

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Year B

Entrance antiphon: Vigil—Arise Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Sunday -Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, 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.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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 Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Year II
Week beginning 7th January—14th January 2024 Psalter Week 1

Pope's Prayer Intention for January: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the Catholic Church.



JANUARY	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	STEWARDS
SAT 6th	4.00 pm @Hethe	Sr M Clare Champion O. Ss.S	Christmas Feria	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Ints of Jane, Guy Susan & Dale Bridgett McDermott (RIP) 4th Ann.		R John/H Henwood	S & M Doherty	B & K McFall
SUN 7th	9.00 am	People of the Parish	Solemnity of the Epiphany	E Penhallow/ M Brown	A Hall/P Capretta	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	John & Joan Calnan (RIP)		H King/ T Lane	J & M Franta	Kokore Family
MON 8th	9.30am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	M Daniel	J Kokore	
TUE 9th	9.30am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feria in Ordinary Time	J Kokore	Sr Sani	
WED 10th	12 noon	Ints of Leo & Jo Hurst & Julia Chapman (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	L Cleeve	Sr Rose	
THU 11th	7.00pm	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feria in Ordinary Time	H King	Sr Sani	
	10am-11.45am	Coffee Morning at St JP II Centre				
FRI 12th	12 noon	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feria in Ordinary Time	E King	Frankie	
SAT 13th	4.00 pm @Hethe	Thomas & Mary Driscoll (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Mark McKenzie (RIP)		P Sims /T Nugent	O Panejko/ Sr Rose	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 14th	9.00 am	People of the Parish	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	P Cousins/ S McCarthy	G Andrade/ F Ostrowski	C St John
	11.00 am	Ints of The Tett Family		J Hurst/ E Green	J & J Kokore	Orleans Family

SANCTUARY LAMPS If you wish to sponsor one of the sanctuary lamps which perpetually burn in the Church, please complete and return a slip to the parish office.



CAFOD ROSARY on zoom on a Thursday morning from 9am. <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/pray-the-rosary>



This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT:
OUR LADY'S LIGHT:



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Safeguarding: Both our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance & the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times.
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Teams for	7/1	14/1	21/1	28/1	4/2	11/2
Children lit. (4)	none	1	2	none	3	None
Coffee 9am (10)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (9)5	6	7	8	9	1	2
Flowers	Dismantle	Kasia	Kasia	Sandy	Sandy	Sandy

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:
Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Helena Nowak & Jean McIntosh.

ROSARY: Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church
BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS: Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.
CONFESSIONS: Hethe: *Saturday from 3.15pm - 3.50 pm (in the Sacristy)* Bicester: 5.15 pm - 5.45pm
EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER: First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent
HOLY HOUR: Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Not during Lent)
PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Please contact the Office if you need some form of practical help -252 277.
PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.
URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent.

ST PATRICK'S MISSION APPEAL Will take place this weekend. Father Stephen Kariuki from St Patrick's Mission Society will be appealing in both our parishes for the mission. Let us support the work of Evangelization in mission countries with our prayers and generosity.

COFFEE MORNING The monthly coffee morning will take place on Friday, 12th January at the St John Paul II Centre. All are welcome to come along for a cuppa and home made cake for £2. Raffle and bits and bobs table.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DISMANTLE Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, 8th January from 10-12 noon to help clear away the Christmas decorations. We were blessed with many helpers to set up and are hoping many hands can come along for up to 2 hours to help clear away.

BAPTISM COURSES IN 2024 If you are planning to have your child baptised this year you will need to attend a baptism course beforehand. This year our courses will be held on Saturdays of the 13th April, 15th June and 5th October. The courses take approx. 2 hours, godparents and grandparents are welcome to come along. Please contact the parish office by email to let them know if you would like to attend. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 11am and application forms are available online and at the back of church.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2024 AND THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025
In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a 'Year of Prayer' by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the 'Our Father', and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. If the Gospel is a message of Joy, then it is one we should be eager to share with others, and this can be done especially by inviting people to a deeper, prayerful encounter with Jesus Christ this year.

