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**January 3rd – 9th
Christ, the Wisdom of God**

“He was in the world and the world did not know him.” It is always a source of sadness and distress when someone we love tells us that they no longer believe. There are very many reasons for this loss of faith and for the difficulty of believing in the first place. But then there are also many reasons for believing in Christ and following his way. The best thing we can do for those among us who have left us is to purify our own reasons for believing and to live our faith in a much more vibrant way. The heart of our Christian faith is that Christ is among us and his presence makes all things and all people sacred. We are always walking on holy ground, especially when we are with our loved ones or with other people. And this is true whether those others believe or not.

I am the New Year

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
I am your next chance at the art of living.
I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.
All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me,
waiting for you to search for it but with more determination.
All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve
is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.
All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do,
all that you hoped but did not will,
all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly,
waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said,
"Behold, I make all things new."

A Year of Time.

...Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomfoting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year.

I AM THE NEW YEAR

I am unused, unspotted, without blemish,
I stretch before you three hundred and sixty-five days long.
I will present each day in its turn, a new leaf in the book of life
For you to place upon it your imprint

I AM THE NEW YEAR.

Each hour of every day, I will give you sixty minutes that
have never known the use of humans.
White and pure I present them; it remains for you to fill them
with sixty jewelled seconds of love, hope, endeavour, patience
and trust in God.

I AM THE NEW YEAR.

I am coming --
But once past,
I can never be recalled,
Make me your best!

Weekly Masses

Special Remembrance

Mon. 4th Jan. 2010 to Sun. 10th Jan. 2010

Mass at 10.00 each morning, Monday to Friday, is offered for all those whose names are on the list of Mass intentions. If you wish to have someone mentioned specifically - for an anniversary, a recent death, an illness - please leave the name at the Reception Office.

In the Novena Masses on Saturday at 8.00 and 10.00 we remember especially all those who have sent in petitions and those attending the Novena.

Wed. 11 am: Brigid & Pat Kelly R.I.P.

Sun. 11 am: The Benefactors of the Redemptorist Community.

Feast Days

of the coming week.

Wed: The Epiphany of the Lord

Please note:

NO 8.00 am. weekday Masses, Monday to Friday until Mon. Jan. 18th:

Sat. 9th Jan: Novena Masses as usual at 8 & 10 am.

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Coming soon!!!

Mass and blessing of St. Dominic's Well on Tuesday & Wednesday 5th & 6th January 2010, at 11 a.m. each day.

THE SICK

Please pray for
Fr. Brian Foley,
Fr. Seán Mullin,
Sharon Prendergast,
Michelle O'Donnell,
Patricia Kelly.

The Epiphany of the Lord

After celebrating the day on which the Saviour of the whole human race entered our world we come to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, a feast of continuance of joy. For although He had chosen the Israelite nation, and one family out of that nation, from whom to assume the nature of all people, yet He was unwilling that the early days of His birth should be concealed within the narrow limits of His mother's home. For it concerned all people's salvation, that the infancy of the Mediator between God and all people was already manifested to the whole world, while He was still detained in the tiny town, but desired to be recognized by all, seeing that He deigned to be born for all. The arrival of the Three Wise Men was to be the first manifestation of His world-wide ministry. They were not Jews but pagans from the East.