

SUNG MASS *on* THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Sunday, 4th January 2026, 10.30am *Year A*

Welcome to Mass today!

Before the Mass: SPEAK TO GOD

During the Mass: LET GOD SPEAK TO YOU

After the Mass: SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR MOBILE PHONES

A bell is rung and all STAND as the Priest approaches the altar with the ministers and venerates it. The ENTRANCE HYMN is sung:

tune: Kings of Orient (CH 349)

1.

**We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star:**

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

2.

**Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring, to crown him again -
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign:**

3.

**Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a deity nigh:
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high:**

4.

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in a stone-cold tomb:**

5.

**Glorious now, behold him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice**

**Heav'n sings alleluya,
Alleluya the earth replies:**

words: John Henry Hopkin 1822-1900

The Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:

**✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

The priest introduces the Mass and then invites the people to call to mind their sins:

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The absolution is given by the Priest:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Then is sung:

**Kyrie, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.
Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.
Kyrie, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.**

The Gloria

Then is sung:

**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, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, 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 Collect of the Day

The Priest sings:

Let us pray.

A short silence is kept.

Almighty ever-living God, splendour of faithful souls, graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.

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. **Amen.**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12

'The wisdom of God has dwelt in the chosen people.'

A reading from the book of Sirach

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R/. 12a

The choir sings the response and then all repeat:

R/. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

O Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates;

he has blessed your children within you. **R/.**

He established peace on your borders;
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth,
and swiftly runs his command. **R/.**

He reveals his word to Jacob;
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his judgements. **R/.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

'He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus.'

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

STAND

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia 1 - 1 Timothy 3:16

The Choir sings:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations.

Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Turn to face the priest as he sings:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

John 1:1-18

'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.'

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become

children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me." ' For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then is sung:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Homily

After the introduction, SIT.

At the end of the homily a brief silence is kept for recollection.

The Profession of Faith

The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed

STAND

**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,**

At the words that follow, all bow their head:

**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.**

The Prayer of the Faithful

The Priest introduces the prayers.

The response to the prayers is:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The following may be included:

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

When bidden, the people sing: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and the hour of our death. Amen.

The Priest then concludes the Prayers and all respond: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory

REMAIN STANDING as the OFFERTORY HYMN is sung, during which the gifts of bread and wine are presented to the Priest.

A cash collection is taken. Alternatively, a donation can be made via the electronic Giving Station near the main door or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone's camera.



tune: The First Nowell (NEH 36)

1.

**The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay,
keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

2.

**They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night:**

3.

**And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wheresoever it went.**

4.

**This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay:**

5.

**Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence,
Both gold and myrrh and frankincense:**

6.

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught
And with his blood mankind hath bought:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

words: Traditional English Carol 17th century)

REMAIN STANDING as the Priest turns to say:

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

The Priest sings:

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, for by it you show us the way of truth and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Priest sings:

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

The Priest continues with the Preface, praising God, and then all sing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

*At the elevation of the Host and the Chalice, the people acclaim: **My Lord and my God.***

After the words of Consecration, the Priest sings:

The mystery of faith:
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the people sing: **Amen.***

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

The Priest sings:

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Priest says:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Please share the peace by simply turning to your neighbours and waving a greeting.

Breaking of the Bread

Then is sung:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Priest receives communion and then says:

Communion Antiphon *cf. John 1: 12*

To all who would accept him,
he gave the power to become children of God.

A bell is rung and the people receive communion.

*Communion will be offered kneeling at the Altar rail.
Inform the Priest if you require a gluten free wafer.
The Chalice is available for those who wish to receive from it.
If you are not making your communion please come to the Priest, carrying this service booklet, and bow your head for a blessing.
Please return to your seats through the left or right chapels.*

During Communion, the Choir sings an anthem and then the COMMUNION HYMN is sung:

words & music: David Evans

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

2.

**Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;**

**He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

3.

**Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work to hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

words & music: Jack Hayford (CP 769)

**Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be glory, honour, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from his throne unto his own,
his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high
the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.**

(Sung twice)

Silence is then kept for reflection.

Prayer after Communion

The Priest sings:

Let us pray.

STAND

Lord our God, we humbly ask you, that, through the working of this mystery, our offences may be cleansed and our just

desires fulfilled. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Concluding Rites

SIT for the notices.

Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May God, who has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light, pour out in kindness his blessing upon you and make your hearts firm in faith, hope and charity.
Amen.

And since in all confidence you follow Christ, who today appeared in the world as a light shining in darkness, may God make you, too, a light for your brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

And so when your pilgrimage is ended, may you come to him whom the Magi sought as they followed the star and whom they found with great joy, the Light from Light, who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God.

