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## Sunday 5th January 2025

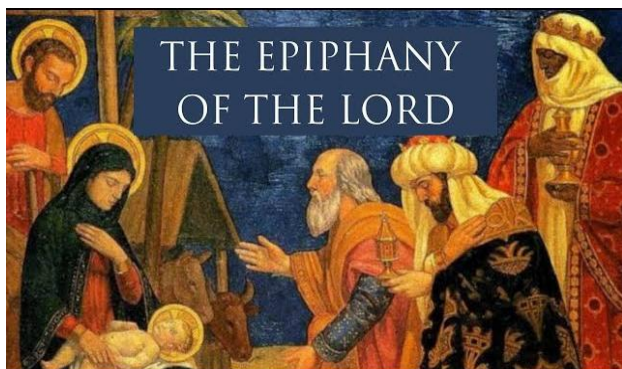
# The Epiphany of the Lord. Year C – Missal Pg.86

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**PRIEST CORNER:** We are blessed this week to welcome our former Parish Priest; Fr. Jeff Cridland *{The Cardinal}*. He never stops giving his life in service to the Lord and to God's People. May the Lord continue to bless him with good health and strength. While Fr. Jeff spends some time with us, I will be taking a week break at Oxford. I will enjoy reading and visiting some colleges in Oxford. Fr. Godwin and Fr. Jamie will take care of all pastoral concerns in my absence. Our Parish did very well in 2024 because everyone was involved, doing their bits and making great contributions. Thank you and may the Lord continue to uphold us on our journey; Let us look forward together with joy and hope into the new year 2025 for our Parish.  
 God bless. Fr. Leo.

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:

The Greek word Epiphany (*ἐπιφάνεια*), means *appearance or manifestation*. Multiple revelations of Jesus as God are celebrated on this Feast of the Epiphany. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church, the Epiphany event is celebrated in the commemoration of the Baptism of Christ when the Father and the



Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed Himself as the promised Messiah, and at Cana Jesus revealed His Divinity by transforming water into wine. The Church celebrates all these epiphany events on this Feast of Epiphany. Let us become like the Magi by worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility, and the frankincense of our adoration; by giving a new direction to our lives.

As the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, we need to choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behaviour; by becoming stars leading others to Jesus as the star led the Magi to Jesus, removing the darkness of the evil around us and radiating Jesus' love through selfless service, unconditional forgiveness, and compassionate care. On this feast of the Epiphany, let us, like the Magi, offer Jesus our grateful use of his gifts to us. His gift of friendship with God in the form of wholehearted love and devotion, His gift of friendship with others by leading them to Jesus through our exemplary lives of Christian charity in action, His gift of reconciliation with God and with one another. Lord Jesus, help us to be the image of your love in the world. Amen.

**SR MARGARET CANNY UJ.** It is with great sadness that I learnt of the death of Sr Margaret Canny UJ on 13th December. For many years Sr Margaret along with Sr Dymphna were stalwarts on the teaching staff of St Richard's School, during which time she took a 2-year break out on the missions. She eventually moved to Swansea, running a holiday home for nuns and working as the parish sister when until recently, due to serious heart problems, she was admitted to a local convent nursing home. Unfortunately, a week later she had a fall and broke her hip, dying on the operating table. Sr Margaret was cremated on 2nd January. I ask you to remember her in your prayers, may she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Amen.  
 Ronnie Mitchinson (Former Parishioner of St Paul's).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Elizabeth Smith who died recently. Her funeral service will take place in **St Paul's** on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 11am**. May Elizabeth Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Amen.

**MUSTARD SEEDS UPDATE.** Thank you to all those children who took part in the Christmas Eve Mass. It was a lovely service. Mustard Seeds will be paused for the foreseeable future due to low attendance and a lack of leaders. To enable this ministry to grow, we need at least 10 children to consistently attend. We also need enough leaders to allow for a rota, so that they have the opportunity to attend Mass. There will be children's events throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who has supported The Mustard Seeds. Kind regards, Laura.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) 2025 GROUP St Paul's and St Finbarr's.**

Every **SATURDAY, at 9.30am, St Paul's Church Hall**, and every **SUNDAY, 9.30am, at St Finbarr's Church**. The weekly preparation classes will continue until June 2025, with the exception of half and end of term school holidays. Both at St Paul's and St Finbarr's every child **MUST** attend each of the FHC sessions and **STAY** with their parent throughout. This helps parents to: better understand the program; support their child's ongoing development and meet and support other FHC parents. FHC application forms are available from the back of both churches, or by emailing Deacon Barry [barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk) or Carina at [carinamjarvie@aol.com](mailto:carinamjarvie@aol.com) or downloading a copy from the parish website <https://www.pariahofthegoodshepherd.uk/reconcillation-first-holy-communion/> Deacon Barry, Carina Jarvie.

**CHRISTMAS MINI BAZAAR** Sorry for the delay but I would like to express a massive Thank You to all parishioners who helped and contributed to raising a grand total of £958.35 at the Christmas Mini Bazaar. It was a great success and hopefully the start of a regular event. Niki Glentworth.

**COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:** Cash & CollecTin £3498.81; Bankers Orders £3594.00; Christmas Offering £2196.00; Christmas Bazaar £958.35; Christmas Flowers £270.00; Carol Concert Collection £75.95; Thank you for your generosity. Fr. Leo.

**ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY.** Next Thursday's pre 10am Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on Thursday 9th January. OT Book of Exodus.

**WINTER SOUP KITCHEN AT ST. PAUL'S HALL:** Every Sunday afternoon 4pm - 6pm; We are providing a warm space for the those who are homeless or lonely or just needing a place to chat on a Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering for this project or donating to it; kindly e-mail Claudine Nutley [claudinenutley@btinternet.com](mailto:claudinenutley@btinternet.com) or speak with Fr. Leo. Caring for the homeless and the needy in our community is a duty in Christ. Let's do our bit for the Lord. Fr. Leo.

**THE RCIA COURSE** will resume on **Monday 13th January 2025**.

**THE ADULT SYCAMORE COURSE AT ST PAUL'S** will resume on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

**SYCAMORE COURSE FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGED 16-35 AT ST PAUL'S** will resume on **Sunday 19th January 2025**.

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	January 2025	
<b>First Holy Communion Preparation</b>	<b>Every Saturday 9.30am</b>	<b>St Paul's Hall, Dover</b>
<b>First Holy Communion Preparation</b>	<b>Every Sunday 9.30am</b>	<b>St Finbarr's Aylesham</b>
<b>Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's. OT Book Exodus.</b>	<b>Every Thursday 9.30am &amp; 10.30am</b>	<b>St Paul's, Dover</b>
<b>THE RCIA COURSE</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7pm</b>	<b>St Paul's, Dover</b>
<b>THE ADULT SYCAMORE COURSE</b>	<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 7pm</b>	<b>St Paul's, Dover</b>
<b>SYCAMORE COURSE FOR YOUNG ADULTS</b>	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 6pm</b>	<b>St Paul's, Dover</b>
<b>ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2pm</b>	<b>St Paul's, Dover</b>

**THE NEW SUNDAY MISSAL.** Please collect a Missal as you come into church and return it to the back of church after use. Please do not take the parish Missal away. If you would like to buy a personal copy to use and take home, they are £20 each. Let Mary know in the parish office if you would like to order one. Delivery of further Missals is not expected until mid-January.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (WPCU) 2025: Week's Theme Nicene Creed**

At each Mass clergy and laity proclaim the Nicene Creed. As the world-wide church celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, YOU are ALL invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27 and Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

A different theme of the Creed will be reflected upon on each week day and led by a representative of an organisation with whom Christians Together in Dover (CTiD) is closely related. The timetable is below and available on the parish website <https://www.parihofthegoodshepherd.uk/events/>  
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Date and Time	Venue	Theme	Organisation Lead
<b>Monday 20th January 10.30am</b>	<b>St Paul's Church Hall, Dover</b>	<b>Creation as God's Work</b>	<b>Dover Port Chaplaincy</b>
<b>Tuesday 21st January 10.30am</b>	<b>St Paul's Church Hall, Dover</b>	<b>Baptism into the Death &amp; Resurrection of the Lord</b>	<b>Dover Food Bank</b>
<b>Wednesday 22nd January 10.30am</b>	<b>St Paul's Church Hall, Dover</b>	<b>The Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life and Joy</b>	<b>Dover Outreach Centre</b>
<b>Thursday 23rd January 10.30am</b>	<b>St Paul's Church Hall, Dover</b>	<b>The Church: Community of Believers.</b>	<b>Dover Street Pastors</b>
<b>Friday 24th January 10.30am</b>	<b>St Paul's Church Hall, Dover</b>	<b>Waiting for the Kingdom and the Life to Come</b>	<b>Sunrise Café</b>
<b>Sunday 26th January 4.30pm</b>	<b>River Parish Church</b>	<b>Ecumenical Worship Service</b>	<b>Rev Andy Bawtree and Fr Leo River Parish Church</b>

**CATECHISM ON PRAYER:**

**What is your favourite Catholic Prayer?**

Which prayer do you always pray as a family? Choose the one to pray every day in the new year!

Rosary? Scriptural Rosary? Divine Mercy Chaplet? Pro-life Rosary? Prayer to St. Joseph? Novena to the Holy Spirit? Prayer to St. Michael the Arc Angel? Prayer to the Guardian Angel? The Psalms-Divine Office? The stations of the Cross? Memorare? Daily morning offering? Angelus, Regina Ceali? Salve Regina? The Lord's Prayer? Anima Christi? Divine Praises? Act of Contrition? Act of faith, hope and love? Is your Favourite prayer listed? Make your own list of favourite prayers...

*For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."*

-St. Therese of Lisieux (CCC 2558)

**Please Pray for those who are unwell:**

**St Finbarr's:** Ann McCallum, Elisabet Sulianti, Gabriela le Bohec, Charlie Golden, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin & Jamie Chitwood.

