



PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Phil Clarke, Thomas Phayil.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Joseph Wright, Rita Ifill, Peter Golden Snr RIP

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY

Evangelization: Christians at the service of the challenges of humanity. That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity .

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An Epiphany Prayer

**God of all heaven and earth,
From the breath of your love came the
creation of the world.**

**We are amazed at the vast beauty of
the night sky and at the intimate
nature of the love you have for us your
children.**

**Be our daily star, guiding our lives to
search for kingdom love.**

**May we always follow your light of
truth in all that we do,**

**Forever trusting, hoping and believing
in your word.**

**Lift our eyes tonight to see your eter-
nal life shining brightly, leading us
home.**

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
**In Thanksgiving
(Mr. & Mrs. F.)**

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week
**In Thanksgiving
(Genie Agbisit Sikdar)**



**TURN OFF
ALL MOBILE
PHONES**



Sunday cycle
Readings Year A

Weekday readings
Year 1

Divine Office
Week 1

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury



Sunday 8th January 2017 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors and particularly those who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities during the week and also to remind you of our Liturgy today.

TODAY'S MASS



In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the 'Time of Manifestation', or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"Christ is not valued at all unless he
is valued above all."**

St Augustine of Hippo

Sunday reflection

The Magi made two long journeys, one to Bethlehem to give homage to the baby Jesus, the second to Cologne after their deaths, to give inspiration to pilgrims to make their own lives journey to give glory to Jesus. The brief account of the three kings in Matthew's Gospel is rich in insight and lessons for us as we make our journey.

The Kings saw a star and understood it as a sign that something special was taking place. They were able to read the sign that led them to Jesus. It wasn't that long ago that we heard a Gospel in which Jesus told the listeners that just as we can read signs about weather,

so we should "stay awake" so as to see the signs that point to his Second Coming. Like the magi we should be aware of what is happening in the world around us and how it is reflecting the presence of Christ.

The Kings had the faith to act on the sign. They left home and country, to make a journey East. Even though they were Wise men or kings, it was probably a journey that was difficult and at times uncomfortable. Our journey in faith can be like that. We

are sometimes given the opportunity to move in our faith to a place that might involve some sacrifice or discomfort. During this past Year of mercy we may have become involved in some corporal work of mercy that wasn't too easy for us at first, but proved rewarding to us. If we have the faith to move forward we find ourselves richly blessed.

Finally, the kings had the humility to give homage to the baby who looked far from kingly. A baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, with a manger as a crib, inside the stable. These did not deter the Kings from showing that they truly were Wise Men.

The looked beyond the unlikely circumstances and saw the King. They gave him gifts fit for a King, and did so while giving him homage. It is a lesson for us not to confine ourselves to one particular way in which Christ may manifest himself to us. May we have the humility to recognize Christ in the way he desires to come to us, and to give him the best, not holding back, but freely humbling ourselves by offering ourselves totally to him.



HOLY BAPTISM: Information packs are available from the parish office. You can sign up there for the preparation evening. Parents to be, i.e. before birth, are welcome to attend. Please note that our next baptism preparation evening will be on Friday 27th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

SEEKING CATECHISTS & HELPERS FOR CONFIRMATION - If you would like to help prepare this year's candidates for their Confirmation in June next year we would be delighted to hear from you. If you would be interested in helping in any way please speak to Mgr. Jeremy or contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you!

MEN'S BREAKFAST—Following our successful and enjoyable launch of the Men's Breakfast we will meet again on Saturday 28th January at 9am. As well as a fry-up we will have a guest speaker—Fr. John Hemer talking about his experience as a missionary priest in Pakistan. If you are interested please RSVP to Fr. Tony at tonythomas@rcdow.org.uk

LADIES' KEEP FIT will be back on Monday January 9th 2017 at 1.30pm

SET DANCING—Will resume on Tuesday January 10th 2017 at 8.45pm.

CAFÉ/BAR will be open again from Thursday 12th January from 9-11am. If you would be interested in volunteering to help please contact Patricia on 07939 722 198

CHILDREN'S ART CLASS will resume on Thursday January 12th 2017 at 5.30-7.30pm.

BEFRIENDING SERVICE - If you know of anyone in the Parish who might like to be befriended please let us know as we have a small group of befrienders who would be only too happy to help.

CHURCH LAMPS: If you would like to sponsor the blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week - Please see Toni in the Parish Office..

HARROW SUPPORT GROUP for separated and divorced Catholics. The next meeting will be on Monday 9 January 2017 at 8pm in the hall at St Bernard's Church, Northolt Road. All are welcome, regardless of their situation. For more information please ring Jull 020 8204 3714 or Eileen 020 8756 1284.

WHITE/YELLOW FOLDER INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING: (See in church porch)

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE helps separated, divorced or widowed Catholics.

SMART LOVING SEMINAR for married couples.

CATHOLIC SINGLES information

RETOUVAILLE—a lifeline for married couples.

WIDOWED YOUNG—support events.

