

THIS WEEK & NEXT:

Mon — Sat: 10am Mass

Exposition and Confessions to 11am unless other service to follow.

Monday and Friday: Evening Mass at 6.30pm

READINGS: Is 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

DECEMBER totals: next week.

Thank you for your generosity

CHRISTMAS: £5,700 not including contactless or online donations.

THANK YOU!

RCIA: please pray for new inquirers, and those seeking adult baptism and confirmation who continue their meetings.

First Holy Communion: Classes continue next Sunday, 12th January. We pray for all of the children and their catechists.

NORMAL CHURCH TIMES

Saturday Evening 6.30^{pm} (Vigil);

Sunday Mass: 8, 9:30, 11

Polish (po polsku): 12.30^{pm}, 6:30^{pm}

Mass in Spanish: 4.30^{pm}

Monday—Saturday: 10am Mass

Evening Mass Monday and Friday at 6.30^{pm}

Divine Mercy: every last Monday after evening Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

in the church after 10am Mass each weekday, after the 6.30pm Mass on Friday, 6pm Saturdays, or by *appointment at the Presbytery.*

Rosary: 11am each weekday.

PARISH STAFF & TEAM

Contact them on: 020 8800 2121

Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ.

Assistant Priests: Fr. John McCabe SJ,

Fr. Piotr Kropisz SJ

Resident Jesuits: Fr. Harry Elias SJ, Fr.

Pierce Gibson SJ (Studies), Fr. John Moffatt

SJ (LJC), Fr. Jean Nyembo SJ (Congo), Fr.

Michael Smith SJ (JRS).

Music: Ann Bennett

Sunday Sacristan: tbc

Parish Secretary: Judy Bronson.

Tel: 020 8800 2262 . T-Th 9am — 1pm

Catechetics: Aga Wiecek 020 8800 2202

If you have any concerns about safety of a child or vulnerable adult in the parish, please contact our Safeguarding Representatives:

Angela Anyanwu, 07979047550 or Bernadeta Dymek

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**Epiphany Year C
5th January 2025**

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Epiphany of the Lord

We are all part of a worshiping community, and this is our place on Sundays or during the week where we find God's presence in our midst.

The Saviour is found among a God-fearing people in Bethlehem.

We find God among a faithful people who praise God.

God is also found in any place that moves us to awe and wonder, places where we do feel God's "presence."

What places are they for us? God is present and manifested where there is love; where the least are cared for; where a life is changed and turned around, rescued from the darkness by caring people. These are places of manifestation, places of Epiphany.

Today we celebrate that God has first given us a gift; Jesus was God's own doing, not our own, for the benefit of all the world. Epiphany is the feast of travellers, a reminder that through us Christ will continue to be born in the most unlikely places and travel with us into our world.

We continue to help outsiders to find the Christ-Child - he is their salvation too. In this way we share the gift we have been given. The Magi were not Israelites and this is the key to the story.

They are people of good will who respond to God's revealing light.

They represent all people who search for truth.

The story unites all of us, regardless of our background, who recognise the gift God has given us in Christ. The story of the Magi is the story of the gospel. It starts with God's gift to people who are on the "outside." They accept the revelation and respond to it by leaving their former ways to follow the light.

Responsorial Psalm: All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION 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, might always be respected.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Our Youth Choir which sings at the 9.30 Mass is looking for new members. If you are aged 11-25 and enjoy singing, please come along. Choir practices are on Fridays 6.15pm - 7.15pm in the weekday chapel. If you need more information, text/Whatsapp Ann on 07793 751261



THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

We are grateful to all who contributed so generously towards our Christmas Collection. The amount donated this year goes towards our ministry to the poor and the homeless.

During the past year the team (mainly made up of volunteers):

Served around 7,500 hot meals.

Distributed about 15,000 sandwiches, and many thousands of yogurts, fruit, snacks, coffees, teas and so on.

Gave out 150 backpacks.

Distributed over 100 new sleeping bags, hygiene products, washing powder, clothes, shoes, etc.

We are helping about 50 people each day, Monday through

Wednesday, with hot drinks and sandwiches on other days, and supplying groceries to some families.

Thanks to your help, not only at Christmas but throughout the year, we are able to keep this much needed work going for people who are economically challenged or homeless. Many of them are from overseas and do not have much English language.

Thank you for your generosity.

JUBILEE PRAYER—2025 is a Jubilee year for the church, during which we pray as Pilgrims of Hope.



Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from **within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.** May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen