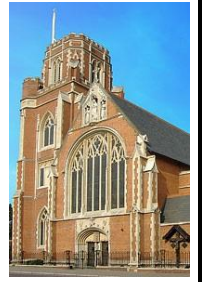




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Second Sunday after the Nativity

3rd January 2021

We saw his star and have come to do him homage

Mass Times

2nd Sat	SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
	17.30 Padraig Gregg +
3rd Sun	Second Sunday after the Nativity
	10.00 Patrick Sigamani +
4th Mon	Feria of Christmas time
	9.30 Roberto Hernandez +
5th Tue	Feria of Christmas time
	9.30 Kathleen & James O'Neill +
6th Wed	The Epiphany of the Lord
	10.00 Funeral
7th Thu	Feria of Christmas time
	9.30 The Northeast Family
8th Fri	Feria of Christmas time
	9.30 Margaret Hayes +
9th Sat	Feria of Christmas time
	17.30 Beth Smith and Family
10th Sun	The Baptism of the Lord
	10.00 George Kehoe Wellbeing

Confessions:
 By Appointment

Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

Cycle of Prayer, Advent & Christmas:
 Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees,
 Expectant Mothers

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Mark

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

Please wear a face mask while in Church



The Adoration of the Kings by Carlo Dolci 1649

*Fairer than the sun at morning
 was the star that told his birth;
 to the lands their God announcing,
 hid beneath a form of earth.
 By its lambent beauty guided,
 see, the eastern kings appear;
 see them bend, their gifts to offer,
 gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.
 Solemn things of mystic meaning:
 incense doth the God disclose;
 gold a royal Child proclaimeth;
 myrrh a future tomb foreshows.
 Holy Jesu, in thy brightness
 to the Gentile world displayed,
 with the Father and the Spirit
 endless praise to thee be paid.*

From the Hymn of the Office of Readings for Epiphany

New Rotas

Please pick up the new rotas at the back of the Church. Only Readers and Flowers arranging for the time being.

Christmas Blessing

May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,
May the Christ Child light your way,
May God's holy angels guide you,
And keep you safe each day.

**There's no pillow so soft
as a clear conscience**

Christmas Collection for the Clergy

Due to the exceptional circumstances this year the Archbishop has decided that the Christmas collection for the clergy will be spread over the period from Christmas Eve to the Epiphany. Which effectively means Christmas Day, the Feast of the Holy Family and the Second Sunday after the Nativity. Thanks for your kind generosity.

St Mark's Gospel

We have begun the liturgical season of Advent and so commenced a new ecclesiastical year. In the Sunday liturgy we now switch from St Matthew's Gospel to St Mark's Gospel which is occasionally supplemented by the Gospel of St John.

Copies of St Mark's Gospel are available at the back of the Church at £3.50 each. It is the shortest of the Gospels and you can comfortably read it in a couple of hours. Please take a copy.

Year of St Joseph

The Pope has proclaimed a Year of St Joseph running from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021. It is in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.

**He alone is the way that is worth
following, the light that is worth
lighting,
the life that is worth living,
and the love that is worth loving**

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Exhibition at the British Museum

The postponed exhibition on St Thomas à Becket at the British Museum will now take place from 22nd April to 22nd August 2021.

Forthcoming Dates

Confirmation..... 12.00 2nd May
First Communion 12.00 9th May

Feast of St Thomas à Becket

It has been difficult to arrange the Feast of St Thomas à Becket this year due to the Coronavirus so we have decided to postpone it to the New Year. Archbishop John Wilson has agreed to celebrate the mass and preach. We are now awaiting a date from him.



First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2021

Forms are available at the back of the Church for candidates to register for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2021. Please return them as soon as possible. Classes begin in the New Year.

Organ Repairs

You can see photos of our organ repair work at [facebook.com/Henry Willis Organs](https://www.facebook.com/Henry-Willis-Organs). There are several entries so scroll down the page and you will see what bad a condition it was in.

Christmas Crib

As usual at this Season, all gifts at the Crib are given to The Children's Society. Please support this work as generously as you can.

**Lord, I confess I am not what I ought
to be
but I thank you, Lord,
that I'm not what I used to be**

Forthcoming Second Collections

Sunday 10th January, SPUC White Flower Appeal

Rotas

Readers: De Souza, M Slade; Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy n/w Sat: R & S Jackson M Slade; Sun: A Burnett T Greetham A Kane Blanes

Flowers: L Northeast n/w A Robbins

Maintenance: 11.00 Saturday 9th January