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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR (A) SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2020

Epiphany is the day we recall the visit of the three Kings, or Magi, to the infant Jesus. Tradition gives them names and identifies particular gifts that they offered: The first King was Melchior, which means "King of Light". His gift was gold, a symbol of royalty to acknowledge Jesus as kingly. Caspar was the second King. His name means "White One" and his offering was of frankincense, a recognition of Jesus' divinity. And the final King was Balthazar, which means "Lord of Treasures". He brought myrrh for Jesus as a token of the suffering and sorrow that the child would later undergo.



A YEAR OF THE WORD

In this new liturgical year, Year A, we reflect and ponder of Matthews' Gospel. This year is a special Year in England & Wales- "A Year of the Word" we commit ourselves to make use this year to spend more time to deepen our understand of the scripture.

THE REAL 2020

When does the real 2020 start? If we were ancient Romans then it would be beginning on March 1st. If we were living in 1751 in England then our New Year would have begun on March 25th, Lady Day (Feast of the Annunciation). It was only changed to January 1st in 1752 when the Gregorian Calendar took over from the Julian Calendar in England. In various parts of the world under the Old Calendar of Pope Julius 1(337-352) New Year began sometimes at Christmas and other times at Easter. So if you haven't made your New Year resolution yet, just pick another starting date!



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13*

R. All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord!

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **R**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. *Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.*

COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever

Behold the Lamb of God...

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MASS

Thank you to each one of you for coming together for Thanksgiving and New Year celebrations. Great to see so many of us were able to attend. Well done!



**A DAY
WITH JESUS**

The next one will be **SATURDAY 11th JANUARY** starting at **9.15am** with **MORNING PRAYER**, adoration, devotions, talk, confessions, and a **SPECIAL MASS at 11am** followed by anointing of the sick and prayer over people. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection. If you know anyone who is ill in your family or among friends please bring them with you.



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BIBLE STUDY

Next one is on Monday 6th January at 7pm in the Function Suite.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD

Now onwards the parents of the children who are seeking school admission in Catholic School and also First Holy Communion & Confirmation should fill in a Mass attendance card which will be available from priests after weekend Masses. Many thanks

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please receive the blessed sacrament with reverence and consume the body of Christ before you walk away from communion place.

ALTAR SERVERS, CHILDREN'S CHOIR & THEIR FAMILIES MASS

A big thank to all who of you especially all those who helped in setting up the hall and cooking.

FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS

Next one is on Saturday 1st February beginning with Adoration at 8.45am followed by morning prayers, Mass at 9.30am, Novena and Rosary. You all are invited

50+ CLUB, CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP, PADRE PIO GROUP and ROSARY GROUP

will resume this week after Christmas holidays.

If we meet no gods, it is because we harbour none. If there is grandeur in you, you will find grandeur in porters and sweeps -Ralph Waldo Emerson.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This Sunday, 5th January, is Fr Pater's Birthday. We wish him a very happy Birthday. Please join the parish as he will cut the birth day cake in the hall after 12:00 Mass this Sunday.

HELP NEEDED

Please come and help the parish to take down Christmas decoration on *Wednesday 8th January after 6.30pm Mass*. Many thanks.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS

Thank you to all of you who serve our parish as readers & Eucharistic ministers. Please follow the Rota. Normally, two weeks Rota is given in the newsletter and please take note of the date and time of your duty.

INFANTS BAPTISM

Any parents who wish to baptise their children should register in the parish and attend the Mass regularly for at least six months. Those who moved recently to the parish should get evidence of the catholic practice. Fr Shaju will be happy to talk to you during Parish Open house if you have any queries.

NEXT BAPTISM PROGRAMME

On Monday 27th January at 7.30pm

LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

At the beginning of 10:30am mass on Sunday, all children 5-10 years are requested to come forward towards the Sanctuary to join for the liturgy procession. Catechists will lead them out to the Parish Meeting Room. *Resume on 5th January after Christmas Break.*

RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION

The next Session is on Monday 13th January at 7.15pm in the Parish Meeting Room (in the Presbytery).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Parents meeting on *9th January 2020 at 7.15pm* in the Function Suite.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Parents meeting on Friday 10th January at 7pm in the Function Suite.

