

MASS PROPER SUNDAY 10.30AM

Introit

Omnis terra (Ps 66:3, 1)

All the earth shall worship thee, O God, sing to thee: they shall sing praise to thy Name, O Most Highest! (Ps) O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. GLORY. All the...

Collect

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things, both in heaven and on earth: mercifully hear the supplications of thy people; and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

First reading

Isaiah 49:3,5-6

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And now the LORD says,

he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him—

for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD,

and my God has become my strength—

he says:

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to bring back the preserved of Israel;

I will make you as a light for the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Second reading

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To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sancti-

fied in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all

those who in every place call on the name of our Lord

Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the

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Jn1:14,12

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Prayer over the Offerings

WE beseech thee, O Lord: that thou wouldest vouchsafe to sanctify these our oblations; and to cleanse us from the defilement of all our iniquities; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

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

Laetabimur (Ps 20:5)

We will rejoice in thy salvation: and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God.

Postcommunion

INCREASE, O Lord, we pray thee, and multiply upon us the operation of thine almighty power: that we, whom thou hast quickened with these heavenly sacraments, may by thy grace be made ready to receive the benefits which thou dost promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time: one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the revelation of the Son of God people realising who this Jesus of Nazareth actually was and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew's Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord's public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen, even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God's work.

This Sunday's Readings

First reading

Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading. He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: "'You are My servant,' He said to Me." Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus—to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience, made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness, as Paul says in today's Epistle. He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb (see [Revelation 7:14](#)). And we are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies—our lives—as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass (see [Romans 12:1](#)).

Gospel

John 1:29-34

In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds Him in the Gospel today (see [1 Corinthians 5:7](#); [1 Peter 1:18-19](#)). Our Lord sings of this in today's Psalm. He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God (see [Hebrews 10:3-13](#)). The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (see [Hebrews 10:4](#)). They were meant not to save but to teach (see [Galatians 3:24](#)). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will.

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 Dioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Dr Rose Cleary, who can be contacted on safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk.

NEWS & EVENTS

Our Website: 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 Ordinariate!

Music at Today’s Solemn Mass:

Frederick Ouseley From the rising of the sun; John Ireland Mass in C; Crotch: Lo, Star-Led Chiefs

Please note:

There will be NO 6.30pm Sung Mass this week.

Crib Figures

As you may be aware, we are lucky to have a very fine quality set of crib figures. As is traditional, the crib scene of the the Holy Family will remain until Candlemas. The Magi are returning by a different route to their own countries, and the shepherds, along with the sheep and the cows, have gone back to abide their fields.

However. Time has taken its toll on the figures: the angel’s wings are broken; their clothes are dirty; one of the Magi has lost a finger, and all of them have lost their gifts. In short, they need to be professionally restored, the cost of which will be £1980. If you feel able to contribute to the cost of this, it will be greatly appreciated.

Next Sunday:

Sunday January 25^h 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. Please note: **there will be NO 5pm Mass next week.**

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 Ordinariate, on Saturday 7th 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 Mass at 12noon.

Ecumenical Marian Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th 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 18 th January	2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	6pm (Saturday Vigil) 10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish	Please pray for: THE SICK Assumption Fernandez, Bernice Taylor, Flutura, Charlie O’Donnell, Kenny, Norma Skeggs, Paul FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Monday 19 th January	St Wulstan	No Mass		
Tuesday 20 th January	St Fabian, Pope & Martyr	12.45pm 6.30pm (Sung) 6pm Rosary		
Wednesday 21 st January	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	12.45pm No Mass this week	Our Exodus 90 Group	
Thursday 22 nd January	St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr	12.45pm		
Friday 23 rd January	feria	12.45pm		
Saturday 24 th January	St Frances de Sales 3 rd after Epiphany	12noon 6pm (Sunday Vigil)	Patrick Browne RIP	

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MASS PROPER SATURDAY 6PM

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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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Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Behold I have come, Lord, to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the LORD;
and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song in my mouth,
praise of our God.

You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come.’

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me;
‘I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.’

Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O LORD.

Ps 65: 4

Second reading

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Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22: 5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Or

1 Jn 4: 16

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.

Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.