



# ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR B

1100hrs Mass Intention: John Beattie RIP

Entrance Hymn: 166

Offertory Hymn: 169

Communion Hymn: 145

Recessional Hymn: 170

Kyrie: 480

Gloria: 481

Sanctus: 482

Acclamation: 483

Great Amen: 486

Agnus Dei: 487

*The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation has been reinstated. Pastoral consideration for the vulnerable and those isolating is imperative and appropriate dispensations remain in place for them.*

### WELCOME EVERYONE

For our celebration today you will require a Mass Sheet, a hymn book and a copy of any Mass Settings that we are using, all of which are available from the Welcome Team.

Children over four years old are invited to go to their liturgy with the Catechetical Team following the introduction to the Mass and return at the offertory. Activity bags, containing appropriate books and other materials, hanging on the chairs at the back of church may be borrowed to keep children engaged during Mass. Please replace them after use and before leaving the building.

After Mass refreshments are served at the back of church.

### MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team: Mrs L McMahon; Mrs M Ferrie

Readers: Mr C Endean; Mrs J White

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

### THIS WEEK

The Cathedral is open every working day from 1000hrs - 1600hrs

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan: *The Baptism of the Lord*

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year II*

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year II*  
1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week III)

1200hrs – Holy Mass

*Alistair Mitchell RIP*

Thu 11<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year II*

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: *St Aelred of Rievaulx, religious*

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: *St Hilary, bishop, doctor*

1100hrs – Marriage Convalidation

*Ryan Ginty & Stacey de Atouguia*

### NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs E Allen; Mrs B Synyer

Readers: Mr M Jones; Mrs N Francis-Crerar

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

### PRAAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, in your personal intercessions.

### SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION

We welcome the family and friends of Jack Daly as he becomes a member of the Universal Church through the Sacrament of Baptism after Mass today.

### LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 890 8005 9332

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89080059332?pwd=NHhQSEU3YXFVVVkyRVJXcEVlYWRRqZz09> Passcode: 975963

### TODAY'S FEAST

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles, the other nations of the earth. Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide, which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

### PAPAL COMMUNICATION

Pope Francis' Prayer Video for January has the theme 'For the gift of diversity in the Church'. The text is on the noticeboard and the Bishopric website with the video link at: [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org)

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Catholic Union is seeking to appoint a new Director. A job description is available on the noticeboard and Bishopric website. Closing dates for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### PROTECTING LIFE

SPUC is holding its annual White Flower Appeal next weekend and there will be a Special Collection after Mass to assist the Society to continue its work in upholding the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Further details: [www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk)

### AND FINALLY ...

... don't stress the could haves; if it should have, it would have.

*With every blessing*  
*Fr Nick*