



# ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR C

1100hrs Mass Intention: *Mary Williams RIP*

*Preface: Epiphany of the Lord*

*Eucharistic Prayer I*

Entrance Hymn: 166

Offertory Hymn: 170

Communion Hymn: 169

Recessional Hymn: 150

Kyrie: 488

Gloria: 489

Sanctus: 490

Acclamation: 491

Great Amen: 494

Agnus Dei: 495

### 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: Mr T Booth; Mrs S Levett

Readers: Mr P Ndungu; Mrs J White

Extraordinary Ministers: Mrs S Cole; Mrs P Rossiter

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

### THIS WEEK

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

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Monday after the Epiphany*

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Jan: *St Raymond of Penyafort, priest*

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Wednesday after the Epiphany*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week II)

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

*Ursula White RIP*

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Thursday after the Epiphany*

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Friday after the Epiphany*

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs P Ward; Mrs R Rossiter

Readers: Mr C Endean; Mrs P Powell

Extraordinary Ministers: TBA; TBA

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, together with all living with persecution, under oppression or in fear at this time, in your personal intercessions.

### MONEY MATTERS

The retiring collection at the Combined Choirs Carol Service realised £500 and letters from Phyllis Tuckwell and Combat Stress following receipt of our donations to them are on the noticeboard. Many thanks, once again, to all who made the event such a success.

### LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 882 6113 5901

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88261135901?pwd=B0D3RryJKRwQ3cLCNz6u5s17Y74yLr.1> Passcode: 789336

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 822 0153 2091

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82201532091?pwd=R6Ek6OgL6sPDVezx515TzeYd8vk48u.1> Passcode: 335169

### TODAY'S SOLEMNITY

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 mankind: 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.

### COMMUNITY ACTION

Congratulations to those who won prizes in our Christmas Raffle, and much gratitude to all who purchased tickets in support of the Sisters of Nazareth. With special thanks to Olwyn Beattie and her team for their hard work and coordination resulting in £465 profit.

### DIARY DATES

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January – Funeral Mass: Teresa Thomson RIP

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April – Annual RAF Mass

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April – Chrism Mass

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May – Concert by Surrey Singers

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> to Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> May – IMP Lourdes

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July – RASC/RCT Corps Service

### AND FINALLY ...

... to argue with someone who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead.

*With every blessing*  
*Fr Nick*