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2021
2024

Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 6th January Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Departed Souls of Dickens family	CC - putting away Christmas Decorations
Sunday 7th January Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for CC Church
Monday 8th January The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Departed Souls of Heining, Brotherton & Carroll Families	CC 4.00 pm FHC Session 4
Tuesday 9th January Feria	9.00 am Mass: Private Intention (BJ)	
Thursday 11th January Feria	9.00 am Mass: Departed Souls of Kozlowska, Leek & Drabicka Families	
Friday 12th January Saint Aelred of Rievaulx, religious (memorial)	9.00 am Mass: Departed Souls of Parents, Relatives, Friends & Wife of T McDermott	
Saturday 13th January 2nd Sunday of the Year Day of Special Prayer for Peace - Peace Sunday	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Intentions of SCJ Fathers & Brothers	2nd Collection: Sick & Retired Priests' Fund
Sunday 14th January 2nd Sunday of the Year Day of Special Prayer for Peace - Peace Sunday	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	2nd Collection: Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

Our Lady & St Patricks, Meadows, Mass/Service Times 7th - 14th January 2024

Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Sunday 7th January Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)	9.00 am Mass: John & Annie Davey RIP After Mass: FHC Session 4 Coffee & Tea in the Hall after the morning Mass	
Wednesday 10th January Feria	10.00 am Mass: Departed Souls of Mulhern, McHugh, Hinnigin, Lanagdon, Oates & Cullinhane Families	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after the morning Mass.
Saturday 13th January Saint Hilary, bishop & doctor (memorial)	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Departed Souls of McNulty & King Families, Andreas Skeparnides & Family	12 .30 - 5pm Eritrean Church If you would like to make a donation, to the Church please scan the QR code above
Sunday 14th January 2nd Sunday of the Year Day of Special Prayer for Peace - Peace Sunday	9.00 am Mass: Departed Souls of Edith Gosling & Bridie Leape	2nd Collection: Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Coffee and Tea after the morning Mass.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany-the revelation of Jesus to non-Jews through the story of the three Magi from the East. They followed a star to Bethlehem, where they found baby Jesus and honoured Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Afterward, they took a different route home, avoiding King Herod as they were warned.

The tale of the Magi reflects our own journey through life. The guiding star in our lives takes various forms, leading us to an exciting future. Sometimes it shines brightly, while other times we catch glimpses. It directs us to what is true, good, and beautiful, ultimately leading us to Jesus, whom God desires to reveal to everyone.

On this feast day, like the Magi meeting infant Jesus, we give our gifts - our presence is our present. Realizing that we can't go back the same way, the great epiphany changes us for the better. As we step into 2024, may our life journeys be abundant, and may we experience profound revelations. *God Bless.*

Fr. Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ

2023-2024 Year of Prayer Pope Francis' Catechesis on Prayer, arranged for each liturgical week.

Epiphany of the Lord 7th January 2024 - Copies Available in the parish website under newsletter section.

Epiphany House Blessings: There is a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany (7th January) when the family gather to ask God's blessing on their home and family life. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our homes. The prayer of Blessings and Chalk for the blessings shall be given after all Masses this weekend.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Solemnity of the Epiphany: Christ is the Mediator, the bridge that we cross to turn to the Father. He is the only Redeemer, He is the Mediator par excellence. Each prayer we raise to God is through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, and is fulfilled thanks to his intercession. The Holy Spirit extends Christ's mediation to every time and every place: there is no other name by which we can be saved. Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and humanity. *To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer*

After 10.30 am Mass this Sunday, 7th January, please stay behind to help put away the Christmas decorations.

Our 1st Holy Communion Candidates will meet for Session 4 of their Catechesis this week: at OLSP, the children will meet after the 9.00 am Mass on Sunday, 7th January. At CC the children will meet at 4.00 pm on Monday, 8th January at 4.00 pm.

Peace Sunday 2024: Peace Sunday 2024 is Sunday 14th January and the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Pax Christi have produced a series of resources to mark the day. website paxchristi.org.uk/peace-Sunday/

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New Year's Resolution The Church relies on people getting involved. Our Church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church?

Talk for Young Adults – Join Young Adults from across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire on Thursday 11th January at St Barnabas Cathedral for our monthly gathering. This month Christine Ward of the national Theology of the Body network will give a talk about what actually is theology of the body? The cathedral will be open for prayer and confession from 6:15pm and the talk will be at 7pm and then we will go to the pub for some social time. Contact cv@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information.

