

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

Is. 60; 1-6; Ps. 71; Eph. 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matt. 2: 1-12

Saturday 4th January 2025

5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS
6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY
 6:30pm: Bernadette Youngs RIP
 (1st Anniv.) (Youngs Family)

PARISH "THANK YOU" BRING AND SHARE

Sunday 5th January 2025

8:00: Holy Rosary
 8:30am: People of the Parish
 10:30am: Lucian Colman RIP
 (Colman Family)

Mon. 6th January 2025 (Feria)

8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Maureen Saunders RIP
 (Jim Saunders)

Tues. 7th January 2025 (Feria)

8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Jackie Santo RIP
 (D. Marriner)

Weds. 8th January 2025 (Feria)

8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Rt. Rev. Christopher Budd RIP n/s
 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
 For all LSU Sisters over the world

Thurs. 9th Jan. 2025 (Feria)

8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Holy Souls

Fri. 10th January 2025 (Feria)

8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Canon Jeremiah Cronin
 RIP (Murrell)

Sat. 11th January 2025 (Feria)

11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

Is. 42: 1-4, 6-7; Ps. 28; Acts 10: 34-38; Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Saturday 11th January 2025

5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS
6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY
 6:30pm: Jackie Santo RIP
 (Val Hull)

Sunday 12th January 2025

8:00: Holy Rosary
 8:30am: Clara Masi (Coward)
 10:30am: People of the Parish

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Bernard McHugh, Margaret O'Sullivan, Dan Shine, George Caborn, John McGrath, Derek Whitaker, James Morrison, Margaret Mary Glover, Malcolm George Holmes, Patrick Harris, Amy Masters, Annie Lawless, Jack Yarham, Olive Muriel Wheeler, William Burgess, George Yeo, Agnes Robb, Peter Threlfall, Gordon Scanlon, Caroline Coppings, Alice Shea, Maurice Colyer, Stephan Beegan, Angelo Raccagni, May Davis, Joseph Andrews, Rev. Bro. Richard Baptist Quirke, Harry Shelton, Frederick Dowell.

CHRIST IS REVEALED TO ALL PEOPLES.

Wise men from the East guided by a star came to worship Christ. In them we see the homage of all the nations to Christ who is for ever the light of the world. We too can become an epiphany - a revealing - of God if we lead full Christian lives.



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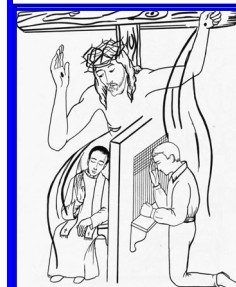
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Then, opening their
treasures,



they offered Him
gifts of gold and
frankincense
and myrrh.



**SACRAMENT OF
PENANCE -
CONFESSION -**

**SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM
also, WHENEVER
THE CHURCH IS
OPEN, and ON
REQUEST**

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SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Next weekend: for THE **BUILDING FUND**.

Gift Aiders can use one of the donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number, others please use one of the **Square Brown Envelopes** available at the Church Door.

25th/26th January: for **LEPRA: supporting people suffering with leprosy**
PLEASE ADD YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER. YOUR DONATION CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO THE GIFT AID SCHEME IF YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER IS NOT ON THE ENVELOPE.

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Like the Magi, we are called to search and to discover the presence of Christ in our lives. What's important is to be open and receptive in order to read the signs of the times. Christ is being born every day in our lives. Nevertheless, although God has come to us we shall find Him only if we search for Him and discover Him, only if we set out on a journey to meet Him.

Christ is to be encountered in the most unusual and varied places. He can be found in the smile of a child, in the painful expression of a person sick in bed, in the bitter tears of a poor person and in the happiness of newly-weds. Whenever we look into the eyes of another person we are gazing into the eyes of Christ.

When we meet other people we may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh to bring them but we can offer the priceless treasure of the presence of Christ in us.

**BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE
SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025**

9.30AM – 4.30PM

Treat yourselves to some time together!

This day, held at **St Stephen's parish hall, Welling**, starting at 9.30am until 4.30pm, is a day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no charge for this course.

Booking is essential - please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524 727

Refreshments will be provided but **please bring a packed lunch.**

**MISSIO AND MILL HILL
MISSIONARIES: RED BOXES**

Can all parishioners who have a Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries Red Box please bring their box to the Church for collection and counting.

Peter Tite, our Parish Local Secretary for the last 31 years, is now standing down from this important role.

We would like to thank Peter for his dedication and service to the Parish.

If you or any parishioner you know would like to become the new Parish Local Secretary for Missio, please speak to Fr. David.

**POPE FRANCIS'
PRAYER INTENTION:**

JANUARY 2025:

***For the Right to an
Education***

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

This year our Christmas Crib Offerings will be collected and shared between: - **THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY'S SOUTHWARK CRISIS FUND** which provides immediate support to those children and families in the Diocese who are most in need.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND for the poorest Christian families in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel.

Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:
SATURDAY 18TH - SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025**

The theme for 2025 is DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

The materials were prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy.

As we celebrate **1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea**, the worship service has at its heart, **the Nicene Creed**. Reflecting this, the Scripture readings for this year focus on belief.

We are invited to reflect on the story of **Martha's confession of faith in Jesus** as narrated in **John 11:17-27**. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: **"Do you believe this?"**

**THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS
DEDICATED TO THE
HOLY NAME OF JESUS.**

"In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil. 2:10)

Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the Incarnation:

"Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus".

OUR REPOSITORY SHOP

Come and visit our Repository. We have Mass Cards, Prayer Books and many other items. The shop can be open throughout the week before and after Private Prayer and Holy Mass.

100 CLUB

Come and join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund. Your continued support is appreciated. Thank you.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline Cornell, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.

PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?