We encourage every Catholic to reflect on their life of prayer: what they pray, how they pray, and why they pray. This is for two reasons: To encourage people to go deeper in their commitment to pray, and in their love of God; To think about how they might accompany someone else to pray during the coming Year of Prayer.

Council Meetings in 2024 for Bicester Parish
Pastoral Council: 31st Jan, 20th May, 2nd Sep & 4th November at 7pm.
Finance Council: 30th Jan, 21st May, 3rd Sep & 5th November at 7 pm.

Council Meetings in 2024 for Hethe Parish
Pastoral & Finance: 5th Feb, 6th May, 2nd Sep, 4th Nov at 10 am.

PARISH OPEN FORUM/MEETING: This meeting will be held on Saturday, 22nd June from 10 am to 12 noon. All parishioners are invited for an Open Meeting in the St John Paul II Centre. It will be nice to see parishioners who are new to the Bicester area. We encourage you to come forward with any ideas and suggestions, these will be received in a positive spirit, so that we can all feel that this parish belongs to everyone. I look forward to seeing you all.

RETROUVAILLE: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES HELP YOUR MARRIAGE - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next

programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Many thanks to all who supported the raffle! £1162.76 was raised. Please collect prizes from Sr Sani at the St JPII Centre.

DECEMBER 100 CLUB DRAW £100 J Marshall - 62, £50 J Bridle - 51, £25 E King - 70. Christmas Bonus: £100 M Jobling - 70.

RECYCLE We are always looking for raffle prizes to use during the year. If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts please donate to us at the St John Paul II Centre. Thank you!

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
25th to 31st May 2024
Full Board £998
Single room supplement applies.
Please book it online now.
www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0930/



Dates to remember in 2024
Friday 12th Jan - Monthly Coffee Morning
Sunday 28th Jan - First Holy Communion Commitment Mass at 9am
February - The Chosen will continue
Saturday 16th March - Confirmations in both Parishes
Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent)
Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th March - Parish Visitations (Both Parishes)
Saturday 11th May - First Holy Communion (St Mary's) at 11am
Saturday 18th May - First Holy Communion (non St Mary's) at 11 am
Sunday 2nd June - Corpus Christi Procession after 11 am Mass
Sunday 7th July - Family Festival & presentation of Certificates (11 am Mass)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND COLLECTIONS
Christmas Crib Collection — Friends of the Holy Land
7th January: St Patrick's Mission Appeal
14th & 21st January: Parish Maintenance

PARISH GIVING
BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:
<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>
Standing Orders/Donations/Payments
Bicester: Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02342731
Hethe: Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02301466
MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:
Canon John Y Batthula: Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760

CONTACTLESS You can also donate by scanning the QR code with your phone or by card at the machine in the church porch. If you pay tax, please consider Gift Aiding your **HETHE BICESTER** donation. Each time you make a subsequent donation using the same card, Gift Aid will be collected automatically. 
Gift Aid it!!- you could add 25% to the value of your donation.
Contact Sr Sani the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator or speak to me. (Canon John)

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£410.52	£185.19	£1165	£130	399
Hethe	£25	FHL £20	£170		45

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Priest: In the name of the Father
People: **Amen**
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**



Penitential Act
Everyone: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria
Priest: Glory to God in the highest,
Everyone : and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

After the first and second readings
Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**
Gospel acclamation
Reader Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.....
... (a few words)
People **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



Before the Gospel reading
Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest/Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to..
People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel reading
Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Creed - The Nicene Creed
Everyone: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Bidding Prayers
All: Hear our Prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right and just.**

Everyone: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation
Priest: **The mystery of faith.**

- People:** ONE OF THESE:
A *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*
B When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
C *Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

Doxology
Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.
People **Amen**
Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **Our Father....**
Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every
People: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Sign of Peace
Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People **And with your spirit.**
Priest/Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
To each other: Peace be with you

Lamb of God
People: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2)**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Concluding Rites
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit**
Priest: May almighty God.....
All: Amen
Priest/Deacon: Go & announce the Gospel of the Lord