



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. WILLIAM OF YORK**  
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*The Parish Office will be open on Monday to Friday this week 10.30am to 3pm*

## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ( B )**

**6/7 January 2018**

### **Scripture Readings:**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

### **READERS:**

Saturday 18:00 Nicola Rolt & Sonya Dacoury- Tabley

Sunday 09:30 Robert Cole & Sandanamary Selvaraj

Sunday 11.30 Patrick Bentham & Dominic Bentham

### **2nd Collection**

7 January - Needs of the Parish

14 January - Needs of the Parish

***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.*

***PSALM :** All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

***ACCLAMATION:** We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!***

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - Of the several journeys undertaken around the time of the birth and infancy of Jesus, two bear comparison with each other; one from Luke's Gospel, and the one we hear today from Matthew's. Both are instigated by an announcement of Jesus' birth. Luke's describes the heralding of the birth of "a saviour, who is Christ the Lord," by a choir of the heavenly host to the shepherds in the fields around Bethlehem. The "glory of the Lord rising on you," as described by Isaiah about Jerusalem, now surrounds the shepherds in the fields, and the angels' message directs them in detail to "the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in the manger."

Matthew's account concerns an imminent royal event portended in the heavens and observed by "some wise men from the East." These men, versed in the astrological significance of the heavenly bodies, and, it would appear, familiar with the God-given destiny of the Jewish people, have divined in the heavens a stellar sign indicating the birth of "the infant King of the Jews." Not unnaturally, they journey to Jerusalem, again as prophesied by Isaiah, the religious centre of the Jewish nation, fully expecting to be rewarded there with the sight of the Royal Infant.

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## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION CONTINUED-

Their question: "Where is the infant King of the Jews?" meets with consternation by all, particularly by King Herod. But, it is in Jerusalem, from the priests and scribes, that the word of God, as delivered through the prophet Micah, directs them to Bethlehem, the City of David, the Shepherd King of Israel. It is here that the infant Inheritor of that seemingly contradictory Royal title will be found. The journeys of both the shepherds and the wise men, personifying the "hopes and fears" of countless generations across the passage of time, are fulfilled by the Infant in the manger.

Luke's account highlights the humble, lowly character of the people to whom the Coming of the Lord's Anointed, the Messiah, is announced, in keeping with the humble, pastoral origin of His ancestor, David, the shepherd boy of Bethlehem. Matthew wishes to highlight the royal lineage of Jesus as "the Infant King of the Jews". Crucially, in doing so through the medium of a visitation by men from beyond the boundaries of Israel, he fulfills the vision of the prophet Isaiah, of "the nations coming to your light, and kings to your dawning brightness."

We pray that whatever has inspired us, whichever direction or situation we have come from, on our Advent journey, that the humble humanity of our Saviour may be ever more strongly a part of our lives, and that His message may reign in our lives, and His personality be reflected in our relations with one another.

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### 30/31 DECEMBER 2017

**337 People celebrated the Eucharist.**

**The Offertory collection was £693.13**

**The 2nd collection for the Needs of the Parish was £240.49**

**From Standing Orders we collected  
£788.00**

***Thank you for your continued support***

***Please Gift Aid where possible***

### RECONCILIATION FOURTH SESSION

Reminder to Parents/Carers/Children in their groups the above session will take place **TODAY Sunday 7th January at 3.00PM.** Please arrive by 2.50pm.

### REFUGEE COLLECTION

At the Peace Prayer on **Thursday January 11th at 8.00pm** the J&P group are collecting items for refugees near Calais as well as cash donations to purchase food. Please bring Blankets and sleeping bags, Gloves, scarves and hats, Waterproof and non-waterproof jackets (small and medium), Jumpers and hoodies (small and medium), Unlocked and cleared mobile phones with chargers, Tents. Many thanks.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION-

Please pray for the children who will be making their First Reconciliation on **Saturday 13th January 2018 at 10.00am.** (Please note there will be no 10.30am Mass that day)

**PARISH DIRECTORY:-** The PPC have kindly collated a comprehensive updated Parish Directory detailing all our activities, how to get involved and contact points. The Directory is located in the Narthex and is available as a reference point for all parishioners. Please contact Mary in the office if you have any questions regarding the Directory or require any additional information regarding our parish activities.

**REMINDER DAY OF REFLECTION FOR ALL READERS - SATURDAY 27th JANUARY 2018** A short half-day of reflection 9.30am to 12.30pm on the Ministry of Reader at Our Lady of Lourdes, 45b Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, SE12 0AE. Buses 202, 261, 273.

