

Entrance Antiphon:

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

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm – Response:

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading:

St. Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Gospel Acclamation:

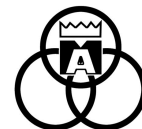
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: According to Matthew 2:1-12

Communion Antiphon:

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



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Mass Times

Sunday 8 January 2012 – The Epiphany Of The Lord

8.00am - Phyllis Edbrooke R.I.P
9.30am - Deceased Members of the Miles Family R.I.P
11.30am – Clare Tierney Private Intention
7.00pm - Gerry Carroll R.I.P

Monday 9 Jan – The Baptism Of The Lord

Mass 9.00am -

Tuesday 10 Jan - Feria

No Mass in Abingdon

Wednesday 11 Jan - Feria

Mass 7.00pm - John Goodwill R.I.P

Thursday 12 Jan - Feria

Mass 9.30am - Jean Guckian R.I.P

Friday 13 Jan - Feria

Mass 7.00pm - John & Marion McKenna & Family Private Intention

Saturday 14 Jan - Feria

Mass 9.00am -

NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

Counters M & J Alder – J & J Hyland

Cleaning Karen & Paul Gibbons

8th January 2012 – The Epiphany Of The Lord

First Week Of Ordinary Time – Year B

It is not so much we who are searching for God. It is God who is searching for us, as this lovely psalm says: O God you search me and you know me. You know my resting and my rising... All my ways lie open to you... O where can I go from your spirit or where can I flee from your face? If I climb the heavens you are there. If I lie in the grave you are there. If I take the wings of the dawn and dwell at the sea's furthest ends, even there your hand would lead me. Your right hand would hold me fast... It was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb... see that I follow not the wrong path, and lead me in the path of life eternal.

Notices

White Flower Appeal – SPUC - (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) There will be a collection for the White Flower Appeal today Sunday 8 January. Information leaflets and stickers available at the back of the Church.

Pax Christi - Peace Sunday – Next Sunday 15 January 2012, there will be a collection for Pax Christi. Envelopes available at the back of the Church.

Come Bless the Lord - Charismatic Prayer Meeting- Wednesday 11th January

We invite you to an informal time of praise & worship, scripture, intercession, fellowship, and prayers for healing. Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 7.45 - 9pm in the Church. All welcome, do come and join us in giving praise to Jesus and receiving His love!

RCIA Meeting - The RCIA meetings will begin again on Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 7.45pm.

Conversation and Cake - Will resume on Wednesday 11 January 2012.

CAFOD Supporters Meeting - Saturday 11 February, 10am-1.15pm, St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. An opportunity for all CAFOD supporters in our diocese to get together and to find out more about CAFOD's work and our Lenten resources focusing on water. We will be joined by Katy Harris, Campaigns Communications Manager, who will be talking about her recent trip to Zimbabwe. Refreshments provided. Booking ESSENTIAL, please book a place by 31/1 – contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

Youth Ministry - Within the Pastoral Area: Thames Isis. We are seeking to express our concern for our young people; from 10 – 18 year of age. If you have youngsters at home, please take the forms at the back of Church today. There is a 'young Persons Form' and an 'Adult Volunteer Form'. If you would like to be involved in offering our young people opportunities to socialise and grow in their faith. Within the Pastoral Area we are seeking to appoint a Youth Worker

Ecumenical prayer sessions at St Nicholas - during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This has been done in years gone by and St Nicholas' would like to revive it. The prayer sessions will take place on the following days, starting at midday on Wed 18 Jan, Thur 19 Jan, Fri 20 Jan, Mon 23 Jan, Tue 24 Jan and Wed 25 Jan. They will last for 30 minutes and there will be light refreshments afterwards. The sessions will comprise prayers interspersed with readings. They are open to everyone. As part of the WofP 4 CU, the CiA Quiz will also be taking place on Friday 20 January at Christ Church, 7.30 pm and the United Service on Sunday 22 January at Trinity, 6.30 pm

Notice - Anyone wishing for a visit from Fr. Aldo Tapparo or Deacon Chris Blackman whilst in J.R Hospital phone 01865 221732.

Pastoral Care – If you or anyone you know needs help with shopping, transport to Hospital or just a friendly visit to chat, please contact Sylvia Nelson on

Toddler Group - There is a Toddler Group that runs every Friday during term time in the Parish Centre from 9.00 until 11.30. Baby's through to pre-school are welcome. Feel free to just pop in and speak to Laura about joining.

Parish Safeguarding Team – 07817 237746

Letter from Fr. Paul Catchlove – Dear Friends from Abingdon,

I pray this finds you all well. It has been a very interesting time here of late with the appointment about a month before Christmas of an Apostolic Administrator for the Archdiocese. This has meant that the Archbishop of 20 years retirement was accepted but that rather than making a permanent appointment, a bishop from another diocese has been appointed as a caretaker. This effectively stalls everything in the Archdiocese as we await someone who has the authority and longer term commitment. Well, I still seem to have enough to do so I just keep on keeping on.

I have been appointed as Chaplain to a reasonably new movement in the Archdiocese called Faith on Tap [FoT]. It is for 18-35, and we meet at a Pub in the centre of Brisbane each month. A guest speaker talks on a particular issue and then questions can be asked from the floor. At the moment we have a regular attendance of around 100-150 young adults so good numbers each month.

I continue my work on the Seminary team assisting with liturgical formation. I really enjoy helping the guys in formation to see the beauty of the liturgy and particular how the liturgy can be used as a tool for evangelisation. One of the key pushes from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference [ACBC] is the New Evangelisation and so it is nice to be able to play a small part in their vision and mission. I will be presenting at a couple of conferences here in Australia in the new year on this same topic.

I have also been appointed to a parish as Associate Pastor in the new year – St. Mary's Parish, Ipswich. It is a real working class parish and right in the middle of the area that was so badly flooded this time last year. I am so very much looking forward to getting back into full-time parish ministry, for I know this is where I get so much life and energy. I only hope to take all of the great learnings I had from my time at Abingdon, particularly under the tutelage of Fr. Jamie, and employ them in this parish. St. Mary's is one of the oldest parishes in the Archdiocese with the presbytery being built in 1870 and the church soon after.

I still continue with my thesis as well, though as you can tell with some of the work I have been doing, time has been a little difficult to find. I have set myself the next 6 months to complete the writing and am emphatic that no matter what I need to, or must do, that this is a priority. I ask for your prayerful support in fulfilling this task.

I am looking at coming back to the UK at some point this year, so I will keep you informed when these plans become more certain.

Please be assured of my prayers and blessings [each time I take communion to the sick, with my pyx from Abingdon, I do pray for you all as well], and keep me in your continued prayers. Lots of love to you all. Paul