



Ordinariate and Parish Church

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*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th January 2020



In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ is revealed to all people. Wise men from the east guided by a star come to worship Christ. In them, we see the homage of all the nations to Christ who is forever the light of the world. We too can become an epiphany – a revealing – of God if we lead full Christian lives.

The Epiphany House has replaced the Christmas Crib now the Wise Men have arrived. Don't forget that Christmastide ends NEXT Sunday next – will the trees last?

20+C+B+M+20 Epiphany Chalk will be blessed and presented today – take some and mark the entrance of your home.

Your home, has it been blessed? Arrange it with FrC this new year.

The Candles, to be blessed at Candlemass can be bought today. You may buy them in memory of someone, or for something special. It's a wonderful way to, somehow, bring some to the worship of the Church. There's a list at the back, sign up and return the envelope.

Coughs & Colds seem an inevitable part of this time of the year. Please be considerate when receiving Holy Communion. Remember that you do *not have to* receive from the chalice. 'Dunking' is not an option!

New Years' resolutions might be forgotten already, so make a resolution about your Catholic living? To be regular in daily prayer, study the Gospels, learn the Rosary ... the list could be endless.

Fr Christopher thanks all those who sent cards and gifts. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you!

The Crib Collection is today and next week. Some parishes put a collection box by the crib, but we (for security reasons) have it this week and next as a retiring collection. We are supporting the Catholic Children's Society

Epiphany Carol Service on Monday this week, 6.30pm at Warwick Street, followed by a reception. *All welcome.*

Poinsettias for the Christmas Crib... mmm... maybe it is getting a little late!

The Archbishop sent a pastoral letter last week, there are some copies at the back.

Catholic History Walk, Mon 6th Jan, 6pm from MPB. Candle-lit walk across London Bridge to the City to historical places ending at St John Henry's birthplace.

Bible Alive for January is at the back.

Daily Mass times are all back to normal this week, daily at 1.05pm. Have you considered attending Mass daily, or an extra in the week?

Evensong and Ordinariate Use Mass resume on Thursday this week, 6pm & 6.30pm

Pastoral Care of this parish was given to the Ordinariate seven years ago on Tuesday this week. It seems like a life time!

Trees come down next Sunday, help needed.

Do you know the date of your baptism?

Founded: 1891

Constructed: 1892

Consecrated: 1st July 2019



How is “revealed” Jesus at his baptism?

After Jesus comes up from the water we hear “This is my beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased,” and the Holy Spirit comes down and rests on him.

For how long is the Epiphany celebrated?

Many Protestant churches celebrate Epiphany as a season that begins on 6th January and ends the day before the start of Lent.

For many Orthodox churches, the Epiphany is more important than Christmas, and is celebrated with greater dignity. For us Catholics it is an important day which is set in the whole *Incarnation Season*, together with his Baptism, which closes the Christmastide.

What other names is Epiphany called?

Other names include Theophany [“manifestation of God”], Blessing of the Waters Day [used especially by Eastern Christian [Orthodox] churches], Three Kings’ Day [referring to the Magi or “Wise Men”]. The associated Baptism of the Lord Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany.

Since when have people celebrated Epiphany?

Epiphany has been celebrated since before Christmas was celebrated! The Feast of Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts and has been celebrated since the end of the second century - before the year 200 AD.

What Shakespeare play has a title that relates to Epiphany?

William Shakespeare’s play “Twelfth Night, or What You Will” is believed by many to have been written as entertainment for the close of the Christmas season, 6th January, the twelfth day/night after Christmas - in other words, Epiphany, though the theme of the play has nothing at all to do with Jesus’ birth, baptism, or Epiphany!

Does this mean astrology is okay?

No. As the Catechism explains, consulting horoscopes, astrology contradict the honour, respect, and loving devotion that we owe to God alone [CCC 2116]. Once the Wise Men had found Jesus, they laid their treasures before him, the means by which they found the Truth. And so do we.

What does the word “Epiphany” mean?

“Epiphany” comes from two Greek words—a verb that means “to reveal” or “to show forth” and a preposition that means “on.” So the noun “Epiphany” literally means “a showing of” and is sometimes translated “an appearing” or “a manifestation” or a “revealing”

What does Epiphany celebrate?

It celebrates the “revealing” of God in Jesus—the “showing forth” or “manifestation” of Jesus’ divinity - as shown in the visit of the Magi at his birth and at his baptism.

In what New Testament book do the Magi visit the baby Jesus?

Only the Gospel of Matthew records such a visit. The other Gospels of Mark, Luke, and John - do not.

What other names do people call the Magi?

People call them the “Wise Men” or the “Three Kings.” The Bible doesn’t name them, but tradition calls them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. We do not know how many there were, only that there were three gifts.