FOOD BANK

The box for Food Bank contributions is in the Coffee Shop.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes

We remember in our prayers those who died recently especially Maria El-Habash and Michael Monohan.

you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House every Friday from 4pm–6pm. No appointment needed

HOSPITAL VISITS : For any person admitted in St George’s Hospital and who would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Mark Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Rosario Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastatsia Ogbonna, Agnelo Fernades, Nilojan Mariyathas, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O’Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Maria Fatima, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams & Frances Brady

Anniversaries: Evelyn Daly, Jean Hunte, Mary Considine, James Gallagher, Rosalie Guiste, Enrico Stroffolino, Simon Ridge, Martin Luttrell, Francisco de los Arcos, Eileen Lambert, George Gibson, Agnes Mitchell, Maude McLoughlin, Roseleen Dunne, Elizabeth Walsh, Tamara Newhaver, Maria Street, Bridget O’Donnell, Jean Ramos, Joan Haakman, Bridgid Cremin, Desmond Morris, Anna Simpson, Rosie Fenech, Winston Devonish. *May they rest in peace – Amen.*

	4th & 5th January	11th & 12th January
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Matchel Bibat, Ethan Power	Jim Russell, Doris Cubero
09.00	Andrea Mango, Remo Manoharadas	Jeanet Leyton, Ansshakila Manoharadas
10.30	Francis Ikpoh, Deuwayne Ikpoh	Anastasia Ogbonna, Mary Sagoe
12.00	Sharon Wrightman, Ronald Cabrera	Cecilia Francis, Finnuala Lynch
18.30	Ivon Kandiah, James Short	Susan Daniel, Sally Canizo
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Agnela Cabral, David Cabral, Manuel Cabral	Ethna Power, Lucinda D’Souza, Mathew D’Souza
09.00	Valrose Hayes, Coralee Hilton, Elizabeth Rodrigues	Mary Donoghue, Monique Sinfailam, Pat Willis
10.30	Edy Endoza, Virginia Francois, Damian P Keeling	Carina Jualo, Isabella Mitchell Ana Maria Da Silva
12.00	Rosemary John, Marjorie Smith, Mary Mayne	Jessy Roy, Nellie De Santos Meves John D’Souza
18.30	Reya Mathai, Julian De Souza, Barrie Ellis– Daley	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Juliana De Souza Rose Adroa

Church Cleaning:	Wk1: Mon 6th Dec @ 10am	Wk2: Mon 13th Jan @ 7pm
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£2219.32)

Gift aided: 47% Loose Plate: 53%



<u>Sunday 5th January</u> THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Year A)	09:00 10:30 12:00 18:30	Crita Rajcoomar, RIP Tadija, Mara & Marko LEKO Ciaran Lambe, RIP & David Courtney Francisco Canizo de Los Arcos
Monday 6th January Feria of Christmas	09:30 18:30	Erin Verhoeff Ints Philip Twist, RIP
Tuesday 7th December Funeral	09:30 11:30 18:30	Frank Fitzpatrick, RIP Michael Monohan Christy Cowan
Wednesday 8th January Funeral Feria of Christmas	09:30 10:30 18:30	Caroline Cheung, RIP Joseph Int Pat & Kathleen Higgins/
Thursday 9th January Feria of Christmas	09:30 18:30	Maidie Ferguson, RIP Ana Severina Fernandes, RIP
Friday 10th January Feria of Christmas	09:30 18:30	Thanksgiving: Lila & Gabriel Michael Cauneen
Saturday 11th January Our Lady	11:00 18:30	For the Sick Bridget Mannix, RIP
<u>Sunday 12th January</u> THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year A)	09:00 10:30 12:00 18:30	Anastatia Prendergast Pauline O'Rielly, RIP Charles Corcoran Agnes Mitchell, RIP

<p><u>Monday 13th December</u> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p> <p><u>Tuesday 7th December</u> Charismatic Prayer Group</p> <p><u>Wednesday 8th January</u> Rosary Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p>	<p><u>Thursday 9th January</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church</p> <p><u>Friday 10th January</u> 50+ Club Parish Open House 4-6pm</p>
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<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p>Holy Hour First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm</p>
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<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday</p>	<p>Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am</p> <p>Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>
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