



Parish Bulletin

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Sunday Cycle A

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday January 5  1 John 3:11-21; Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R2b; John 1:43-51.
Weekday of Christmas **9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

Tuesday January 6  Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13. Rcf. 11;
The Epiphany of the Lord Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.
(solemnity and Holyday **9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**
of Obligation) **2:00-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Holy Family—all welcome.**
6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

Wednesday January 7  1 John 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7-8. 10-11. R8a;
Weekday after Epiphany Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25.
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family
11:45AM Funeral—Julie Bill, St Mary's

Thursday January 8  1 John 4:7-10; Ps 72(71):1-2. 3-4b. 7-8. Rcf.11;
Weekday after Epiphany Mark 6:34-44.
9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family

Friday January 9  1 John 4:11-18; Ps 72(71):1-2. 10-11. 12-13. R cf.11;
Weekday after Epiphany Mark 6:45-52.
8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's
9:30AM Mass, St Mary's
1:15PM Funeral—Samuel McLellan, St. Mary's
6:30PM Bible study hour, St Mary's (meeting room)

Saturday January 10  1 John 4:19-5:4; Ps 72(71):1-2. 14, 15ab. 17. R cf.11;
Weekday after Epiphany Luke 4:14-22a.
11:00-11:45AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's.
12:00 noon Mass, St Mary's

Sunday January 11  Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b, 9b-10. R11b;
The Baptism of the Lord Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17.
(Divine Office Week 1) **9:00AM St Mary's Church open for private prayer.**
9:30AM Sung Mass, St Mary's
10:45AM Holy Family Church open for private prayer.
11:15AM Sung Mass, Holy Family
Light refreshments will be served after both Sunday morning
Masses.
6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

Confession

Saturdays (see above); otherwise on request.

Baptisms and Marriages

If you would like to arrange a baptism or a wedding, please
speak to a priest or to Sr. Benedicta after Mass.

Please note, we require six months' notice for a wedding.

We Pray For...

Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling illnesses. In particular: Paul Vincent Rostern, Gregory Francis Rostern, Padraig Rafferty, Joe & Anne Appleton, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, Karen Seinen, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Michael Melody, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, Catherine Ardill, Christopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Immanuel Iro, Annamariae O.S. Asemota, Susan Watson, Stephanie Farrell, Anna, Morris Maude, Mary Jowes, Anthony Baron and Anthony Ward.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Sam McLellan, Adele Fitzpatrick. Vincent Earl, Philip Crosby, Joan Scott, Adrienne Young and James McManus.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Harry Bridgen, Bernadette Crichton, William & Caroline Power, Tommy & Nora O'Brien, and Dave Webster.

May they continue to rest in the Lord.

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Family

This week's sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated in memory of Margaret & Kevin Lock.

Deaths and Funerals

We recently announced the deaths of:

Julie Bill, whose funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on Wednesday, January 7 at 11:45am, followed by cremation at Hollinwood Cemetery, 1:00pm.

Samuel McLellan, whose funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on Friday, January 9 at 1:15pm.

Patricia Fitzgerald, whose funeral service will take place at St Mary's Church on Tuesday, January 13 at

12 noon, followed by burial at Failsworth Cemetery, 12:45pm.

Adele Fitzpatrick, whose funeral Mass will take place at St Mary's Church on Wednesday, January 14, followed by burial at Failsworth Cemetery, 1:15pm.

We keep their families and friends in our prayers.

Happy New Year

Greetings to everyone. May 2026 be filled with grace and blessings for all the community.

Changes to Mass Arrangements This Week

This Tuesday, January 6, is the solemnity of the Epiphany—a Holyday

of Obligation. The 9:15 Mass on that day will be celebrated at Holy Family Church; there is no morning Mass at St Mary's. Evening Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Church at 6:00pm.

Crib Offerings

The *Friends of the Holy Land* are appealing for support this Christmas, by encouraging parishes to nominate the charity as the beneficiary of their crib offerings. We ask, therefore, that you donate generously.

ORDER OF MASS

HYMN 193

Child in the manger

PENITENTIAL ACT

General Confession

All say together:

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,

(Striking breast:)

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.

Kýrie Eléison

All sing together:

Kýrie, eléison¹. Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.
Christe eléison². Christe eléison.
Christe eléison, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.

Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:

¹ Lord, have mercy.

² Christ, have mercy.

GLORIA

(Sung)

Refrain:

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory
to God in the highest,**

*and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.*

**1. 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.**
(Refrain)

**2. 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,
the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**
(Refrain)

**3. 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.**
(Refrain) Amen, amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12

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

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.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20. R John
1:14ab**

All sing the response:



The Word be-came flesh and



dwelt a-mong us, and



we have seen his glo-ry.

1 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.

- 2 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.
- 4 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.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

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

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung)

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy
Gospel according to N.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel Reading

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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All say together:

**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,**

*(All kneel or bow at the underlined
words that follow)*

**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 is 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.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 155

Away in a manger

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the
Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

All: It is right and just.

Holy

All sing together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of
hosts. Heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in
the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes, who
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in
the highest.**

*The congregation kneel for the
remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

The Mystery of Faith

The priest sings or says:

The mystery of faith

All sing together:

**When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**



Conclusion

The priest alone sings or says:

Through him, and with him, and in
him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All respond:

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

All stand: the Priest says:

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

All sing:

**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.**

The priest alone continues, saying:

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.

*We conclude the prayer together, by
singing:*

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

Lamb of God

All sing together:

**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

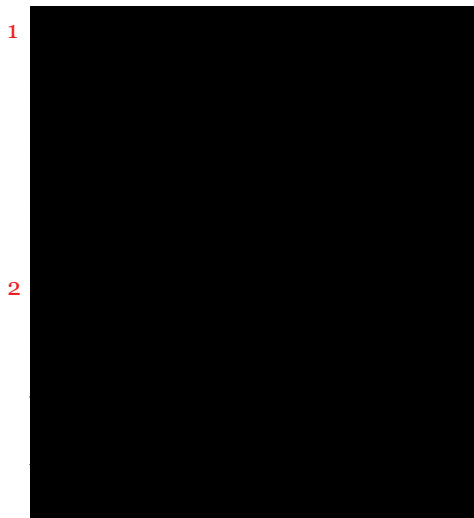
The priest says aloud:

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.

And together with the people he adds:

**Lord, I am not worthy that you
should enter under my roof, but
only say the word and my soul
shall be healed.**

HYMN



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Song of Praise and Thanksgiving

Sing three times:

**O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving
be every moment thine.**

HYMN 603

*See him lying on a bed of straw
(Calypso Carol)*

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