



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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05 JANUARY 2025 – SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Psalter Week 2

Please gather in prayerful silence. Be encouraged "to speak to God before Mass and to speak to your neighbour after Mass".

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| Saturday 04 5.30pm | <i>Vigil: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i> Montague Pendleton RIP |
| Sunday 05 10.00am | <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i> Maria Blanco RIP |
| Monday 06 9.30am | <i>Christmas Feria</i> ~~~ No Mass ~~~ |
| Tuesday 07 | <i>Christmas Feria</i> ~~~ No Mass ~~~ |
| Wednesday 08 6.00pm | <i>Christmas Feria</i> ~~~ No Eucharistic Adoration ~~~ |
| 7.00pm | ~~~ No Mass ~~~ |
| Thursday 9 9.30am | <i>Christmas Feria</i> ~~~ No Mass ~~~ |
| Friday 10 9.30am | <i>Christmas Feria</i> ~~~ No Mass ~~~ |
| Saturday 11 5.30pm | <i>Christmas Feria</i> <i>Vigil: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i> Mass |
| Sunday 12 10.00am | <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i> Mass |

Eucharistic Adoration: None this week.
 Confession: None this week.
 Private Rosary / Quiet Prayer: Sunday - 9.30am – 10.00am
 Refreshments: Sundays 11.00am to 11.45am - parish hall.
 Children's Liturgy: At 10.00am Mass on Sundays during term time.

Pope's Prayer Intention for January – 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, may always be respected.

The Wisemen were searching for Christ. When they found him, they worshipped him and offered him gifts. Millions of people have followed in the footsteps of the wisemen and come to Christ. We count ourselves among those fortunate millions. Let us open our hearts and minds to encounter Christ in this (and in every) Eucharist.

Sick: Please pray for Fr. Michael White, Janet Pittam, Nora Brown, Bernie Grant, John Ison, Chris Ison and all those who are unwell currently and those who need our prayers.

RIP: Please pray for Fr. Brian Boyle SCJ, Fr Frederick Sheldon, Fr Jacob Lewis, Margaret Collis, Mark Hancock, Maureen Goulden, Mgr. Graham Wilkinson, Theresa Woodward RIP and all those recently deceased, all the faithful departed and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

Sanctuary Lamp: The sanctuary lamp is burning this week for the Lines Family's Intentions. Let us pray for them. Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 11th January 2025 at £4.00 per week.

The QR code for today's readings: As we are using the new translations of the Readings at Mass (English Standard Version or ESV), we can get the new version of the Readings using the following QR code. Simply scan it on your smart phone to get them.



Thank you very much for all your Christmas greetings, gifts and for your generous Christmas offerings. Appreciate each and every one of your cards and gifts, blessings and prayers. Thank you.

Leave of Absence: Between 5th and 24th January, I shall be away visiting my family in India. Frs. Teddy O'Brien MSM will be covering the Saturday evening Masses, while Moses Pitya AJ and Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ will be covering the Sunday Masses respectively during my absence.

Second Collections in January

January 5: Friends of the Holy Land, January 12: Fr. Hudson's Caritas, January 19: Pax Christi

Feast of our patron, St. Wulstan will be celebrated on Sunday 19th January. Following the 10.00am Mass that day, there will be a 'Bring & Share' Lunch organized in our Parish Hall. All are welcome. Parishioners are kindly requested to donate various items needed for the 'Bring & Share' Lunch. A list is made available in the church foyer for you to fill in. Thank you very much in anticipation for your generous response.

Lent 2025 - Walk with Me prayer books and Calendars: Parishioners are requested to preorder booklets and calendars in time for Lent, (by 2nd of February). Please do so at our Piety Stall after the weekend Masses. Booklet £1.00, Calendar £0.30p. *Ash Wednesday is 5th March.*

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd February. This feast marks the close of the Christmas festival of light. Candles will be blessed, and we shall carry them in procession to welcome Christ, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of his people.

The Christmas crib will stay until that weekend. Parents, grandparents and teachers are encouraged to bring children for them to look at the crib and all are encouraged to spend some time in prayer at the crib.

Presentation of the Lord: Today we celebrate the close of the Christmas festival of light. Candles are blessed and we carry them in procession to welcome Christ, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of his people.

Offertory Collections – 29.12 2024
 Non-Gift Aided: £96.95 Candles £39.10
Thank you very much for your generosity.
 Mass Attendance: Saturday: 24 Sunday 56 Total:79

Offertory Collections & Mass attendance for this and next weekends in January will be made available later this month or in February. In the meantime, *thank you very much and keep up your generosity!*

Digital Giving: "Over the next few weeks, we are introducing the ability to take card payments for offertory, second collection and other beneficiaries. Before Christmas, we will have a terminal installed in the porch, but if you scan this code with your smartphone, you will be able to see how it works and even donate!"

We hope it will be simple for you to use, but please let us know any feedback.

Thank you for your much needed and appreciated support of our church"



Epiphany, the "manifestation" of Our Lord Jesus Christ, is a many-faceted mystery. The Latin tradition identifies it with the visit of the Magi to the Infant Jesus in Bethlehem and thus interprets it above all as a revelation of the Messiah of Israel to the Gentiles. The Eastern tradition on the other hand gives priority to the moment of Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan when he manifested himself as the Only-Begotten Son of the heavenly Father, consecrated by the Holy Spirit. John's Gospel, however, also invites us to consider as an "epiphany" the Wedding at Cana, during which, by changing the water into wine, Jesus "manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him" (Jn 2: 11). And what should we say, dear brothers and sisters, especially we priests of the New Covenant who are every day witnesses and ministers of the "epiphany" of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist? The Church celebrates all the mysteries of the Lord in this most holy and most humble Sacrament in which he both reveals and conceals his glory. "Adoro te devote, latens Deitas" in adoration, thus we pray along with St Thomas Aquinas.

Pope Benedict XVI, On the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord 6 January 2009