



ENTRANCE ANTIPOHON

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.

COLLECT

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.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Sirach.
The wisdom of God has dwelt in the chosen people.

24:1-2, 8-12

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

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
or: Alleluia.

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

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.
'He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus.'

1:3-6, 15-18

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.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

(Shorter form between asterisks)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.'

1:1-18

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPOHON

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 3 rd	4.00 pm	Rosaleen Cullen RIP	4 th January 2026: 2 nd Sunday After the Nativity
Sun 4 th	10.30 am	Nirmala Gomes & Benedict RIP	
Mon 5 th		NO MASS	FEASTS :
Tues 6 th	9.30 am	People of the Parish (with St Berndette's School)	Tuesday Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Wed 7 th	9.30 am 11.00 am	Eddie Dunne (Intentions) Ena Comerford (Requiem)	Wednesday St. Raymond of Peñafort
Thurs 8 th	9.30 am	Perry Hill RIP (with Holy Family School)	Sunday Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Fri 9 th	10.30 am	Sarah & Mona (Intentions)	Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am)
Sat 10 th	4.00 pm	Mary McBrearty (Anniversary)	Altar Lamp – Declan Siggins RIP
Sun 11 th	10.30 am	Xavier & Paul (Special Intention).	Our Lady's Lamp – Gilligan Family Intentions
SECOND COLLECTION: £177.75 (Church Maintenance)		OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £520.05	

RECENTLY DEAD: Ena Comerford RIP. Reception Tuesday 6th January, 6.30 pm. Requiem Wednesday 7th January, 11.00 am. Tommy Flynn RIP. Requiem Mass Thursday, 15th January 2026 at 11.00 am. Michael Sheehan RIP. Funeral Service at Yardley Crematorium, Thursday, 15th January 2026 at 1.00 pm. Jim Deards RIP. Details to follow. Mary McManamon RIP.

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Wootton, Helen Goldie, Rita Bellow, John O'Donovan, Margaret Osborne, Margaret Kelly, Michael Moran, Alex Skryzypiec, Ronald Brown, Albert Thomas, Patrick McGowan, John Cunnane, Helena Hackett, Ann Toohey, Michael Dunne, Peter Higgins, Francis Macken, Bridie Foyle, Paulette Flynn, Robert O'Malley, Eileen Grant, Frederick Williams, Archibald Ferris, Francis Burns, Joan O'Brien, Patrick Dunne, Brian Murray, Michelle Crozier, Daniel O'Shea.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, Mary Bergin, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White, Everly Arnold.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: For Prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** Crib Collection (Friends of the Holy Land). **NEXT WEEKEND:** Church Maintenance **FATHER FRETCH AND THE VOCATIONIST FATHERS** would like to **THANK YOU** all most sincerely for your very generous Christmas collections, gifts, cards and especially your prayers.

WELCOME BACK to our school staff and children. We wish them God's blessings for the New Term and Year.

WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS A JOYFUL AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON AND A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all." (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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