

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Sunday 9am Mass streaming link:** You can also scan with the QR Code below. <https://urlvn.net/mtroyx> **January:** Sunday Masses will be streamed during **9am**



**Christmas decorations:** Volunteers are needed to take down the Christmas decorations and tidy up from **Monday 8th @ 10am**. Please let the Parish Office know if you are able to help. Many thanks.

**Columban Mission Appeal 2024** will take place during the weekend Masses of 13th/14th January, Fr John Collins from the Columban Fathers will be present, please support their Mission.

**National Lottery Fund:** Great news for us all to share, we applied for the lottery and we were granted **£20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Pounds)** to go toward our refurbishment of the 722 Holloway property. We were given the opportunity to applied for the **Trinity Fund** for the parish meeting room roof replacement, we have also been granted **£8,000.00 (Eight Thousand Pounds)** which is going towards offsetting some of the quoted amount. We thank the team that worked hard to put all the applications together. We will begin work as soon as practical and the parishioners will be carried along on each progress made. In the new year, the Fundraising team will be organising different activities to help us fundraise for our parish.

**January Diary**  
 Weekend of 13th/14th January: **Columban Missionaries Appeal Weekend.**  
 Weekend of 27th/28th: **Parish Project Collection**  
 Saturday 27th: **Baptism Preparation @ 10.30am (parents & godparents) followed by Baptism @ 12noon**  
 Every Last Saturday of the month: **Baptism (always confirm in the parish office)**  
 Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**  
 Every Saturday evening after Mass: **Bingo in the meeting room**  
 Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**  
 Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room**  
 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

**Prague/Poland in 25th-31st May 2024:** Cost **£870.** including flight, lodging (sharing), breakfast and dinner. **for 7 days.** Please find the full details on the display glass board in the porch. **(Updated Information)**

- **Next instalment of 25% by March 5th 2024,** Final instalment by **April 5th 2024.** Those who need visa to travel will sort it out by themselves; the tour company will provide hotel reservations to support visa application. Travel insurance will also be gotten by individuals for themselves.

**First Holy Communion dates: Jan. 7th, 21st, Feb. 4th, 11th, Sat. 24th @ 10am** (First Reconciliation), 25th, **Mar. 3rd, 17th, 24th, Apr. 14th, 28th, May. 5th, 12th, Sat. 18th @ 2.30pm, Jun. Sat. 1st @10am Rehearsal 1st Holy Communion 2nd June, 2024 @ 11.30am.**

**Christian Stewardship:** 31st December 2023  
**Envelopes:** £211.00 **Loose:** £427.57 **Contactless:** £176.00 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



## Food For Thought

**Ephesian 2:8-9**

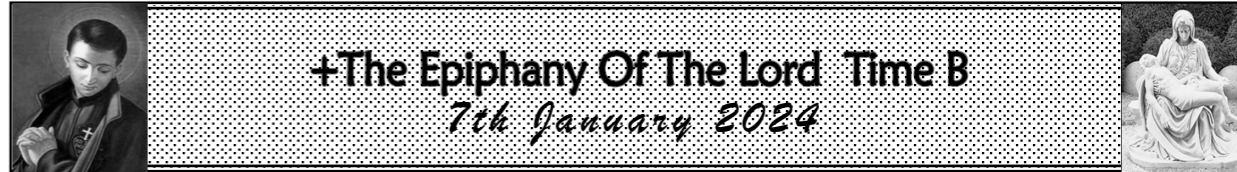
"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."



