

Dear Parishioners

As we continue to celebrate the birth of Our Lord we come together on Tuesday 6 January for the feast of the Epiphany which is an Holy day of obligation. The Epiphany marks the journey of the wise men who travel from the East to worship the infant Jesus bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We have Mass at 10am and 7.30pm.

**O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy
that we, who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.**

Tuesday Coffee morning and Bible study starting on January 6 after Mass.

The annual White Flower Appeal for SPUC is on the weekend of 17/18 January.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

To start the week of prayer on Saturday 17 January we have a cooked breakfast at 8.15am in our parish centre followed by a service. Christians from the local area will be joining us for this special occasion.

Fr Behr

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Mary's Meals is looking for volunteers. Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? We are looking for parish reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided!) and volunteers who can help at events. We are very much a volunteer-led movement, so any little you can offer will make a huge difference to the children we serve in some of the world's poorest communities. Please contact Roy Peachey (roy.peachey@marysmeals.org or 07593 447297) if you can help. To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit marysmeals.org.uk. Thank you for your support!

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Mass times for the week:

Saturdays – 6pm Vigil Mass **Confession** – 10.30 – 11am

Fr. Behr is also happy to visit those who are not able to come to church

Sundays - 10am and 12 Midday (Traditional Latin Mass)

Mondays - 10am; **Tuesdays** – 10am

Wednesdays – No Service

Thursdays – 9am Adoration, followed at 10am by Mass

Fridays – 10am Mass; 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration

Children's Liturgy at the 10am with Lorraine is **Sunday, 4th January**

Parish WhatsApp Our parish has a WhatsApp group. We will post parish events including social events, special occasions and requests for help in the parish as well as general parish news. If you would like to join, please get in touch with Fr Behr

Masses and services for January 2026 Year A, Feasts and Mass intentions	
Saint of the Day	Mass Intention
Thursday 1 January: MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	
Friday 2 January: Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & doctors of the Church	
Saturday 3 January: Feria of Christmas Time	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 4 January: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	<i>Mary McGinty RIP</i>
Monday 5 January: Feria of Christmas Time	<i>Holy Souls (Margaret)</i>
TUESDAY 6 JANUARY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION	Mass 10am <i>People of the Parish</i> Mass 7.30pm <i>Intentions of members of St Anthony Communications</i>
Wednesday 7 January: Feria of Christmas Time	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Thursday 8 January; Feria of Christmas Time	<i>Mass for Priests</i>
Friday 9 January: Feria of Christmas Time	<i>Elsie Tubbs Birthday</i>
Saturday 10 January: Feria of Christmas Time	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 11 January: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	<i>Roy Sturdy RIP</i>
Monday 12 January: St Aelred of Rievaulx	<i>Marie Caldwell</i>
Tuesday 13 January: St Hilary, Bishop & doctor of the Church	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Wednesday 14 January: Feria	No Service
Thursday 15 January: Feria	<i>Pam & John Denton RIP</i>
Friday 16 January: Feria	<i>Private Intention (Margaret)</i>
Saturday 17 January: St Anthony, Abbot	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 18 January: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 19 January: St Wulstan, Bishop	<i>Jololan Sechoran RIP</i>
Tuesday 20 January: St Fabian, Pope and Martyr	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Wednesday 21 January: St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	No Service
Thursday 22 January: St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr	<i>Paddy Molloy RIP</i>
Friday 23 January: Feria	<i>Helen Wellbeing</i>
Saturday 24 January: St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	<i>In Reparation</i>
Sunday 25 January: THIRD SUNDAY	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Monday 26 January: Sts Timothy and Titus, Bishops	<i>Mary Reid</i>
Tuesday 27 January: St Angela Merici, Virgin	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Wednesday 28 January: St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church	No Service
Thursday 29 January: Feria	<i>Isaac Private Intention</i>
Friday 30 January: Feria	<i>Intentions of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart</i>
Saturday 31 January: St John Bosco, Priest	<i>Daniel and Family</i>
Sunday 1 February: FOURTH SUNDAY	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Readers: 3 rd – James. 4 th – Frances / 10 th – Pat, 11 th Kathy / 17 th – Peter, 18 th – Rachel / 24 th – Lorraine, 25 th – Collette / 31st Jan – James. 1 st Feb - Frances	
Flowers: 3 rd /4 th Jan – Pat;	
Cleaning: 25th January – Liz & David	

Your Prayers are asked for: - Those recently deceased:

Those ill or infirm: Sophie, Lady Wyn McWilliams, Michael Payne, Josie Payne, Roger Styles, Mary Basher, Paul Lane, Mara McDermot, Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Patricia Hook, Pat Holland and all those who are unwell and in need of our prayers.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur in January: Mary Bly, Brian Leo Barrett, Moya Crofton, Anthony Whately, Joseph Davis, Martin Vickers, Gloria Woods, Helen Miller, Violet Braden, Margaret Thornton, Mary Jones, John Symons, Howard Wickham, Dorothy Marie Newell, Margaret Salmon, Joyce Thomas, Christine Wood, Julie Elliott, Clemens Heinrichsmeier, Catherine Mellor, Norman Styles, Jan Czarski, Josephine Harrington, Mary Brangan, John Thompson, Norman Ulph, Alexander Watt, William Syer, Douglas Fowler, Adela de Heveningham, Michael Vickers, Margaret Lewis, Colin Morrison, Arthur Wood, Nora Crouzet, May Scroope, Archibald Donald, Walter Wybourne, Patrick Byrne, Cyril Read, Canon Charles Walker and Ron Roberts.

Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass on the first Sunday of every month. All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend. The next lesson with Lorraine is on January 4.

Bible Study in January

On Tuesday 6 January we continue our Bible Study with a coffee morning after Mass. We also have Bible study on 13, 20 and 27 January starting with coffee from 10.30am.

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