

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth for ever.*

Or

*Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.*

COLLECT

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary
bestowed on the human race
the grace of eternal salvation,
grant, we pray,
that we may experience the intercession of her,
through whom we were found worthy
to receive the author of life,
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.
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 Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "Say this to Aaron and his
sons: 'This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall
say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.'

"This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of
Israel, and I will bless them."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 66

RESPONSE: *O God, be gracious and bless us.*

1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a
woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of
the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that
you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our
hearts: the Spirit that cries, "Abba, Father", and it is this that
makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has
made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past

and in various different ways,

God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

but in our own time, the last days,

he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary
and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw
the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and
everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds
had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and
pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back
glorifying and praising God, for all they had heard and seen; it
was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be
circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the
angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things

and bring them to fulfilment,

grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother
of God,

that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace,

so one day we may rejoice in its completion.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord:
grant, we pray,

that it may lead us to eternal life,

for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary

Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment.

Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

Please consider setting up a standing order in favour of the parish instead of a weekly cash offering. If you can Gift Aid your donation, please complete a form which you can find in the church porch.

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Mary, The Holy Mother of God – 1st January 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A.

Sunday Hymns: Entrance: No. 249 *In the Bleak Mid-winter*

Recession: No. 605 *What Child Is This?*

Services During the Coming Week

Saturday 31st 5:30pm Confessions

December 6:00 pm Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Vigil Mass.

Sunday 1st 8:00 am Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Eucharistic Minister E Cleary

January 10:00 am Mass of Christmas Day offered for Gabriele Nicosia, Eucharistic Minister R Shorten

Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass today

Monday 2nd Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

January **No Mass Today**

Tuesday 3rd Christmas Feria

January **No Mass Today**

Wednesday 4th Christmas Feria

January **No Mass Today**

Thursday 5th Christmas Feria

January **No Mass Today**

Friday 6th The Epiphany of the Lord – **Holy Day of Obligation**

January 10:00 am Holy Mass, followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy

6:00 pm Holy Mass

Saturday 7th 5:30pm Confessions

January 6:00 pm The Baptism of the Lord – Vigil Mass

The Epiphany: Friday of this week is the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. It signifies a number of things. In the East, where it originated, it celebrates Jesus' birth and his baptism by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. In the west it is associated with the visit of the magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus when God revealed himself to the world through the incarnation of Jesus. What is emphasised is the "Revelation to the Gentiles" mentioned in Luke, where the term Gentile means all non-Jewish peoples. The Biblical Magi, traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, representing the non-Jewish peoples of the world, paid homage to the infant Jesus in stark contrast to Herod who sought to kill him. The feast of the Epiphany is a Holy Day of Obligation, on which all Catholics are required to attend Mass, and to allow as many people as possible to attend, there will be two Masses – one at 10:00 am and one at 6:00 pm.

Post Rack: Please remember to check the post rack in the church porch before you go and take any cards addressed to you. Any cards not collected will be removed and disposed of after 7th January.

Sunday 8th January: After 10:00 Mass next week the Christmas decorations and nativity arrangements will be dismantled and returned to storage. If you can spare half an hour or so after Mass to help in this work it would be much appreciated.

Candlelight Mass: From 4 to 6 pm on 7th January, there will be a special Mass for young people celebrated by our new Bishop, Peter Collins. The Candlelight Mass will be held at the White House, 21 Uppgate, Poringland, NR14 7SH and will be followed by hotdogs, fireworks and refreshments. There will be a collection of gifts for the *Welcome Rucksack Project* which helps children who are refugees - suitable gifts include small games, stickers, children's shampoo and body wash - which should be brought unwrapped. The event is organised by the Diocesan Youth Service and you can find further information on its web site.

Farewell Mass for Bishop Alan: Our new bishop, Peter Collins, will be hosting a special Mass of thanksgiving and farewell for Bishop Alan Hopes, the recently retired bishop of East Anglia. The Mass will be celebrated at the cathedral church of St John the Baptist on Tuesday 24th January at 11:30 am and will be followed by a light buffet lunch. This is an open invitation to all members of the Diocese. To allow numbers to be gauged for catering purposes, if you would like to attend please advise Fr Luke by 6th January and the names of those wishing to attend will be collated and passed to the organisers.

Ron Green RIP: Many of the older parishioners will remember Ron Green, a regular at St Mary Magdalens for many years before his health failed. Sadly, Ron passed away on 20th December at home, after a long and difficult period of illness. Please remember Ron in your prayers and also his widow Pamela, his sons and all those who mourn his passing.

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit:

John Anderson-Hurst, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Pauline Newton, Mary O'Reilly, Carol Sims and Pippa Williamson.

Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Dorothy Harris, Andrew Kervin, Michael Carroll, William McCormack, Stephen Spooner, Leslie Payne, Nora Heffernan, Richard Miller, Catherine Barrett, William King, John Galloway, Joseph Thompson, Albert Richardson and Eleanor Candler whose anniversaries occur about this time. A complete list of parish anniversaries can be found on the web site.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.