CALIX CENTRE—A Catholic ministry to addicts.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.—new information.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA—led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, 24-27 April 2017. Further details in the folder in porch.

TEACHER TRAINING with Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School. Information evening on 15th January 2017 at 5.30pm— see notice in folder to book.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:- Please see folder and website. for latest details

FOLDERS in the church porch: look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges .

The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

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PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
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NEWS & VIEWS

WELCOME to all who have come to Mass today. Please stay on if you are able, for TEA & COFFEE after the 9.45am and 11.15am Masses, in the Bar of the Parish Centre.

NEW TO THE PARISH? if you are, please know you are very welcome. Please fill in one of the new parishioners forms at the back of church and we'll get back to you.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 8 January:

Teas/coffees after 9.45am and 11.15am Masses

Monday 9 January:

Confirmation 8.00pm

Tuesday 10 January:

Over 60's Club 1.00pm

Set Dancing 8.45pm

Wednesday 11 January:

Knights of St. Columba 8.00pm

Thursday 12 January:

Church Cleaning Group B 1.45pm

Friday 13 January:

Teas after morning Mass

TAMIL PRAYER MEETING every Saturday evening after 6.15pm Mass. All Welcome. Contact: Edward on 07976 487 313.

MGR. JEREMY, FR. TONY & PETER would like to express a huge thanks to the parish for all the kind gifts and cards and enclosures. It has been an extremely generous Christmas towards us and we cant thank you enough. Your support gives us huge encouragement and let us pray for another year together in God's service. Thank you all again!

A GREAT SADNESS happened last week when the child and the manger from our crib was taken. This has been in the parish for many, many years and was beautifully carved. Put the word around—you never know it may just be spotted by someone somewhere.

NEW READERS AT SATURDAY 6.15pm VIGIL MASS - Over the last few months a number of readers have moved away from the Parish or have become unavailable due to work commitments elsewhere. We would be very grateful for some new people to come

forward to become part of the Readers' Rota for the 6.15pm Saturday Vigil Mass. The commitment is once a month. If you would consider being a reader please speak to Mgr. Jeremy, Fr. Tony or email Peter at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk for further information. Thank you.

THANK YOU to all who worked hard for our Christmas celebration Evening before Christmas. It raised over £1000 for the parish.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2017: Would you be interested in making a pilgrimage to Lourdes this July? Fr Tony will be leading a group from this parish with the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage between Sunday 23rd July and Saturday 29th July 2017. As those who have travelled to Lourdes before will testify, it promises to be a memorable and faith-filled week. We will be publishing prices, along with hotel and travel arrangements, soon. If you would like to register your initial interest, please let Fr Tony know. If you are a youngster and would like to travel as a volunteer helper, we may be able to provide financial assistance.

CONFIRMATION - Many thanks to all those who enrolled on our Confirmation Programme. The first session is on Monday 9th January at 8pm. Please can candidates bring any missing documents (e.g. Passport Photos, Baptism Certificates, Sponsor Forms, etc.) to the Parish Office before the beginning of the Programme.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Part 2 of the First Holy Communion Programme begins with a session for PARENTS & CARERS ONLY at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th January.

FRIENDS OF JESUS - The Friends of Jesus offers Religious Education to those children of primary school age not attending a Catholic school. The Friends of Jesus meets during term-time for an hour at 5.30pm. If you are interested in finding out more about the Friends of Jesus please pick up an Information Leaflet from the back of church. Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office. The new term will begin on Friday 13th January at 5.30pm.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm, **WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday – Saturday 9.30am, **HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm, **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 5.15-6.00pm **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm and any time by appointment, **DIVINE MERCY:** Tuesday 10.30am, **PRAYER GROUP:** Thursday 8.00pm **FRIENDS OF JESUS:** Friday 5.30pm.

Gd	Sun	8 Jan	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	<i>Sat. Vigil</i>	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	Baby Ryan Quinn RIP Special Intentions PRO POPULO Joseph Wright RIP Lorraine Wright RIP Eilis Rickard RIP
W	Mon	9 Jan	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD		9.30am	Graham Bartlett RIP
G	Tues	10 Jan	feria		9.30am	Margaret Moran RIP
G	Wed	11 Jan	feria		9.30am	Eileen Kidd Intentions
G	Thur	12 Jan	feria		9.30am	Leshia Dempsey Intentions
G	Fri	13 Jan	feria		9.30am	Michael Keaveney Intentions
W	Sat	14 Jan	Of Our Lady		9.30am	Paul Brennan Intentions



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the

Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role

in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon [Mal 3: 1; 1 Chr 29: 12]
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, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Theme: Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

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.

Responsorial Psalm: 71

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

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

2. 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.

3. The kings of Tarshish and the seacoasts
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.

4. 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.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

Theme: It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

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 Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Theme: We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, suddenly some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east asking, 'Where is the infant king of the Jews? 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. They told him, 'At Bethlehem in Judaea, for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least among the leaders of Judah, for from 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 with the words, 'Go and find out all about the child, 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 suddenly the star they had seen rising 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 given a warning in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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.

Communion Antiphon [Mt 2: 2]

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.