



'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the king homage.' *Matthew 2:2*

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

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**Sunday 2 January 2022**

**Second Sunday after Christmas**

**Year C**

**Please note there is no Saturday Evening Vigil Mass at St Philip Neri Church on Saturday 1 January**

<b>Saturday 1 January</b> <b>Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God</b>	10.00am <b>N.B.</b>	Immaculate Heart <b>No Saturday Evening Vigil Mass</b>	Private Intention (AB)
<b>Sunday 2 January</b> <b>Second Sunday after Christmas</b>	9.00am 10.30am	St Mary Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish Private Intention (AMcP)
Monday 3 January			
Tuesday 4 January			
<b>Wednesday 5 January Vigil Mass for Epiphany</b>	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday 6 January The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	9.30am	St Mary	Edna & Wilf Murray (ann.)
Friday 7 January			
<b>Saturday 8 January</b>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 9 January</b>	9.00am	St Mary	Edith Eagle (ann.)
<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Lawrence Regan (dec.)

*Readings at Mass this week: Christmas Week 2*

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please remember in your prayers Iona Philomena Ghent, Sarah Gladston and Fr Richard (Dick) Harriott who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Raymond Deponio, Julia Gill, Barney Hayes, Clare Jolly-Lingard, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, Kath Lee, John Leitch, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Freya and Neave Ruddick, Barbara Stephenson, Simon Turnbull.

**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).**

**THE NORTHERN CROSS** The January edition of the *Northern Cross* is on sale this weekend price £1.50.

**Jen's Weekly Prayer**

Your coming brought to us the greatest gift of all, eternal love.

As we move forward to celebrate the coming of the Magi with their gifts help us to stop and reflect on the many gifts we have received from our extraordinary planet, from each other, our shared joys, hopes, dreams and pain. The warmth of the sun which brightened our days and helped our food, plants, trees to flourish, and bring us joy. Water, in all of its forms, the magnificent glaciers, the trickling stream, the flowing river and the mighty seas whilst also remembering how precious it is and reflect on the many who do not have it in plentiful supply. The gifts within each of us, our talents and skills which are unique in each person to develop or leave unwrapped. Guide us to accept our gifts, accept our challenges, share our joys and happiness, bring comfort in times of pain. May the light within us glow with love, flourish and guide our steps as we continue our journeys.

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**First Reading***Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2. 8-12*

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*

**Response: *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 command.
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. I 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 1:1-5. 9-14*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory 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.  
 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 the only Son of the Father,  
 full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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