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## +The Epiphany Of The Lord Time B 7th January 2024

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

#### Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany celebrates the visit of the far-travelled magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Matthew's account speaks simply of 'wise men from the east'; later tradition fixed their number at three, made them kings and recalled their resonant names – Caspar, Melchor and Balthazar. The child Jesus, born in a manger is manifested to the Magi; recognised by Simeon and Anna, when he is presented in the Temple for who and what he truly is: 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. Lord, it must have made you glad to give Jesus to the world, when you knew the joy he would bring to people. We pray that, in this New Year, people may open their hearts to Jesus and make room for him in their lives. When Jesus was born, a sparkling star shone in the sky. When Jesus was born, people hurried to the stable to see him. When Jesus was born, God gave the world a very special gift, the **gift of love**. This year, may we all try to give each other the gift of love. When the Wise Men came they brought much more than gold, frankincense and myrrh. They brought their **knowledge** and **wisdom**, which helped them find their way to Jesus. They brought **the time** it took them to make the long journey. They brought **their faith**, which kept them following the star. We have no expensive gifts to offer, but help us Lord to use our learning, our time and our faith in following you

#### Mass Times & Intentions 7th – 13th January 2024

**Sat 6th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Mary O'Donovan (RIP), Joan Fitzgerald, Eileen Fox, Liz & family, Oliver, Jeanette & family, Damien, Maria & family, Pauline & Sara, Joseph Kiely & family, Judy Sullivan (INT)  
**Sun 7th 9:00am:** Amy Essien-Oku, Patricia Essien-Oku (INT)  
**11:30am:** Patrick McKenna, Eileen Brouder (RIP), George & Eileen Carroll (ANN), Joan Ogbonna, Mary & Timmy Earley (INT)  
**6:30pm:** Hanora Lavelli (RIP)  
**Mon 8th The Baptism of the Lord 12 noon:** John Danaher, Dennis Brosnan, Brian Robinson (month's mind) (RIP), Eileen Breen (2nd) Paulette Guerin (ANN), Mary Stephens, Felicity Harrison, Beryl Tamsett, Joan Fitzgerald (INT)  
**Tue 9th 12 noon:** *Funeral of Stephen Peter Kerrigan*  
**Wed 10th 12 noon:** Muriel & George Roberts, Paddy Donaghue, (RIP), Cara Brett (5th) (ANN), Bryna Miller, Denos & Jackie, Julieta Ruica (INT)  
**Thur 11th 12 noon:** Patricia Essien-Oku, Bethel Njenga (1st birthday) (INT)  
**Fri 12th St Aelred of Rievaulx 12 noon:** Paddy Donaghue (RIP), Merlyn Munro (ANN), Amy Essien-Oku (INT)  
**Sat 13th St Hilary 12 noon:** John O'Neill (RIP), Alan & Felicity Harrison (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Emo Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Ola Gam-Ikon, Private Intention, Eddy Renwick, Ralph Nwosuh, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Sr Joseph,

#### Parish Projects

1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £17,900 + VAT= bal. £9,900. **Trinity Fund £8,000 granted**
  2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by **National Lottery Fund**
  3. New Security Gate around Parish Carpark/ Exit on Holloway Road (Harling Security Solutions) £25,522 + VAT
- Donations towards the projects would be highly appreciated. Donations so far received **£31,288.69** Thanks.

#### Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

**Parish Priests:** Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp, Fr. Isah Katuka CSSp  
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**Pastorals/Devotions:** Confessions Sat.11am, 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm **Monday Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm  
**Mission Statement:** To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

*Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...*



# TODAY'S READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

## OPENING PRAYER

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, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singings the praise of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 71)

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

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The King of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

## SECOND READING Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the Gospel.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## GOSPEL Mathew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage'. When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no mean least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

## Mass

Sat. 6.30pm  
Sun. 9.00am  
Sun. 11.30am  
Sun. 6.30pm

## Readers

Bridget O'Dea  
Rachel McGonigal  
John Obligar  
Maureen Tayler

## Eucharist Minister

Debra  
Innocent Teme  
June & Mary  
Roxanne C

## Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers  
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku  
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe  
Joe Ogbonna

## The Spiritual Communion Prayer (For Online Mass) ONLY

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.**

### THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise You,  
We bless You,  
We adore you,  
We glorify You,  
We give You thanks for Your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

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- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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