

**To avoid contamination
take this sheet home
and use it in your prayers.**



**Sunday 3rd January
The Epiphany of the Lord**

We join all the people of the world in worshipping
the infant King of the Jews

10.00 Parish Mass
President - Mtr Linda, **Preacher** – Fr Graham
Readings & Psalm E. Franklin
Intercessions J. Weller

During the Week

Wed 6th 7.00 pm Mass Fr Graham

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

Please wash your hands and/or use the hand
sanitiser on entry and follow the one way
system. Face coverings should be worn.

We are sorry that at the moment we are unable
to offer refreshments after the service or
provide our usual facilities for children.

There is an accessible toilet in the porch.

Offerings may be left in the plates at the back
of church as you leave.

**Sorry, but only the choir is permitted to
sing at present.**

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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 your 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 singing the praise of
the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
*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 kings 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 Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

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

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea 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 Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means 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.

Intercessions

We pray for those in positions of authority – kings, presidents and leaders of communities. May they not crave power, but seek to serve those in their care.

We pray for the Church worldwide. May it be attentive to God's word, open to the Spirit's leading and courageous in following.

We pray for those we know in the midst of dark times of difficulty, distress or depression. May God's light shine into their struggles.

We pray for ourselves in places where we are uncertain of the next step. May we know the light of Christ guiding our path.

We pray for all people who are suffering from illness, disease or disability; for those whose lives are affected by worry, depression and loss.

We pray for those infected by the coronavirus, their carers, health specialists and those working to halt the spread of infection.

We pray for all those who have died recently, together with all whose years mind occurs this week; Wilburn Hall, Catherine Murray, George Stipetic, David Bancroft, Paul Russell, John Boyes, Lawrence Dowman, Margaret Emms, Robert Fletcher, Robert Hurrell, Lillian Hurrell, Frank Wilson.

Next Sunday 10th January

The Baptism of the Lord

The Father anointed his beloved son, Jesus, with the Holy Spirit and with power, to bring to bring healing and peace to all the nations.

Readings

Isaiah 55:1 – 11

Come to the water. Listen and your soul will live.

St John 5:1 - 9

The Spirit and water and blood

Mark 1:7 –11

You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.

Services

10.00

Parish Mass

President - Fr Graham, Preacher – Fr Ron

Readings & Psalm G. Rainey

Intercessions J. Hotchin

Notices

Hull Food Bank and Hull Help for Refugees

both welcome your contributions. Please put you donations in the boxes at the back.

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,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Information and Notices for Pew Sheet

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