open our hearts to receive Jesus, we remember Mary's receptive love, and make our prayer with her as we pray .... **Hail Mary**

*(Reader : please remain at the ambo until the Priest has finished the following prayer)*

**Fr Bill Flynn:** Rouse your power, Lord, in answer to our prayers. As we turn away from trust in ourselves, help us turn to trust in you, the source of new life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**