

Sunday 2nd January 2022

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year C

Weekday Readings
After Christmas

Divine Office
Psalms week 2

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THIS WEEK

Sun 2 Jan	THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY 6.15pm (Vigil) Delany & Dempsey Family 8.30am THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 9.45am Baptiste Fernandes (Special Int) 11.15am Mary Griffin RIP 5.30pm Bernard Welikala RIP
Mon 3 Jan	Christmas feria 9.30am Nancy Quinn RIP(1st)
Tues 4 Jan	Christmas feria 9.30am Stewart Kennedy RIP & Damian O'Halloran RIP
Weds 5 Jan	Christmas feria 9.30am Philomena Dempsey RIP
Thurs 6 Jan	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 9.30am Gnanaathikham Chinnaiya RIP 8.00pm Special intention
Fri 6 Jan	Christmas feria 9.30am Hazel Isaacs Intentions 
Sat 7 Jan	Christmas feria 9.30am Peter Golden Snr. RIP
Sun 8 Jan	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 6.15pm (Vigil) Kathleen Anderson & Avril Isaacs RIP 8.30am THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 9.45am Baptiste Fernandes ints. 11.15am Joe Lynch RIP 5.30pm Juliane & Jack Murphy RIP & Jack Jackson RIP

TODAY'S MASS



God chose us in Christ. Christ, God's only Son was made flesh and lived among us so that we who believe in him might become the adopted sons of the Father. Before the world was made God chose us in Christ and for this we give thanks to the Father.

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12

The wisdom of God has pitched her tent among the chosen people.

Second reading: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18

He determined that we should become his adopted sons through Jesus.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

The Word was made flesh and lived among us.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Through Christ we see as in a mirror the spotless and excellent face of God".
ST. CLEMENT OF ROME "

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

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: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm.
and any time by appointment.

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan *Noronha*, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan Jocalyn Almeida,

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Sangeerth Girirathan , Jimmy Curran (Brother of Mary Murphy) , Thomas Dolan, Joy Cumberbatch

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Peter golden Snr, Mary Griffin, Nancy Quinn, Baron Ventry, Funnel Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

Agnelo Caiado RIP & Stella Carmelo (Birthday)

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Teresa Groome & Family

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY:

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



Why does John the Evangelist begin his Gospel account with a description of the Word of God and the creation of the universe and human-kind? How might the beginning of John's Gospel be linked with the beginning of the first book of Genesis?

God's word is also equated with his wisdom. "The Lord by wisdom founded the earth" (Proverbs 3:19). The Book of Wisdom describes "wisdom" as God's eternal, creative, and illuminating power. Both "word" and "wisdom" are seen as one and the same. John describes Jesus as God's creative, life-giving and light-giving word that has come to earth in human form. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Jesus is the wisdom and power of God which created the world and sustains it who assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. Jesus became truly man while remaining truly God. Jesus Christ is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother. From the time of the Apostles the Christian faith has insisted on the incarnation of God's Son "who has come in the flesh" (1 John 4:2)

If we are going to behold the glory of God we will do it through Jesus Christ. Jesus became the partaker of our humanity so we could be partakers of his divinity (2 Peter 1:4). God's purpose for us, even from the beginning of his creation, is that we would be fully united with Him. When Jesus comes God is made known as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By our being united in Jesus, God becomes our Father and we become his sons and daughters. Let us thank the Father for sending his only begotten Son to redeem us and to share with us his glory?

NEWS UPDATE



Thank you for wearing your face covering in church and for considering others

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions. You are no longer required to sign in though you can still choose to do so on the QR Code. Please continue, unless if you are exempt, to wear a face mask to protect yourselves and others. Under the present restrictions we are required to do so. There continues to be no required social distancing in Church. However the top left hand side of the church will be kept for those who wish to do so. We ask that you sanitise in and out of church but if you wish to sanitise before communion we ask you bring your own and do so yourself. **Above all be responsible to others, look out for each other and make sure if you feel ill or have been in crowded situations that you are tested.**



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY falls on Thursday 6th January. This celebration of the Wise Men's visit to the infant Jesus finishes the formal part of the 12 days of Christmas. **Masses at 9.30am & 8.00pm**

Confirmation 2022 Information Evening



Are you in Year 10 or above, regularly attend our Parish and wishing to be confirmed in 2022?

If so, please join us, with your Parent/Carer, in the Parish Centre for the

Confirmation Information Evening
Monday 10th January at 7.30pm.



