



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR (A)

4th January 2026



A Hearty Welcome! If you are just visiting our parish today, we bid you welcome.

If this is the first time you have been to Mass for a while, welcome back! We hope our time together unites us in God's love.

DATE	CHURCH	TIME & LITURGICAL SERVICE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 3rd	St. Margaret's	5.30pm - Holy Mass	Barbara Orr RIP, Alex McQuillan
Sunday 4th <i>The Epiphany of The Lord</i>	St Margaret's	9.30am - Holy Mass	Christopher Lees RIP, Aileen Muir RIP
	Holy Name	11am - Holy Mass	Mrs Odonnell (wellbeing), Albert Gatt RIP
Monday 5th		NO MASS	
Tuesday 6th	Holy Name St. Margaret's	9am - Communion Service 10am - Holy Mass	Stewart McQuillan RIP, Noreen McInerney
Wednesday 7th	Holy Name	9am - Communion Service	
Thursday 8th	St. Margaret's	10am - Communion Service	
Friday 9th		NO MASS	
Saturday 10th	St. Margaret's	5.30pm - Holy Mass	Lilian & Hendry Kuwaja (wellbeing), Chamberlain family

Fr Syriac's annual leave - Please note that Fr Syriac is on leave, visiting with his family at home in India, from Friday 26 Dec through to 30 January. Father Peter Kelly and Fr Ajeesh will be covering Masses for us this month.

Second Collections this weekend and next

There will be a second collection 3 & 4 Jan for the Building Fund. Also on 10 & 11 January, we will be holding a second collection in aid of Justice & Peace.

St. Margaret's Teas and Toasts

Teas n Toast will start again on Sunday 11 January at St M's. If anyone would like to cover a slot on the serving rota, please contact Charlotte Macintosh: cjm909@btinternet.com

Obituary - Please remember in your prayers:

Herbert Adams: His funeral will be at St Margaret's with a Requiem Mass on Tuesday 13 Jan, 10am.

May his soul rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved family and friends.

Mass Intentions - If you would like a mass to be offered, complete a Mass Intention envelope (for SM in the card stand; for HN on the table at the entrance of the church) and either hand it to the Priest or put through the Presbytery door. For legibility, please print your intention in block capitals. Please note mass intentions slots can regularly already be filled, up to a month in advance. N.B. On days when multiple Mass intentions are mentioned, each intention will be celebrated individually by priests who experience a shortage of Mass offerings.

Parish Newsletter - Please feel free to take a copy of the newsletter for a family member, a neighbour or anyone unable to come to church. Email the Parish to receive a digital copy.



SCRIPTUREREADINGS

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FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all round, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13. Rcf. 11
All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Matthew 2:2
Alleluia, alleluia.
We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord.
Alleluia.

THE NICENE ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.