



We saw his star and have come to do the king homage. Matthew 2:2  
The Epiphany of the Lord 6 January 2021

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**

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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**Sunday 3 January 2021**

**The Second Sunday After Christmas**

**Year B**

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- **PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH DURING CHRISTMASTIDE** Fr Peter will continue to celebrate daily Mass without a congregation except for the arrangements detailed below. If you would like to attend Mass on the dates listed below, please 'book-in' by telephoning 07388 814715, Monday - Wednesday, 11am - 6pm. Please be advised that this number does not accept text messaging and there is no facility to leave a message.
- For those unable to attend Mass, Sunday Morning Mass will continue to be available from 9.00am each Sunday on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFLO>
- Live broadcasts of Mass from various locations and at various times can be found at the following website: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

*Mass times listed below indicate Masses to be celebrated in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and for which you should 'book-in' (see above)*

<b>Sunday 3 January</b> <i>Second Sunday After Christmas</i>	<b>10.00am</b> People of the Parish
Monday 4 January	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 5 January	Teresa Kelly (dec.)
<b>Wednesday 6 January</b> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Edna and Wilf Murray (dec.)
Thursday 7 January	Maria Hasting (dec.)
Friday 8 January	Priest's Intention
Saturday 9 January	Priest's Intention
<b>Sunday 10 January</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	<b>10.00am</b> People of the Parish

*Readings at Mass 4 - 9 January - Weekdays before and after Epiphany (6 January)*

*N.B. Please remember that, until further notice, the obligation for the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holyday of Obligation is suspended.*

*Canon Peter wishes you and your families all the joys and blessings of the Christmas Season and a very happy New Year. He also thanks you for your cards and gifts which he very much appreciates.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Stephen Dale and Michael Christian Short who died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Liz McKenna, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Barbara Stephenson, Geoff Taylor.

*If you or any members of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please ask a member of the ward staff to let the Catholic Chaplain know. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly, tel. 0191 445 2072 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev. Peter Jones). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 273 3903).*

## First Reading

*Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3*

Wisdom speaks her own praises,  
in the midst of her people she glories in herself.  
She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High,  
she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One;  
'Then the creator of all things instructed me,  
and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.  
He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob,  
make Israel your inheritance."  
From eternity, in the beginning, he created me,  
and for eternity I shall remain.  
I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle,  
and thus was I established on Zion.  
In the beloved city he has given me rest,  
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.  
I have taken root in a privileged people,  
in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 147:12-15. 19-20. R/ John 1:14*

**R/    *The Word was made flesh  
and lived among us.***

1. O praise the Lord Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you.
2. He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his commands.
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations,  
he has not taught them his decrees.

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 1:3-6. 15-18*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Cf. 1 Timothy 3:16*

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;  
Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

*John 1:1-18*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him, he gave power to become children of God to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as he only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he exists before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.**