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SOCIETY
(Plymouth)**

Working across Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, the CCSP
helps children and their families irrespective of
whether they are Catholic or not.

LIFE GRANT PROGRAMME

Financial support to those in need

PATCHWORK PARENTING

Good parents wanting to be even better
parents

GOOD SHEPHERD PROGRAMME

Helping children to think of others



*"It is easier to build strong children than to
repair broken men"*

Frederick Douglas

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**Celebrate the feast of
the
EPIPHANY**



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Twelfth Night

How many of us really *celebrate* the Epiphany? For most people, Christmas finishes just as it starts with decorations taken down on Boxing Day and 'Sales' starting in the shops. And for those of us that do observe the twelve days of Christmas we don't actually celebrate the feast, unlike countries such as Spain, where they celebrate *Dia de los Reyes* (Kings Day) and exchange gifts. Perhaps it's time to change?

Let's celebrate!

Organise a CRIBFEST in your parish for the weekend of the Epiphany and bring the community together on this special feast. One, two or three days long, it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas

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CribFest

A collection of nativity/crib scenes and other arts and crafts depicting the nativity

Cribs can be traditional or contemporary, bought or homemade, from all over the world old or new.

Anything goes!



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Organise

- * Ask people to lend their family nativities for the weekend of the Epiphany
- * Arrange the cribs in church or in your church hall
- * Get different groups involved making cribs; get the parish school involved
- * Get volunteers to steward the event
- * Light the cribs with battery operated fairy lights or other suitable lighting
- * Play background music
- * Encourage people to come
- * Provide an activity area for children to colour/play/read if you have space
- * Raise money for the CCSP and/or your parish; provide refreshments, a raffle and/or donation plate