



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



EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th January 2025



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

Happy New Year! God has blessed us with a new year and twelve more months of receiving his Grace and Love. What new year's resolution will you make to help your life and heart be open to that Grace and Love?

Epiphany is celebrated today. Usually the 6th, but being a Monday we get to celebrate it today: the men who came with gifts to reveal who this child born of Mary is: Christ the Lord!

Epiphany Chalk will be blessed at the end of Mass today for you to take and mark your home. If your home has never been blessed, arrange at date with FrC.

20+C+M+B+25. The Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar will protect you. It can also mean *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which is Latin for 'Christ Bless this House'.

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who made (and is making) our Christmas celebration so special. A lot of hard work goes on which is unseen and unnoticed. God sees, and God notices. *Thank you indeed.*



The Holy Father opened the Jubilee Door in Rome on Christmas Day and so the Jubilee Year of Hope.

FrC thanks everyone who sent cards, greetings and gifts this Christmas. Your generosity and love is very appreciated. *Thank you!*

Christmas Gifts! We often give gifts to others, but have you ever thought about buying something for Church? The FrC always has a *wish-list!*

The Archbishop sent a Christmas letter last week. There are some copies at the back of Church and on the website.

The Archbishop also recorded a Christmas message. You can watch it on YouTube. There's a link on the website. / here: tinyurl.com/Christmasmessage2024

Mass times this week continue to be slightly, well... very altered this week! Normal services will resume after next Sunday.

Christmas Offering can be made using the envelopes at the back; or the paystation, or on -line. Thank you for your generosity.

Beware of scams! There are reports in the Archdiocese of parishioners being scammed by fraudsters. So:

- Never purchase gifts for the parish priest based on an email request, unless trusted.
- Double-check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish or FrC
- Avoid sharing personal information or financial details with unsolicited emails.

Please report anything suspicious to FrC



A Twelfth Night Quiz

1. The Scriptures don't tell us the names of the Wise Men. But what are the names traditionally given to them?
2. What led the Wise Men in their journey to find the Christ-child?
3. What gifts did they bring?
4. Why do we sometimes call the Epiphany "Twelfth Night"?
5. What English playwright wrote a play with the name *Twelfth Night*?
6. Mary and Joseph and the Christ-child had to flee when Herod announced the killing of all baby boys. Where did they go?
7. How were the Wise Men warned not to return to Herod after they had honoured the baby Jesus?
8. What two animals are traditionally specifically depicted in the stable in a Nativity scene?
9. The Epiphany is a Holyday of Obligation in England and Wales. What does that mean?
10. When is Candlemas?

11. The Christmas season has other important feast days. When was the feast of St Stephen?
12. What saint do we celebrate on New Year's Eve?

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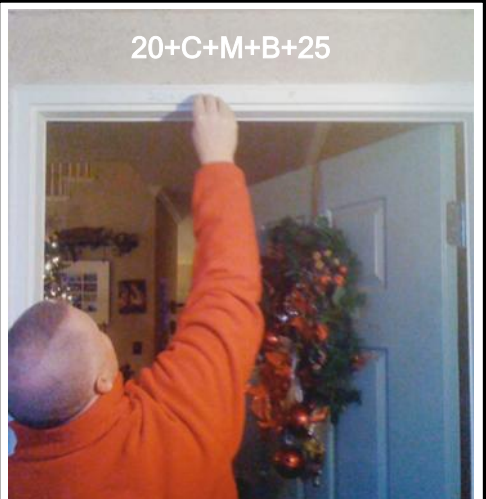
- ANSWERS
1. Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar
 2. A star
 3. Gold, frankincense and myrrh
 4. It is 12 days after Christmas
 5. William Shakespeare
 6. Egypt
 7. They were warned in a dream
 8. An ox and an ass. There may have been lambs, too, brought by the shepherds. And the Wise men probably travelled by camel.
 9. It's a day when we must be at Mass. Of course, we would want to be at Mass anyway, because it's such great feast.
 10. 2nd Feb
 11. 26th December
 12. St Sylvester

Candlemass (2nd Feb) 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 online and at the back of all the which need to be bought for use this year at Most Precious Blood and will be blessed on Sunday 2nd Feb, the fortieth day.



Would you like to offer some in memory of a loved one?

preciousblood.org.uk/candles



Visit, O Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here; and grant that we may manifest your love. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:
THE POPE FRANCIS LIST**

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.




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Christmas Gift

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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday EPIPHANY	09.30 11.00	Jim Powell ✕ Parishioners
<i>Mon 6th after Epiphany</i>		
<i>Tue 7th (St Raymond of Penyafort)</i>		
<i>Wed 8th after Epiphany</i>		
<i>Thurs 9th after Epiphany</i>		
<i>Fri 10th after Epiphany</i>		
<i>Sat 11th after Epiphany</i>		
Next Sunday BAPTISM OF THE LORD	09.30 11.00	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Sacrament of Confession. *not available this week*

† **Mass in the Ordinary Use** of the Roman Rite

Last week: £2,026.74 (cash £213.74; card £1,093; standing orders £720) \$1

Christmas Off £1,559.50 (cash £545.50; card £834.50; standing orders £180) in total

Crib offering **£65.00** (cash £000.00; card £65.00) in total **Thank you!**

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: Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 03330 509296

Holy Father's Intention for 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.

Live-streaming is done regularly for the Solemn Mass. The earlier Mass on Sunday and weekdays are not live-streamed.

For your prayers:

In priestly formation: Br Philip Gerlomes OP .

Becoming Christian: N'Goran Lael-Jireh

Peace: In Ukraine, in the Holy Land, Syria

Those who are Sick: Mary, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Hermon, Amaogechi,

Recently Departed: Giuseppina Torri, Joseph Forbes, David Barnes *priest*

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