

Readings & Prayers

Sunday 10.30am

Introit

Behold, he appeareth, the Lord and Ruler: and in his hand the kingdom, and power, and dominion.

(Ps) Give the King thy judgments, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

Glory be... Behold, he appeareth...

Cf Mal 3:1; 1 Chron 29:12; Ps 72:1, 10, 11

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only begotten Son to the peoples of the earth:

Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Mid'ian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The word of the Lord

Second reading

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Brethren: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the

Ecce advenit

Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to look upon the oblations of thy Church: wherein no longer offering gold and frankincense and myrrh; we sacrifice and receive him who by those gifts was mystically signified, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, world without end.

Preface

Preface of the Epiphany (Preface 6)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy &c.

Communion

Vidimus stellam

We have seen his star in the East, and are come with our offerings to worship the Lord. *Cf Mt 2:2*

Postcommunion

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we, who have solemnly celebrated thy holy mysteries, may in all purity of heart and mind receive the benefits of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Gregory

A parish dedicated to the life of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

Sunday 7th January Solemnity of the Epiphany

A very warm welcome to Mass today, especially if you are new or visiting. This sheet contains information about the week's Masses, along with this week's readings and hymns. You are warmly invited to stay for coffee, tea and wine, which is served after the 10.30am Solemn Mass in the Bishop Challoner Hall downstairs.



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. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. 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.

Epiphany Blessing of Homes

In memory of the wise men entering the house where Jesus was, there is an ancient tradition of praying for blessings on our homes on or near Epiphany. All you need are these prayers and a piece of chalk, to mark the frame of your door with the traditional initials of the wise men (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and this year's date. Perhaps spend a moment this Sunday asking God to bless your home and to be with all members of your household.

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: "Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house, above or next to a doorway:

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Each letter could be written by a different family member.

SUNDAY MASS

6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.30am (Solemn), 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS

12.45pm Mon-Fri
8am As advertised

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

As advertised.

8.00am Mass this week
See poster for details

CONFESSIONS

Sat 5.15-5.45pm
12.15pm Mon-Fri

News & Events

Music at the Solemn Mass:

Jacob Handl *Ommes de Saba venient*

George Oldroyd *Mass of the Quiet Hour*

William Crotch *Lo! Star - led chiefs*

Hymns: NEH 47, 52, 48

Website

We have a splendid new website designed by Andrew Cusack. We are very grateful to him, and you can find us at www.warwickstreet.org.uk.

Festival of Lessons and Carols at Warwick Street

In celebration of the Epiphany & Baptism of the Lord, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This will be on **Monday 8th January at 6.30pm**. There will be a fund raising reception in the Challoner Hall afterwards (£10).

13th/14th January 2018 White Flower Appeal

Over this weekend, we will be collecting for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Please be generous in your support of the important work they do on behalf of the unborn and for their fidelity to the teaching of the Church.

Sunday 28th January at 10.30am

We welcome Bishop Nicholas Hudson, auxiliary bishop in Westminster, as our preacher at Mass. Please make a note of the date!

Ordinariate Membership Cards

Those who are Roman Catholics within the Ordinariate of our Lady of Walsingham are invited to take away a devotional card and fill in their name in the space provided. It is conveniently designed to be folded and fitted into a wallet or purse. Among other things it reminds members of their duties and obligations as Latin Rite Catholics, but also the special duty of praying for the unity of the Church.

Eucharistic Congress 7-9 September 2018

The Bishops of England and Wales have announced a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress (ADOREMUS) in Liverpool. Its purpose is to rejuvenate Eucharistic Adoration; to deepen and strengthen our love of Our Lord, present in all the tabernacles of the world; and to engender a deeper understanding of the centrality of the Mass in which the Sacrifice of Calvary is made present to us afresh. More details will follow in due course.

Monday 8th January	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	12.45pm	Julianne (Thanksgiving)	IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK Susan Elliott Smith, Rae Collins, Peter Oliver, Rosa Negra, Assumption Fernandez, Khady Gounougo, Paddy Naughton, Simon Ollivant, Sally Ward Enticott, Mick Batten, Ignatius Leong, Pauline Doherty THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Tuesday 9th January	feria	8.00am 12.45pm 6.30pm Rosary	James O'Callaghan RIP	
Wednesday 10th January	feria	8.00am 12.45pm 7.00pm Low Mass (1962)		
Thursday 11th January	feria	8.00am 12.45pm		
Friday 12th January	St Aelred of Rievaulx	8.00am 12.45pm		
Saturday 13th January	Our Lady on Saturday 2nd Sunday of the year.	12 Noon (1962) 6pm Mass	Salussolia Family Intentions	

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Readings & Prayers Saturday 6pm & Sunday 5pm

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 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

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

Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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

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.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts 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.

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

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 Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt2:2

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

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. '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. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of 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. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said '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 there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it 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 warned 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

Cf. 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.

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