



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

COLLECT

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.
'The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.'
Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

60:1-6

Lift up your eyes all round, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Ps. 72(71)

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 great peace till the moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the islands 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 rescue the needy when they cry, the poor who have no one to help.

He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.
'It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise.'
3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:
I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia.
We saw his star when it rose
and have come to worship the Lord.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glorify to you, O Lord.
'We have come from the east to worship the king.'
2:1-12
Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'
When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.'
After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK			
Sat 4 th	4.00 pm	Cormac Francis Kenny RIP	5th January 2025: Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity) FEASTS : Tuesday St Raymond of Penyafort Sunday Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am Altar Lamp – Kevin Williams RIP Our Lady's Lamp – Lucy McCallig
Sun 5 th	10.30 am	Gabriel Doherty RIP	
Mon 6 th		NO MASS	
Tues 7 th	9.15 am 10.15 am	People of the Parish Margaret Elizabeth Burke (Requiem)	
Wed 8 th	9.30 am	Ann Hackett (with St Bernadette's School)	
Thurs 9 th	10.00 am	John Ahern RIP (with Holy Family School)	
Fri 10 th	10.30 am	Sylvia Curran RIP	
Sat 11 th	4.00 pm	Mary Lloyd RIP and Bridget Lloyd RIP	
Sun 12 th	10.30 am	Sebastian Flis (Birthday)	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £392.36			
SECOND COLLECTION: £131.49 (Friends of the Holy Land)			

RECENTLY DEAD: Margaret Elizabeth Burke RIP. Requiem Mass Tuesday 7th January 2025, 10.15 am.
 Catherine Foley RIP. Details to follow.

ANNIVERSARIES: Douglas Colley, John O'Donovan, Margaret Osborne, Margaret Kelly, Michael Moran, Alex Skryzypiec, Ronald Brown, Albert Thomas, Patrick McGowan, John Cunnane, Helena Hackett, AnnToohey, Michael Dunne, Peter Higgins, Francis Macken, Bridie Foyle, Paulette Flynn, Robert O'Malley, Eileen Grant, Frederick Williams, Archibald Ferris, Frances Burns, Joan O'Brien, Patrick Dunne, Brian Murray, Michelle Crozier, Mary Wood, John & Jennie Turley, Maureen Morris, Frank Moyna.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Jim Deards, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, Mary Bergin, Fr Tony Rohan, Tommy Flynn, Maureen Carton, Tony McLoughlin.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2025: For the right to an education: We pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.

SECOND COLLECTION for this weekend: Church Maintenance

WELCOME BACK to our school Communities in the coming week. We wish them God's blessings for the New Term and Year.

ALTAR LAMPS: Spaces are now available. Please see May.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all parishioners who brought in poinsettias and helped clean and decorate the Church, making it so welcoming for our Christmas celebrations.

FATHER FRETCH AND THE VOCATIONIST FATHERS would like to thank you all most sincerely for your very generous Christmas gifts, cards and especially your prayers. **They wish all parishioners a Joyful, Peaceful Christmas Season and a Very Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all." (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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