

St Alban's Parish Church



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.

9.00 am Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass

President Fr Graham **Preacher** Mtr Linda

Readings Ian Franklin

Intercessions Jim Hickey

6.00 pm Evening Prayer Fr Graham

Today at the Parish Mass:

Hymns: NEH 47, 52, 48

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,



Next Sunday 15th January Second Sunday of Epiphany

We gather together, as the faithful people gathered at the River Jordan, to bear witness to the Lamb of God revealed to us. Let us prepare ourselves to meet him and to walk in the way of justice, peace and truth.

Readings

First Reading **Isaiah 49:1-7**

Isaiah offers an insight into the nature of God's calling – to bring the people back.

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul greets the Church at Corinth and gives thanks and prays for their continued strength in answering God's calling.

Gospel **John 1:29-42**

John the Baptist reveals the Lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world as Jesus calls the first of his disciples.

Services

9.00 am Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass

President and Preacher Fr Graham

Readings Geraldine Rainey

Intercessions Elizabeth Franklin

6.00 pm Evening Prayer Mtr Linda

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 **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm 72

R.



Give the king your judgements, O God, ♦
and your righteousness to the son of a king.
Then shall he judge your people righteously ♦
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains bring forth peace, ♦
and the little hills righteousness for the people. **R.**

May he defend the poor among the people, ♦
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, ♦
from one generation to another. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; ♦
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
All kings shall fall down before him; ♦
all nations shall do him service. **R.**

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, ♦
the needy and those who have no helper.
He shall have pity on the weak and poor; ♦
he shall preserve the lives of the needy. **R.**

Second reading **Ephesians 3:1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the

Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose,
And have come to pay him homage.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Intercessions

We pray for the people of all nations; that they may hear and believe the good news of salvation.

We pray for all people of faith and none; that they may grow in love and closeness to God this new year.

We pray that we may, like the Magi, continue our journey of faith towards Jesus.

We pray for those who are sick or in sorrow; that our support and love for them will let them know God's mercy and love.

We pray for those who have recently died, together with all whose years mind occurs this week:

John Boyes, Lawrence Dowman, Margaret Emms, Robert Fletcher, Robert Hurrell, Lillian Hurrell, Frank Wilson, Kay Thompson, Mary Taylor, Doris Pickering, Christopher Marshall, Ethel Beaumont, Gwen Cooper.