KEEP ST GEORGE'S COVID SAFE: If a member of your household has tested positive for COVID, even if asymptomatic (i.e. without symptoms), please refrain from coming to the church, in case you are asymptomatic yourself. Additionally, it may be helpful to know, that the Catholic Bishops

have fully endorsed all aspects of the UK Vaccination Programme. The more people who are vaccinated, the less risk there is to us all.

Thank you

MGR JEREMY, Fr. JULIO & PETER thank so many parishioners for your kinds in cards and gifts this Christmas. We cant thank you enough for your generosity and kindness. It means a lot to us.

FUNERAL MASS of Thomas Dolan on Wednesday 19th January at 11.00am followed by burial in Carpenders Park Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

FINAL CHANCE SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE: Thank you if you have returned your Synodal Questionnaire. It's a busy time of the year, but we value your comments greatly.

UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE— Thank you to all who brought gifts with great generosity.

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS—I think you will agree that the Church continues to look splendid. Thank you to all those who behind the scenes have decorated the church and produced wonderful flower arrangements and decorations.

THANK YOU to **SAVILLE'S FUNERAL DIRECTORS** who have donated the Christmas Tree this Year

COFFEE & TEA AFTER MASS has now recommenced for those who wish and all the following Fridays. The café/Bar is looking very underused and we have a new updated coffee machine too. See you there! If you might consider helping please contact **Angela Traynor** at angelatraynor@btinternet.com

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We look forward to helping the Year 3 children learn about the Mass, during part 2 of the FHC Programme, as they prepare for their First Holy Communion in May 2022. We look forward to welcoming back **Parents/Carers only** in the **Parish Centre** on **Tuesday 25th January** as we prepare to accompany the children as fruitfully as possible in the coming months as they begin this next stage on their journey of faith.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS: - The Children's Liturgy has started up again in the Parish on last Sunday at the 9.45am Family Mass. We are look-

ing for new volunteers to help the younger children (4-7yr) reflect on Sunday's Gospel during Mass in a fun, creative & simple way. If you might consider helping once every six weeks, joining an established group of experienced Catechists, please contact **Una Moran** una@bfmconsult.co.uk or peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

REPOSITORY: Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

CHURCH CLEANING: - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass**. All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

ALTAR SERVING: - If your child would like to help with Altar Serving at Mass please note that you must first complete an Altar Serving Form, providing Parental Consent. Blank forms are available for completion from the Sacristy. Only once this form has been completed can your child begin serving at Mass.

RCIA—Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

PLEASE, IT'S A KINDNESS when Mass has ended to ensure that your seat area is left clean and tidy, ready for the next Mass. It's particularly helpful to lift the kneelers so they are not walked on and so others can get in and out of the benches easily. Over the past two weeks, Newsletters, Mass sheets and spilt, food and loads of used tissues have been left in church for others to clear away. This is not helpful in the current climate. Let's look after our church and each other!

AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

O Jesus Christ our King,
your sign to the Magi was
a bright shining star.
Enlighten us by your grace,
and fill us with all wisdom
and spiritual understanding;
grant this because of your goodness,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
whose kingdom and dominion
endure through all ages.
Amen.

Happy NEW YEAR!

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Wis 18: 14-15*

When a profound silence covered all things
and night was in the middle of its course,
your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
splendour of faithful souls,
graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory,
and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.
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: *Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12*

Wisdom speaks her own praises,
in the midst of her people she glories in herself.
She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High,
she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One;

'Then the creator of all things instructed me,
and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.
He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob,
make Israel your inheritance."

From eternity, in the beginning, he created me,
and for eternity I shall remain.

I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle,
and thus was I established on Zion.

In the beloved city he has given me rest,
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.

I have taken root in a privileged people,
in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 147:12-15,19-20*

R/. *The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you. **R/.**

2. He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **R/.**

3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **R/.**

Second reading: *Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,
determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ
for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus,
and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember
you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what

is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of
your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories
he has promised the saints will inherit.

Gospel Acclamation: *cf. 1Tim3:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans.
Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 1:1-18*

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make
on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,
for by it you show us the way of truth
and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communlon Antiphon: *Cf. Jn 1: 12*

To all who would accept him,
he gave the power to become children of God.

Prayer after Communlon

Lord our God, we humbly ask you,
that, through the working of this mystery,
our offences may be cleansed
and our just desires fulfilled.
Through Christ our Lord.