



05 JANUARY 2025

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD- C

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**Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth**

## My New Year Message.

There is magic in new beginnings and it is very powerful, hence the main purpose of new year is that we should have a new soul rather than a new year. It cannot be the same old stories and our old self. The new year reminds us that it is never too late to be better and to be the best version of ourselves. You have so much power to take your life in the correct direction and the new year is a reminder that you can do it. This is because you are created in the image and likeness of God. You have so much goodness and light inside you. Let your goodness and light shine this new year. Be a person of forgiveness that easily forgives and discard all hatred and grudges from your heart and mind. Unforgiveness and hatred blight your light and lead you into the path of darkness. Be a person of peace and cherish peace of mind by not worrying too much, but giving everything to God, for time reminds us that everything passes away and does not last forever. Finally, build your relationship with God into a relationship of thanksgiving, for he makes everything possible. Use prayers of thanksgiving as your mantra for every occasion and every day. Say "Thank you Jesus, thank you My Lord" at your every rising and every going to bed for nothing you have is yours and as the Prophet Job said, "Naked I came into my mother's womb and naked shall I return, the lord gives and the Lord takes, blessed his Holy name." Remember, when life is sweet, say thank you and celebrate, also, when life is bitter, say thank you, learn and grow.

**Fr. Michael**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 05 JANUARY 2025 — 12 JANUARY 2025

<b>Sat 04</b>	<b>18.30:</b> Mary & P Hosey - Ints	
<b>Sun 05</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Monica & Fergus - Ints	<b>11.00:</b> People of the Parish
	<b>18.00:</b> John Tumilty - RIP <i>(FM)</i>	
<b>Mon 06</b>	<b>09:30:</b> Clare Gallagher & Family <i>(K Jeetoo)</i>	
<b>Tues 07</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Nancy & Thomas Wilson - RIP <i>(L Jones)</i>	<b>19.00:</b> Holy Souls
<b>Wed 08</b>	<b>09. 30:</b> Monica Heaney & Family <i>(K Jeetoo)</i>	<b>19.00:</b> Holy Souls
<b>Thurs 09</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Holy Souls	<b>09:30:</b> Stephen Fleming - RIP <i>(S Fleming)</i>
<b>Fri 10</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Holy Souls	<b>09:30:</b> Tony Fazal - RIP <i>(P Fazal)</i>
<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>09:00:</b> Mary Sloan & Family - Ints <i>(K Jeetoo)</i>	
<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>18:30:</b> Paula Sheridan & Family <i>(K Jeetoo)</i>	
<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>09.00:</b> John & Kathleen Doyle <i>(Doyle Hall Family)</i>	
	<b>11.00:</b> Holy Souls	<b>18.00:</b> People of the Parish

<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:</b>	<b>MONDAY – FRIDAY:</b> 8AM
<b>MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):</b>	<b>MONDAY – FRIDAY:</b> 9AM
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:</b>	<b>SATURDAY:</b> - 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm
<b>YOUTH MASS:</b>	<b>LAST SUNDAY:</b> - 6pm Mass
<b>ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:</b>	<b>TUESDAY:</b> - After morning and evening Masses
<b>OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> - After morning and evening Masses
<b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:</b>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> - of the month, after morning Mass
<b>SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> - of the month

**REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially Janice Ryan and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen

**THE SICK:** Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Pauline Ferrara, Thomas Haley, George Trutwein, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Rita Reginald, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Shirlene A., Kathleen McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Hazel D'Aguiar, Elizabeth Jones, Wendy Cook, Tony Cook, Nivetheni Robert, Baby Freddie Page, Gerry Hague, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Ian Beard, Qiaochen Shi, Ida Rebello, Ravenna Ahmed, Vinitha Sherin, Jisha Nelson, Ralph Smallwood, Adam Martin, Mark Draper, Tim Ryan, Lionel Holland, Nan Healy, Allan Cook, Colin Stevens and Joan Frost.

# TODAY'S READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. **Mal 3: 1; 1 Chr 29: 12**

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**Penitential Act:** I confess to almighty God and to you,  
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in  
my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and  
in what I have failed to do, (*And, striking their breast,  
they say:*) through my fault, through my fault, through  
my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary  
ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my  
brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.  
**Amen**

**Opening Prayer:**

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten  
Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in  
your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith,  
may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime  
glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who  
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First reading**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

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.