Alma Redemptoris Mater
tune: Yorkshire (NEH 24)

Mother of Christ, hear thou thy people's cry
Star of the deep and Portal of the sky!
Mother of Him who thee from nothing made

Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid:
O by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee
Thou Virgin first and last, thy mercy see.

After childbirth, O Virgin,
thou didst remain inviolate.
Intercede for us, O Mother of God.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may experience her intercession for us, through whom we deserved to receive the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son. **Amen.**

The FINAL HYMN is sung:

tune: Dix (NEH 47)

1.

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

4.

Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5.

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun, which goes not down.
There for ever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

words: W. Chatterton Dix 1837-98



*Please stay for refreshments
after Mass today*

*Do leave a 50p donation
IF YOU ARE ABLE*

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NOTICES THIS WEEK:

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

This month we are collecting for the Bishop of Willesden's Mission Fund (a pot of money that we benefited from with a grant for the Winter Resonate Community Choir sessions).

WHATSAPP GROUP

Our Whatsapp group has been going two years now. If you're not part of it – and would like to be - please open your camera and scan this QX code with your phone's camera or ask Noah to add you!



St. Andrew's Friens

WhatsApp group



SERVICES DURING THE INTEREGNUM

Sunday:
9.45 Morning Prayer
10.30am Sung Mass

Thursday:
9.30am Rosary
10am Mass

If you need a priest urgently and for all other business, please contact the Churchwardens in the first instance.

THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that,
as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Saviour.

On the fifth day of March
will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast
of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the twentieth day of April
you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-ninth day of May
will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the eighth day of June,
the feast of Pentecost.

On the twenty-second day of the same month,
the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the thirtieth day of November,
the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honour and glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



We pray for: Sarah, Bishop of London, Jonathan, Bishop of Fulham, Catherine, Archdeacon of Northolt, and Sophie, Area Dean of Brent and James, Assistant Area Dean

For the sick and have asked for our prayers, amongst them:

Gilian Hemsworth, Petunia Barlow, Juliet Edgar, Henrietta Arah, Petunia Barlow, Wendy Barrett, Everton Barton, Cherrittah Beata, Delphine Benjamin, Simon Bento, Pat & Cedric Best, Patience, Sandra and Rihana Boateng, Angela Buncombe, Candice Callender, Shelika Campbell, Auldeen Charles, Marva Charles, Princess Cole, Sylvia Cox, Susan Currie, Kian Donovan, Eleanor Dove, Hazel Douglas, Joan Dunkley-Hughes, Tariq Disu

For those whose anniversary of death occurs this week:

4th: David Douglas (2008), Marianne Brathwaite (2014) Daphne Griffith (2021)

5th: Sarah Martin (1966)

6th: Harold Eves *priest* (1979) *Shelia Simons*, Rona Huggins (2018) | **8th:** Joseph Tachl (1957)

9th: James Bardsley (1977), Victor Pilgrim (1994)

10th: Lolita Reid (2010) Matthew Clark (2007)

Prayers for the week:

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Preserve us, O God, our whole journey through; that we may live in your love, die in your favour, rest in your peace, rise in your power and reign in your glory, in the joy of Christ and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen. *Nicholas Ferrar (1592-1637)*

When a profound silence covered all things
and night was in the middle of its course,
your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

cf. Wisdom 18: 14-15

EVENTS & SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Monday, 5th January

Gospel: John 1:43-51
Pray for: those returning to school
Residents of: Bruno Place,
Buddings Circle, Cambridge Close

Tuesday, 6th January

The Epiphany of the Lord
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
Pray for: Residents & Staff at Ogilvy Court
Residents of: Chalkhill Road,
Chalklands, Chesham Street

Wednesday, 7th January

St Raymond of Penyafort, priest
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Pray for: the PCC
Residents of: Church Drive,
Church Lane, Claygate Court

Thursday, 8th January

10am Mass

Gospel: Mark 6:34-44
Pray for: those away from us at this time
Residents of: Coombe Road, Cherrylands
Close, Daisy Close, Deanscroft Avenue

Friday, 9th January

9.30am – 11.30am
Church Cleaning & Flower Arranging

Gospel: Mark 6:45-52
Pray for: the NHS
Residents of: Demeta Close,
Dimsdale Drive, Doreen Avenue

Saturday, 10th January

Gospel: Luke 4:14-22a
Pray for: the lonely & the anxious
Residents of: Dors Close,
Dugolly Avenue, Dunster Drive

Sunday, 11th January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.30am Sung Mass

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17
Pray for: our parish and people
Residents of: Farnborough Close,
Forty Lane, Gervase Close

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