**St Paul's:** David Meadows, Roselene Hindle, Sr Rani Xavier, Thanima Jayan, Janice & Livra Fernandes, Catriona Stark, Chris Quinn, Mary Pressnell, Gaby Anaya Amor, Danielle Sutton, Fr John Ryan, Pat Evans, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, Gail White, Neil Stevens, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy.

**Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:**

**St Finbarr's:** Eric Daniel Deary, Grady Golden, Helen Branwell, John Phelan.

**St Paul's:** Winifred Blackman, Nora Kelly, Anne Rosemary Vaughn, Kenneth Clark, Barbara McGarry, Martin Coyne, Mary McWhirney, Kathleen Docket, Constance Doolin, Catherine Payne, Mary, Countess de Font, Flo Cannon, Norah Amy Barton, Amy Madge Newell, Frances Catherine Sims, Barbara Ann King, Ellen Maud Lynch, Patrick Gore, Richard Willson, Gerry Nardone, George Baker, Martin Healy, Patricia Donald, Arthur Thomas Blackman.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
THE BEATIFIED MARTYRS OF THE DIOCESE	Saturday 4th January	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
THE EPITHANY OF THE LORD	Sunday 5th January	9.30am 11.15am	First Holy Communion preparation in the Church Mass for Eliza Haslip 'F'
	Wednesday 8th January	10.15am	Mass for G/E Esiri (Anne & Jeremy)
	Saturday 11th January	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Sunday 12th January	9.30am 11.15am	First Holy Communion preparation in the Church Mass for Canon Jerimiah Cronin RIP (Anne & Jeremy)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
THE BEATIFIED MARTYRS OF THE DIOCESE	Saturday 4th January	9.30am 10am 5pm 6pm	First Holy Communion preparation in the hall. Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Blessings for Veronika & Ivo (Tim) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Ron Chitty RIP (Sheila)
THE EPITHANY OF THE LORD	Sunday 5th January	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Jonas Csik (Gizela) Coffee after Mass <b>NO MUSTARD SEEDS</b> Mass for Bridie Kearney RIP (Philomena) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
	Monday 6th January	10am	Mass for G/E Robert MacKenzie (Keith & Theresa)
SAINT RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT	Tuesday 7th January	10am	Mass for G/E Debbie's Family (Sheila)
	Wednesday 8th January	10am 11am	Mass for Bridie Kearney RIP (Oliver O'Conner) Funeral Service of Elizabeth Smith
	Thursday 9th January	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the Church Mass for Dolly & Jim Medhurst RIP (Colin) Bible Study. OT Book of Exodus.
	Friday 10th January	10am	Mass for Amorsolo Escubio RIP (Shai and Mallon)
	Saturday 11th January	9.30am 10am 5pm 6pm	First Holy Communion preparation in the hall. Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Sheila & Family (Kath Q) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Agnelo Rodrigues (Inocencia Freitas)
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Sunday 12th January	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Bridie Kearney RIP (Keith & Theresa) Coffee after Mass Mass for G/E Gehad, Annie & Family (Kath Q) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 2025

**First reading**                      **Isaiah 60:1-6**  
*'The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.'*  
Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
Lift up your eyes all round, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be  
turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the  
Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13. Rcf. 11**  
**All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate  
before you, O Lord.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice,  
and your poor in right judgement.  
2. In his days justice shall flourish,  
and great peace till the moon is no more.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the River to the bounds of the earth.  
3. The kings of Tarshish and the islands  
shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him.  
4. For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,  
the poor who have no one to help.  
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,  
and save the lives of the needy.

**Second reading**                      **Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**  
*'It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are  
fellow heirs of the promise.'*  
Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have  
heard of the stewardship of God's grace that  
was given to me for you, how the mystery was  
made known to me by revelation, which was  
not made known to the sons of men in other  
generations as it has now been revealed to his

holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This  
mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs,  
members of the same body, and partakers of the  
promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt2:2**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**We saw his star as it rose  
and have come to do the Lord homage.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**    **Matthew 2:1-12**  
*'We have come from the east to worship the  
king.'*

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of  
Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold,  
wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,  
saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of  
the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and  
have come to worship him.' When Herod the  
king heard this, he was troubled, and all  
Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the  
chief priests and scribes of the people, he  
enquired of them where the Christ was to be  
born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea,  
for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O  
Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no  
means least among the rulers of Judah; for from  
you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my  
people Israel."'

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly  
and ascertained from them what time the star  
had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem,  
saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child,  
and when you have found him, bring me word,  
that I too may come and worship him.' After  
listening to the king, they went on their way.  
And behold, the star that they had seen when it  
rose went before them until it came to rest over  
the place where the child was. When they saw  
the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great  
joy. And going into the house, they saw the  
child with Mary his mother, and they fell down  
and worshipped him. Then, opening their  
treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and  
frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in  
a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to  
their own country by another way.

## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all  
things and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You  
sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I  
embrace You as if You were already there and  
unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to  
be separated from You.**