**GLORIA:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless  
you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks  
for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God,  
almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take  
away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take  
away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are  
seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the  
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with  
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

**Reader: The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 10-11.**

*All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate  
before you, O Lord.*

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. . **R**

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. . **R**

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. . **R**

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. **R**

**Second reading**

**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

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 reve-  
lation, which was not made known to the sons of men in  
other generations as it has now been revealed to his ho-  
ly 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.

**Reader: The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Matthew 2:2**

Alleluia, alleluia. We saw his star when it rose  
and have come to worship the Lord. Alleluia.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

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 as-  
certained 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 ex-  
ceedingly 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.

**Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **THE NICENE CREED:**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. *(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow)* For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Fa-

ther and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen**

#### **Prayer over the Offerings:**

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Mt 2: 2**

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **New Year's Prayer (Please say this with your loved ones for nine days).**

Dear God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in my circle of life and love be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier. Help us be aware that you have endowed every person with beauty and purpose. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. As the new year begins, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, colour or creed. Let us keep God in our hearts and chant His name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right. Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none. May we welcome your lavish love. May the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and, in the days, ahead. May our year be filled with peace, prosperity and love.

### **The Story of the deaf frog**

A group of frogs were traveling through the forest when two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope left for them. However, the two frogs ignored their comrades and proceeded to try to jump out of the pit. However, despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up as they'd never make it out. Eventually, one of the frogs took heed of what the others were saying and he gave up, jumping even deeper to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the group of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and to just die. He ignored them, and jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?" The frog explained to them that he was deaf, and that he thought they were encouraging him the entire time. Moral of the story: People's words can have a huge effect on the lives of others. Therefore, you should think about what you're going to say before it comes out of your mouth – it might just be the difference between life and death.

# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

**ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH AND HER CLERGY, I WISH EVERYONE A VERY BLESSED AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. MAY THE NEW YEAR BE KIND TO YOU AND MAY BEAUTIFUL MIRACLES HAPPEN TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES.**

**THE CLERGY WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU** for your kindness, gifts and prayers in 2024. The generosity of all of you was tremendous. May God bless and reward you all abundantly.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS** in the Parish and to all who serve the Church. Donating their time, gifts, talents and prayers. Without you all, we would have struggled this year. May God bless you lavishly.

**THANK YOU TO THE DOSA COMPANY IN TOLWORTH** High Street that provided refreshment to us for Christmas midnight Mass and the new year. May God bless and favour them profusely.

**FR. MICHAEL IS CURRENTLY AWAY FROM THE PARISH** until the first week of February for his annual mission leave. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. In his absence, Fr. Bonaventure is responsible for the parish.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO FR. DAVID PEMBER** who has been with us throughout Christmas. Fr. David returns back to Rome for his studies on the 6th of Jan.

**WE WELCOME FR. AUSTIN NWSU TO OUR PARISH.** Fr Austin is the Provincial Superior of Nigeria South East and he will support Fr. Bonaventure during Fr. Mike's absence. May God bless him and his ministry.

**THE PARISH OFFICE OPENS ON MONDAY,** 6th of Jan.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### 22ND DECEMBER

**Gift-aid:** £263.79

**Non-Gift-aid:** £790.82

**Total:** £1,054.61

### TOTAL COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Cash / cheques – £4,469.28

1. Gift-Aided – £1,283.07

2. Non-G/A – £3,186.21

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,345.00

1. Gift-Aided – £2,145.00

2. Non-G/A – £200.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,652.81

**Total = £8,467.09** (Last month: £8,384.18)

**Thank you for your generosity to your parish.**

**Please make cheques** payable to: **RCAS Tolworth**

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**RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.**

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## OBITUARIES:

**JANICE RYAN:** Kindly pray for Janice Ryan & family who sadly passed away on Boxing Day.

Janice was the Sister-in-Law of Monica Tett, our Parish Safeguarding Representative.

Peter, at a New Year's party, turns to his friend, Ken, and asks for a cigarette. 'I thought you made a New Year's resolution to quit smoking,' Ken responds. 'I'm in the process of quitting,' replies Peter with a grin. 'Right now, I am in the middle of phase one.' 'Phase one?' wonders Ken. 'Yeah,' laughs Peter, 'I've quit buying.'

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse approaches the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins." "That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the London Twin Towers!" A nurse then yells the second man, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3G Network!" A nurse goes to the third man saying, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets." "That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons Hotel!" The last man begins groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask. "I work for 7 Up!"

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