St Paul's Sunday Missal 2024 Cycle B: Copies for the new Liturgical year are available to buy at the back of both Churches, price £7.00 (price held from last year).

Parish Finances: Gift aiding your offertory donations to the parish greatly helps us balance our parish finances. To Gift Aid your donations you need to make your offerings either by Standing Order or by Gift Aid envelopes. Forms for Gift-Aid Standing Orders are available in the Narthex; for envelopes, please call the parish office. New envelopes will be issued in time for the start of the new Financial Year at the beginning of April 2024.

The Pope's Monthly Intention, January 2024: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Synod Synthesis: PART I – THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH, Experience and Understanding, Convergences i) Through experience and encounters, we have grown together in this awareness. In summary, from the very first days, the Assembly found itself shaped by two convictions: the first is that the experience we have shared over these years is authentically Christian and should be embraced in all its richness and depth; the second is that the terms "synodal" and "synodality" require a more accurate clarification of their levels of meaning in different cultures. The substantial agreement emerged that, with the necessary clarifications, synodality represents the future of the Church.

Gift Aid: If you are already a Gift Aid Declaration Holder, please advise your parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department (parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk) of any change in your circumstances, such as name change/address change/no longer a taxpayer. If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his/her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of your spouse's death.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024: Theme Go and do likewise 18–25 January 2024. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity.

Please remember Emmanuel House (donations@emmanuelhouse.org.uk), the Clifton Foodbank & the Meadows Foodbank (hope-Nottingham.org.uk) especially during the Winter months.

Year of Prayer called Encounter Prayer. Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

Would you like to be a Reading Volunteer at Blessed Robert Widmerpool?: If you have an hour a week spare, we are looking for volunteers to come in to school to listen to some of the children read. Tea and coffee will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 0115 915 2392. We would really appreciate your time. Thank You.

MEMORY LANE CAFÉ For people with memory loss and their carers. Join us for a cuppa and a chat, a bit of reminiscing and music etc. Monthly sessions held at The Irish Centre, 2 Wilford Street, Nottingham NG2 1AA between 12pm – 2.00pm. Our next sessions will be held on: **Thursday 29th February, Thursday 28th March & Thursday 25th April 2024.** £2 entry fee to cover the cost of tea/coffee and cake, but please feel free to bring your own lunch if required. We cannot provide personal care so a family member, support worker or carer are welcome to join you.

Communion to the Sick and Housebound, For House Blessing, For Marriage: (six months' notice required). please contact the Parish office (Monday, Wednesday and Friday Office Hours). **Funerals:** are organised with local funeral directors, but do contact the Parish office to arrange an appointment with the Priest. please contact the Parish office.

Hospitals: If you have a relative or friend who goes into the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (Queen's Medical Centre or City Hospital), please inform the Chaplaincy Department, the ward or your priest and request a visit. Do not assume that your priest or the chaplaincy team know that you/they are in hospital. Central Switchboard: 0115 924 9924 ext 83799 (new extension number).

Development and Communications Co-ordinator A dynamic and evolving role 'Development and Communications Co-ordinator' serving the young people of the diocese of Nottingham is pivotal to supporting the development and growth of NDCYS. This is an exciting and challenging opportunity for an aspiring leader. This is initially a one year fixed term contract. Details can be found at: <https://www.ndcys.com> Journalist Bob Cameron, a former pupil of St Patrick's Church and School, has written a deeply personal account of his return to the Church. Titled *21 Days Back to God – After 40 Years of Running Away*, his book is an inspiring step-by-step spiritual guide for others considering the pilgrimage of return. It can be ordered through: <https://www.eden.co.uk/christian-books/personal-life/inspiration-and-motivation/21-days-back-to-god-after-forty-years-of-running-away-a-pilgrimage-of-return/#description> (£9.97) Or: <https://www.waterstones.com/book/21-days-back-to-god/bob-cameron/9781922589262> (£9.99)



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

COLLECT

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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 prophet Isaiah.
Above you the glory of the Lord appears.
60:1-6
Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, 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.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

- 1 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 judgment. R.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

- 4 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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.
It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

3:2-3a. 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 Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

We saw his star and have come to do the king homage. 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 and 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Ps. 71
Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.