How does the visit of the Magi “reveal” the divinity on Jesus?

It shows that these kings from far away - through their long trip to visit Jesus, their highly significant gifts to him, and their worshipping of him - acknowledge Jesus as the King of all kings.

Were the Magi Jews or Gentiles?

According to tradition outside the Bible [which some scholars have questioned], the kings were Gentiles who came from “the East.” Though our word “magician” is related to “Magi,” the Magi of the Gospel of Matthew weren’t thought to be magicians in our sense of the word - they were thought to be astronomers (not astrologers) and philosophers.

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Epiphany Chalk will be available today for you to take and mark the lintel or door post of your home. It's a traditional House Blessing for the New Year. Has your home been blessed? Ask FrC today if it hasn't. Invite Christ into your home (again) this new Year.

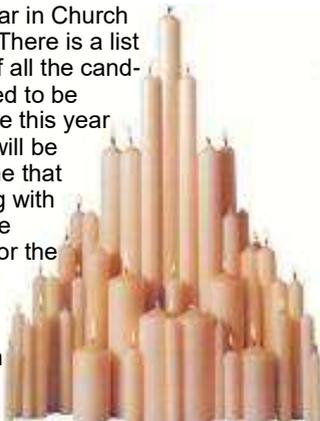
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Annual Epiphany Carol Service

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
Monday 6th January 2020
 Mass at 5.30pm
FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS at 6.30pm
Followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Music: The Choir of St Columba's College, St Albans,
 under the direction of Scott McCall
Followed by drinks & Galettes des Rois in the Challenger Hall
 The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption & St Gregory,
 Warwick Street, London W1B 3LZ.
 (Nearest tubes: Piccadilly Circus & Oxford Circus)

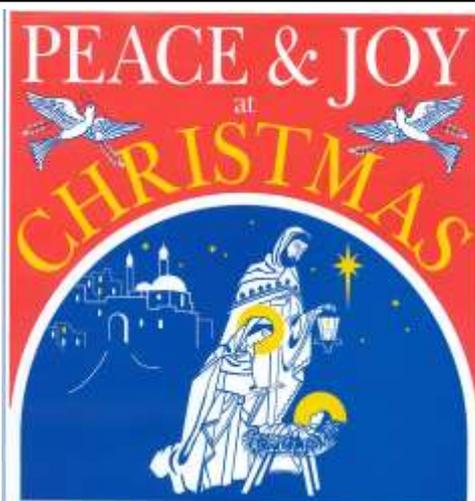
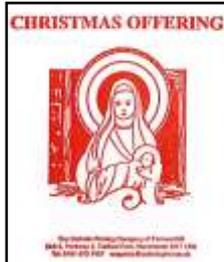


Candlemass, 2nd Feb, which is a Sunday this year, is the when we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple which closes the Nativity Season. Traditionally it's the day when all candles to be used during the year in Church are blessed. There is a list at the back of all the candles which need to be bought for use this year at MPB and will be blessed on the that Sunday along with special candle ceremonies for the Presentation. Would you like to offer some in memory of a loved one?



Christmas Offerings for the Clergy can be made using these envelopes.

Thank you for your generosity



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today Epiphany	8.30am 11.00am	A private intention Parishioners
Mon 6th <i>after Epiphany</i>	1.05pm	Desmond Cunningham ✕ <i>d.1998</i>
Tues 7th <i>(St Raymond of Penyafort)</i>	1.05pm	Elena & Sergei
Wed 8th <i>after Epiphany</i>	1.05pm	Holy Souls ✕
Thurs 9th <i>after Epiphany</i>	1.05pm 6.30pm	MC Sisters DG Ordinariate and Parish of MPB
Fri 10th <i>after Epiphany</i>	1.05pm	Archbishop John Wilson
Sat 11th <i>after Epiphany</i>		
Next Sunday Baptism of the Lord	8.30am 11.00am	Holy Souls ✕ Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

Sacrament of Confession. Sunday 10.30-10.50; Mon-Fri 12.30-12.55

Evensong 6pm Thursday during term time.

Last week: £1,667.74 inc Standing Orders and Cashless Card payments
£918.59 Christmas offering for the clergy

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Kate Pope, Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 0800 0935063

Holy Father's Intention for January *Evangelisation* - Promotion of World Peace
We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

For your prayers:

Those in formation for Ministry, Br Philip novOP (Jeff Gerlomes)

The Sick & Housebound: Dora, Mary, Ada, Fr John, Geoffrey, Mark, Christopher

Recently Departed: Kenneth Berry *priest*, David Pierson, Mila Espinoza, Baby Louison

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