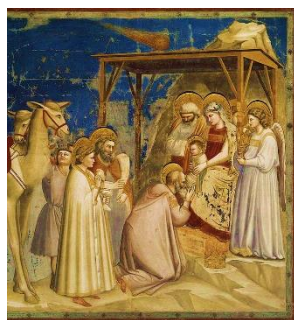


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*Et intrantes domum,
 invenerunt puerum
 cum Maria, matre ejus,
 et procidentes
 adoraverunt eum.*

*And entering into the house,
 they found the Child
 with Mary, His Mother,
 and falling down
 they adored Him.*

*Services for the Third Week of Christmastide
 5th – 11th January 2025
 January – The Month of the Most Holy Name of Jesus*

Saturday 4th January, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

The People of the Parish

**Sunday 5th January, The Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord (OF, transferred)
 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus (EF)**

Holy Mass, 8.00 am
 Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Private intention (A)
 Teresina & Andrea Chiri RIP

Monday 6th January, Christmas Feria (OF) – The Epiphany of Our Lord (EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am
High Mass of the Epiphany, 6.00pm (Extraord. Form)

Liucija Kelly
 Joseph Joachim Njururi

Tuesday 7th January, St Raymond of Peñafort, Priest & Confessor (OF) – Feria (EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Holy Souls (Deceased of Friends
 of Suffering Souls)

Wednesday 8th January, Christmas Feria (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Christmas Intentions

Thursday 9th January, Christmas Feria (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am
 Holy Hour, 4 – 5.00 pm, Confessions, 4.15 – 5 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm

Augusta & Family

Friday 10th January, Christmas Feria (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

The Moloney Family

Saturday 11th January, Our Lady in Christmastide (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am
 Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am

Msrgr Graham Wilkinson RIP

Saturday 11th January, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 - 5.45 pm
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

The People of the Parish

Sunday 12th January, The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (OF) – The Holy Family (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am
 Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Stephanie Ingram
 Rina & Angiolino Stellardi RIP

Father John writes:

This Sunday & this Monday: Epiphany of Our Lord

The celebration of the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the second great feast of Christmastide, will be anticipated this Sunday. It will be celebrated on its proper day, this Monday, 6th, with a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form. At both of the Solemn Masses there will be the traditional Proclamation of the Movable Feasts of the liturgical year.

Epiphany Blessed Chalk

Please take a piece of blessed chalk. We use the chalk for blessing our homes and writing the following above the front door: **20 + C + B + M + 25**. The letters C, B, M stand for the names of the three Holy Magi (SS. Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchior), but also for a prayer, ***Christus benedicat mansionem***, 'May Christ bless this house', which we should say as we inscribe the numbers and letters.

Epiphany Blessing of Homes

Please let me know if you would like your home to receive the special priestly Epiphanytide blessing in the next few weeks (before Candlemas).

This Sunday: Second Collection

Aid to the Church in Need for its work in Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria. Remember that the Christian communities in the Holy Land and Syria are the oldest in the world.

Advance Notice – Second Collections

- *Crib Offerings* – These will also be for Aid to the Church in Need.
- *12th January - White Rose Appeal for SPUC*
- *19th January – Good Counsel Network*
- *26th January – Right to Life*
- *2nd February - Life*

The Forty Days of Christmastide

Please remember that Christmastide lasts not just for twelve days, up to the Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord, but traditionally all the way to Candlemas on 2nd February. As the carol says, 'Make we mirth for Christ's birth, and ***sing we Yule till Candlemas***'. We shall keep the Crib up, as they do in Rome and at Westminster Cathedral, till then. **So please remember to pray to the Divine Infant Jesus at the Crib throughout this holy season of forty days.** We are blessed to have a relic of the Manger, which will be exposed for veneration as part of the Crib. A more complete relic of the Manger is preserved at the basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome.

Assisted Suicide: The Struggle Continues

I make no apologies for reminding you every week of this literally life or death battle. The slaughter of the unborn, possibly soon to be followed by the medical murder of the sick and elderly, is a horribly clear demonstration of what St John Paul II meant by the 'culture of death'. When men and women turn away from God and the rule of Christ the King, the consequence is nihilism and the destruction of the human person. ***There is no benign atheism.*** Please check out the website of **Right to Life: righttolife.org.uk** for ways in which you can continue to express your opposition to the legalization of assisted suicide. **The Leadbeater bill *could* be defeated at its third reading. Please pray that it will be.** You might like to consider making a Christmastide donation to one of the pro-life organizations: ***Right to Life, SPUC, or Care Not Killing.***

The Food Larder

Thank you to all those contributing items each week. Please continue to donate dry food stuffs and toiletries, using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch. **Now that the weather is so bitterly cold, it is particularly important to help people who, even in North Oxford, may feel forced to choose between heating and eating.**

Please pray for all persecuted Christians.

Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, and throughout the world.

Please pray for the sick and housebound

His Majesty The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Patrick Curran, Anne-Marie, Maureen Dalton, Imogen Davies, Mike Hall, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Michaud, Fiona McLaren, Anne Morris, Alice Murphy, Joy Smith, Anthea Watson, and Dennis White.

Please pray for the faithful departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Luciano Checchia, Edward Vingoe Clark, Renata Flavia Cox, Agostino de la Freitas, Albert William (Mac) Meredith, Vivian Rozella Mary Johnson, Matthew Morris, John O'Riordan, Maruxa Monica Rutherford, Paula Anne Stainer, and Margaret Elizabeth Anne Tyrrell, who have anniversaries at this time.

**+ Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.**

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We work closely with the Archdiocese of Birmingham Safeguarding Team to create a safe environment for children, young people, and adults at risk.

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