

# MASS PROPER SUNDAY 10.30AM

## Introit

*Dilexisti (Ps 45:7, 1)* oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.’

Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

(Ps) My heart overfloweth with a good matter: I speak of the things which I have concerning the king.

GLORY. Thou hast...

## Collect

**H**EAVENLY Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ did take our nature upon him, and was baptized for our sakes in the river Jordan: mercifully grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may also be partakers of thy Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

## First reading

*Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7*

Thus says the LORD:

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my Spirit upon him,

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,

or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,

and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged

till he has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his law.

‘I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people,

a light for the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.’

**Psalm response: (5pm Mass)**

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## Second reading

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## Prayer over the Offerings

**O**LORD, who sufferest us to offer unto thee these our oblations, in remembrance of the manifestation of thine only-begotten Son: we beseech thee mercifully to hear our prayers; and grant that as he is himself the Author of these our gifts, so in his mercy he may likewise receive the same, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Preface

*Of the Epiphany*

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 ☩

## Communion

*Omnes qui in Christo baptizati est (Gal 3:27)*

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

## Postcommunion

Go before us, O Lord, we beseech thee, at all times and in all places with the light of thy heavenly grace: that, as thou hast vouchsafed to make us partakers of these holy mysteries; so we may understand them aright in purity of heart, and receive them worthily with all godly and devout affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**See Mark 9:7**

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## SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God’s promises: “This is my Son, the Beloved”. On this day we stand before the revelation of God’s love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

## This Sunday’s Readings

### First reading

*Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7*

The servant promised in Isaiah will be anointed with the Spirit, and will be the bringer of justice. The light that he brings will not be confined to the land of the Promise, but will be revealed to all. The Feast we celebrate today is, in reality, a further Epiphany, a revealing of he who was foretold in Isaiah; the one who will open the eyes of the blind, and free those in captivity.

### Second reading

*Acts 10: 34-38*

God had long prepared the Israelites for His coming, as Peter preaches in today’s Second Reading. Jesus was anticipated in the “beloved son” given to Abraham, and in the calling of Israel as His “first-born son”. Jesus is the divine son begotten by God, the everlasting heir promised to King David.

### Gospel

*Matthew 3: 13-17*

Jesus presents himself for baptism in today’s Gospel not because He is a sinner, but to fulfill the word of God proclaimed by His prophets. He must be baptized to reveal that He is the Christ (“anointed one”)—the Spirit-endowed Servant promised by Isaiah in today’s First Reading. His baptism marks the start of a new world, a new creation. As Isaiah prophesied, the Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove—as the Spirit hovered over the face of the deep in the beginning. As it was in the beginning, at the Jordan also the majestic voice of the Lord thunders above the waters. The Father opens the heavens and declares Jesus to be His “beloved son.”

### SUNDAY MASS

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

### WEEKDAY MASS

12.45pm Tue-Fri

### HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

*As advertised.*

### CONFESSIONS

Sat 5.15-5.45pm

### SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Diocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Dr Rose Cleary, who can be contacted on [safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk).

# NEWS & EVENTS

**Our Website:** [www.warwickstreet.org.uk](http://www.warwickstreet.org.uk)

Please visit our website for further information about our activities, for upcoming events, to access past newsletters, or to learn about the Ordinatee!

## A warm welcome:

Today we welcome Fr Dwight Longenecker, a well known Catholic speaker and author. Originally from an Evangelical background, Fr Longenecker became an Anglican clergyman, serving in Cambridge and on the Isle of Wight, until he and his family were received into the Catholic Church. In 2006, after ten years as a freelance writer and charity worker, he returned to the USA, was ordained, and now serves as Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Greenville, South Carolina.

## Christmas Lunch

The annual Christmas Lunch takes place after the 10.30am Solemn Mass. Many thanks to those who have helped by bring contributions. Thanks to Peter Sefton-Williams for co-ordinating the lunch. Look forward to seeing you there!

## For your diary:

**Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026:** the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There will be a Solemn Evensong at 3.30pm. It is a great joy to welcome back the Rev. Dr Robin Hill, Minister of Gladsmuir Kirk, near Edinburgh. There will be an opportunity to meet downstairs in the Challoner Hall with ecumenical guests.

## Date for your Diary:

Father Aidan Nichols OP, the noted theologian and author, will give the next Benedict XVI lecture, organised by the Friends of the Ordinatee, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm here at Our Lady of the Assumption. His topic will be, "Benedict XVI and the Conversion of England". This will be preceded by our regular 12noon Mass.

## Ecumenical Marian Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026: the Ecumenical Marian Pilgrimage Trust's Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The accommodation will be at the Anglican Shrine, and the total cost will be £345, including a non refundable deposit of £60. There will be Mass at the Catholic National Shrine, daily Catholic Mass, as well as liturgies in the other traditions represented, including Anglicans and Orthodox. Further details on the leaflet at the back of Church.

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	6pm (Saturday Vigil) 10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish Linda Lo Neng Fong (Health) People of the Parish	<p><b>Please pray for:</b></p> <p><b>THE SICK</b> Assumption Fernandez, Bernice Taylor, Flutura, Charlie O'Donnell, Kenny, Norma Skeggs, Paul</p> <p><b>FAITHFUL DEPARTED</b></p>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	feria	No Mass		
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	feria	12.45pm 6.30pm (Sung) 6pm Rosary		
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	feria	12.45pm 6.30pm (Sung)	Our Exodus 90 Group <i>Pro remissione peccatorum</i>	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	feria	12.45pm		
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	feria	12.45pm		
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	St Anthony, Abbot 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary	12noon 6pm (Sunday Vigil)	Thérèse (intention)	

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## MASS PROPERS SATURDAY 6PM

### Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:  
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**Cf. Mt 3: 16-17**

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### Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. 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.

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### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

### Communion Antiphon

**Jn 1: 32, 34**

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

### Psalm response:

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### Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

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