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Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

Sat	5th	Jan	8.00pm	Bridge Mulvihill, Loughfarm. (1st Anniv.)
Sun	6th	Jan	10.30am	John & Margaret Muldoon, Aughavadeen. Also Jimmy Kennedy, Aughnacross .
Mon	7th	Jan	8.00pm	Mary Fagan & D.F.M. Dermacarr.
Tues	8th	Jan	8.00pm	Tom Rowan, 20th (Anniv.)
Wed	9th	Jan	8.00pm	No Mass.
Thu	10th	Jan	9.30am	Special Intention.
Fri	11th	Jan	8.00pm	William & Mary Kate Bermingham & D.F.M. Cross. Also Patrick Dolan & D.F.M. Cross.
Sat	12th	Jan	8.00pm	The Greally Family, Carrickmorran. The Ward Family, Clonmce. Also Matt Concannon, Carrickmorran.
Sun	13th	Jan	10.30am	Gerry Casey, Elfeet. (2nd Anniv.)
Mon	14th	Jan	8.00pm	Paddy Healy, Ballyrevagh. (3rd Anniv.)
<i>Eucharistic Adoration continues on Wednesday 3pm-9pm and Friday 8.30pm-9pm.</i>				
<i>Eucharistic Roster</i>				
	8.00pm	Sat	12th	Jan Dylan Mulvihill & Helen O'Shea.
	10.30am	Sun	13th	Jan Helen Hassett & Elizabeth Clyne.
<i>Readers' Roster</i>				
	8.00pm	Sat	12th	Jan Mary Casey.
	10.30am	Sun	13th	Jan Oliver Costello.

Envelopes for 2019 can be collected in the Children's room. Thank You.

St. Mary's N.S. Enrolment for September 2019, takes place from Friday 11th January to Friday 18th January 2019. Enrolment pack can be collected from the school and relevant forms returned during this period.

Why are some people unlucky?

Professor Richard Wiseman, a psychologist feels he has discovered the answer. He says: Ten years ago, I set out to examine luck. I wanted to know why some people are always in the right place at the right time, while others consistently experienced ill fortune. I placed advertisements in national newspapers asking for people who felt consistently lucky or unlucky to contact me.

Hundreds of extraordinary men and women volunteered for my research. Over the years I interviewed them, monitored their lives and had them take part in various experiments. I carried out a simple experiment to discover whether their disparity in luck was due to differences in their ability to spot opportunities. I gave both lucky and unlucky people a newspaper, and asked them to look through it and tell me how many photographs were inside. However, I had also secretly placed a large message halfway through the newspaper saying...

"TELL THE EXPERIMENTER YOU HAVE SEEN THIS AND WIN \$50."

This message took up half of the page and was written in type that was more than two inches high. It was staring everyone straight in the face, but the unlucky people tended to miss it and the lucky people tended to spot it. Unlucky people are generally more pessimistic than lucky people, and this negativity disrupts their ability to notice the unexpected.

As a result, they miss opportunities because they are too focused on looking for something else. They go to gatherings intent on finding their perfect partner and miss opportunities to make good friends. They look through newspapers determined to find certain types of job advertisements and miss other types of jobs.

Lucky people see what is there, rather than just what they were originally looking for. Here's a little story which may prove the above:

Fred Smith was an undergraduate at Yale University in 1965. As part of the coursework, he wrote an economics paper exploring the process of transportation of goods in the United States. He found that the shippers relied on transporting large packages across the United States by means of truck or passenger airplanes. Smith thought of a more efficient transportation idea. He wrote a last minute paper on how a company carrying small, essential items by plane could be a much better business. He, however, did not go into details about how to actually run such a company. His paper was graded "C". But Smith did not give up on the idea and launched the company in 1971.

But within three years of the founding of the company, Federal Express was on the verge of bankruptcy. It was losing over \$1 million a month, due to the rising fuel costs. At its zenith, the company had just \$5000 to its name. Smith made a final pitch to General Dynamics for more funding. The request was turned down.

Most ordinary people would have quit at this point and shut down the company. Not Fred Smith. What he did next is easily the boldest move by the founder of a company. Smith flew to Las Vegas and managed to secure some company funds. On Monday, the management of the company had a pleasant surprise lined up. FedEx had \$32,000 in its bank account, which was just enough to cover the fuel for their planes and to continue operating a few days more.

Soon after, the company was able to raise significant amounts in funding. Today FedEx is a global giant with operations in more than 220 countries and territories and an annual revenue of US \$45 billion.

My research, says Prof. Wiseman, eventually revealed that lucky people generate good fortune via four principles:

- 1) They are skilled at creating and noticing chance opportunities;
- 2) make lucky decisions by listening to their intuition;
- 3) create self-fulfilling prophecies via positive expectations, and
- 4) adopt a resilient, "never say die" attitude that transforms bad luck into good.

Moral: We see the same characteristics in the 3 Wise men in Today's Gospel. Scripture Scholars tell us they were men of profound prayer. A few weeks ago we shared a story of a professor who studied the Rosary and other mantra type prayers finding that they have a profound effect upon the mind - very similar to the 4 principles above outlined by Prof. Wiseman. The 3 Wisemen had the intuition to follow the star - they found the Saviour of the World ... so can you and I if our prayer life is equally profound.