

St Alban's Parish Church



Next Sunday 8th January
The Epiphany

The Magi brought gifts to honour Jesus. As we come together to pay homage, let us, like the Magi, give thanks for the precious gift of the Christ child.

Sunday 1st January Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

In our worship today let us bear in mind that in Jesus Christ we have a great Saviour and a high calling – and also that Christ makes us children of God.

9.00 am Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass

President and Preacher Fr Graham

Readings Andrew Mould

Intercessions John Appleby

Evening Prayer Mr Jim Weller

Today at the Parish Mass:

Hymns: NEH 338, 366, 374

During the Week

Tues 10th 19.00	William Laud	Said Mass Mtr Linda
Thurs 12th 10.00	St Aelred	Said Mass Fr Graham

WELCOME We are really pleased to see you. If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.

A Prayer for St Alban's

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

In spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

**Please use this sheet
in your prayers**

Readings

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah foretells both the coming of the light into the world and the visitation of those who arrive on camels from Midian and Ephah, and of the people from Sheba, who will bring gold and frankincense and praise the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

Paul explains his mission, which is to introduce those who were once not God's people to the boundless riches of Christ. Because of Jesus, we all now have hope and the promise of eternal life.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi visit baby Jesus, opening their treasure chests and offering him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Services

9.00 am Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass

President Fr Graham **Preacher** Mtr Linda

Readings Ian Franklin

Intercessions Jim Hickey

Evening Prayer Fr Graham

Notices

Food placed in the box at the back of church will be shared between our **Pantry** and the **Hull Foodbank**. They need tins, jars, packets (including cereals), tea, coffee, biscuits, sugar.

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First reading Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

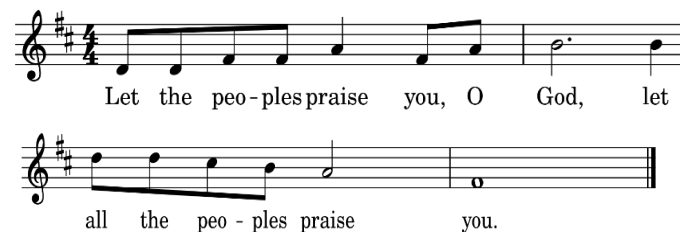
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm 67

R.



God be gracious and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us.
That your way may be known upon earth
your saving power among all nations. **R.**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth. **R.**

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, even our own God, will bless us
God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R.**

Second reading Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the
prophets; but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

Intercessions

We pray for those unjustly constrained by human law and culture. May they find courage and the support of others.

We pray for those kept on the margins of society. May they find a path to full participation.

We pray for law-makers – politicians, the military, religious leaders and judges. May they strive for trust, peace and freedom in all things.

We pray for teachers – in schools, universities, homes and communities. May they be shining examples of love and pursue truth.

We pray for ourselves. May we transcend the cultures to which we belong and live in fellowship with Christ.

We pray for those who have recently died, together with all whose years mind occurs this week; Joyce Fletcher, Irene Lawless, Wilburn Hall, Catherine Murray, George Stipetic, David Bancroft, Paul Russell.