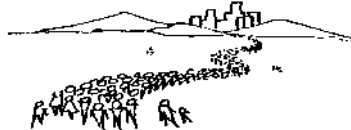
Fr Tom conveys the importance for every reader in SWOY to attend. If for any reason you are unable to attend please convey your apologies directly to Fr Tom via the Parish Office.

**CALLING ALL CATHOLIC, LABOUR PARTY SUPPORTERS:**

Join us on **Wednesday 24th January**, where Catholics for Labour are meeting for Mass, followed by an 'in conversation and audience Q&A' event with a leading Catholic, Labour MP to discuss the influence of faith on policy-making and much more.

Mass will be held at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street at 8pm. The 'in conversation' event will be held at the Audley pub, nearby, at 8:30pm. Catholics for Labour is a new group, established at 2017 Labour Party Conference, aimed at those interested in applying Catholic social teaching to public policy. The group also seeks to help its members considering participating in public life to pursue this path.

For more information about the event and to RSVP, please email Dan Greef [office@dangreef.org.uk](mailto:office@dangreef.org.uk)



**RCIA/JOURNEY in FAITH** resumes this **Tuesday, 9 January at 19:45**

**for 20:00 in the Lower Hall**, when we will be concentrating on *the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation*. These sessions, which form part of the Catechumenate, are very important for our Candidates and Catechumen, as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. Perhaps you would like to share with them what these sacraments mean to you. If so, why not join us: your support may be just what Nelly, Dorothy, Kwasi, Rachael, Liz and Zaira need at this time.

As usual, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available from **19:45**, and the session ends with prayer and reflection between **21:00 and 21:15**. All are welcome!

**CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS**

**For King and Country!**

Sunday, 4th February, 3pm. Catholics and Politics: St Thomas More, Guy Fawkes, Pugin, Parliament and the Abbey. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

**Lift up your heads, O Gates!**

Monday 12th February, 2pm. Explore the varied and fascinating history of the City of London - the Square Mile, from its ancient origins, as a Catholic capital, and then to the Reformation and beyond. Meet at the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Southwark. SE1 1TA. Nearest Tube: Borough or London Bridge.

**The King's Good Servant**

Tuesday 20th February, 2pm. The heroic story of brave St Thomas More, who died defending the faith during the turbulence of Henry VIII's reign - as we walk around his Chelsea Estate. Meet at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More, Cheyne Row. SW3 5HS. Nearest Tube: South Kensington.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (B)**

#### **Saturday 6 January**

18.00 May Nelson

19.30 Polish Mass

#### **Sunday 7 January**

09.30 For the Parishioners

11.30 Michael & Nancy O'Connor  
RIP

#### **Monday 8 January - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

09:15 Sean Garvey

#### **Tuesday 9 January - Feria**

09:15 Etheldreda White

#### **Wednesday 10 January - Feria**

09.15 John McGlynn Junior RIP

#### **Thursday 11 January - Feria**

9.15 Rose Smith

#### **Friday 12 January - Feria**

09:15 Helena Fernandez

#### **Saturday 13 January - Feria**

*Please note no 10.30 Mass*

### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**Prayer today for Peace on Earth**

#### **Saturday 13 January**

18.00 Mavis McCann Wellbeing

19.30 Polish Mass

#### **Sunday 14 January**

09.30 Thanksgiving Mass for  
Reconciliation

11.30 Paul Van Dooren RIP

## **THE DIARY**

### **Sunday 7 January**

15:00 Reconciliation Fourth Session

Children in their groups

Parents/Carers in the Parish Centre

17:45 Confirmation Session (UH)

### **Tuesday 9 January**

19:45 RCIA/Journey in Faith (Lower  
Hall)

### **Wednesday 10 January**

09:15 Parents & Toddler Group (UH)

18:00 Brownies (School Hall)

20:00 Singing Practice

### **Thursday 11 January**

18:00 Beavers (Scout HQ on St Germans  
Road)

18:15 Cubs (Scout HQ on St Germans  
Road)

20:00 Peace Prayer (Church)

### **Saturday 13 January**

09:15 Instrumental Rehearsals (Church)

10.00 Celebration of the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation

### **Scripture Readings 13/14 January**

1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

John 1:35-42

### **Readers - 13/14 January**

18:00 Chris Thomson & Clare Thomson

09:30 Peter Julien & Mary-Jo da Costa

11.30 Mary McDonald &  
Marvel Kasombo

### **Flower Rota - 13/14 January**

Liz Pigott

### **Cafe York Rota - 14 January**

9.30 Mass - Liz Ballaster

11.30 Mass - Raffy Martin

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation -**

Saturday 11.00-12.00 noon

Saturday 19:00-19:30 Polish & English