



## 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS- YEAR A

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4th January 2026



### His Own Received Him not!

As we continue celebrating Christmas, we reflect on more readings that give us another deeper explanation of Jesus' birth. Today's gospel text is the same as on Christmas day but it is surprising that St. John's narrative has nothing like a baby, mother, shepherds and others. He instead talks about a "Word" that was with God and through which all things came to be. In the creation story God was using a word to command the creation of things (Gen 1:3-6). It is that "creating word" that became flesh and dwelt among us – the incarnation of Jesus according to St. John (Jn 1:14). John uses several themes to deeply explain the incarnation; these include life, light, darkness, sin, witness, glory and universality. The incarnation brought back life and light to humanity that was struggling in the darkness of sin. However, John notes a striking human tragedy, "He [Jesus] came to his own but his own people received him not" (Jn 1:11). A story is told of a community of European priests who used to commute to a convent of European nuns to lead them in mass. One day the priests were visited by an African priest whom they requested to help them with mass at the convent since they were going somewhere else. On arrival at the convent, the nun who opened the door was surprised to see another of those people who always come asking for help. "Sorry, we can't help you now. We are about to have mass, come some other time," she quickly dismissed him. The priest thanked her and left. A few minutes later the nuns were ringing the priests wondering the cause of the delay for mass only to learn that the priest had come and they turned him away! How have I welcomed the newly-born saviour, source of life and light?

**Fr. Bonaventure. CSSp.**

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 3RD JANUARY 2026 - 11TH JANUARY 2026

**Sat 03** 18.30: Issac & Lucy Wedding Anniversary - WB

**Sun 04** 09.00: Mary & P Hosey - RIP

11.00: Byrne & Vickery Family - T/G (*T Rutter*)

18.00: Freda Cantwell - WB (*J Dunseath*)

**Mon 05** 09.30: Michael Connolly – RIP (*D Kidd*)

#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – SOLEMNITY, HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

**Tues 06** 09.30: John Tumilty – RIP (*FM*), Mary Duhig (RIP Birthday ANN (*Kathy*))

19.00: John Walsh – RIP (*J Dunseath*)

**Wed 07** 09.30: Thomas & Nancy Wilson – RIP (*L Jones*)

19.00: Janice Ryan - RIP, 1st Anniversary (*Tim & Family*)

**Thurs 08** 07.00: Fred Gwyther (RIP)

09.30: Dec'd Mems of the Nagarendan Family

**Fri 09** 07.00: Rosa Alexander – RIP (*J Espiritu*)

09.30: Stephen Fleming – RIP (*S Fleming*)

**Sat 10** 09.00: Byrne & Vickery Family – TG (*T Rutter*)

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - FEAST

**Sat 10** 18.30: Tony Leonard – RIP (*M, B & R Walsh*)

**Sun 11** 09.00: Jacinta Dunseath - WB

11.00: Nubia & George Carro – Good Health & WB (*T Rutter*)

18.00: People of the Parish

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

**THE SICK:** Vanessa Andrew, Deacon Al Callan, Martin Dray, Thomas Haley, Frances Cox, George Trutwein, Rita Reginald, Sarah Mills, Thomas O'Connor, Ian Beard, Anita Smith, Tony Cook, Kathleen McGuinness, Nan Healy, Samar Staussi, Joan Frost, Shirlene A, Hazel D'Aguiar, Allan Cook, Claire Pender, Wendy Cook, Kathleen O'Connell, Ralph Smallwood, Elizabeth Jones, Nivetheni Robert, Gerry Hague, Mark Draper, Tim Ryan, Adam Martin, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Qiaochen Shi, Ida Rebello, Jisha Nelson, Vinitha Sherin, Lionel Holland, Peter & Phil Tull, Julie Brian, June Munk, Liam Cawley & Sue Jones

**EUCARISTIC EXPOSITION:**

**MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:**

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:**

**SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL**

**YOUTH MASS**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY:** 8AM

**MONDAY – FRIDAY:** 9AM

**SATURDAY:** - 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm

**TUESDAY:** - After morning and evening Masses

**WEDNESDAY:** - After morning and evening Masses

**FIRST SATURDAY** - of the month, after morning Mass

**FIRST FRIDAY** - of the month

**LAST SUNDAY** - of the month

# TODAY'S READINGS

## Entrance Antiphon: Wis 18: 14-15

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

**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**

**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.**

**Opening Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, splendour of faithful souls, graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light. 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

## Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.'

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R12a

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

O Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

He established peace on your borders; he gives you your fill of finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth, and swiftly runs his command.

He reveals his word to Jacob; to Israel, his decrees and judgements. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his judgements. **R**

## Second reading Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

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## Gospel Acclamation

## Cf. 1 Timothy 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations. Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world. Alleluia.

## Gospel

## John 1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of

the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**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 Father 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** Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, for by it you show us the way of truth and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Jn 1: 12**

To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

**Prayer after Communion** Lord our God, we humbly ask you, that, through the working of this mystery, our offences may be cleansed and our just desires fulfilled. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fr Michael & Fr Bonaventure** Wish all parishioners a Holy and very Happy New year, and pray for God's blessings on your families, friends and homes. **Thanks so much to all our volunteers for the great work that you do and thank you to all who have worked to make 2025 both prayerful and beautiful at Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth. May God reward you all abundantly in the new year.**

**FR. MICHAEL IS AWAY THROUGH OUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY FOR HIS ANNUAL LEAVE - IN HIS ABSENCE, FR. BONAVENTURE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PARISH. PLEASE, MEET HIM FOR ANY PARISH AND CLERGY RELATED ISSUES.**

**Fr. Bonaventure will be available in the office to sign the school form from Tuesday, 6th January to Thursday, 8th January 2026 from 2pm to 5pm.**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON** Monday 5th January 2026. Thanks so much for your understanding.

**The Solemnity of Epiphany** is on Tuesday, 6th of January. It is a holy day of obligation where we are obliged to attend Mass. Please, endeavor to attend Mass on that day.

**The end of Christmas season will be next Sunday, the baptism of the Lord.**

**A big thank you to Valentino, his family and staff of DOSA** restaurant that provided us with refreshment after the Christmas midnight Mass. May God bless them abundantly.

**OLI Youth Ministry is going to Youth 2000:** OLI Youth Ministry will be going to the Youth 2000 London Retreat 2026, at the Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 9 am - 9 pm. The group will be travelling together to and from OLI. This one-day retreat will be an opportunity for people, in year 10 up to the age of 34, in and around London to come together in this new year to explore faith, build relationships and find hope. We have been offered a subsidised rate of £15 per person which includes lunch and dinner however, if cost is still a concern please let us know and we will be happy to help. If you are interested in attending, please email [tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk).

#### **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.

# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

## A General New Year's Prayer

Heavenly Father, Thank You for Your faithfulness through the past year, for its blessings, lessons, and challenges. As we step into this new year, we place our hopes and plans in Your hands. Grant us wisdom for decisions, strength for each day, and support when we need it. Fill us with Your peace, purpose, and light, guiding us by Your Word and Holy Spirit. Help us to trust You and carry Your love into every moment, sharing it with those around us. Renew our hearts with hope and faith, making all things new. Amen.

## My Family's Prayer for the new year.

Lord, as this new year begins, we place our family in Your care. Be present in our conversations, decisions, and actions. Help us support each other, especially when things are difficult, and guide our steps this year. Help us begin anew with a clean slate, forgiving ourselves and one another. Remind us of our true values, help us live with peace, and let us put aside worries about the past and future. Keep our family safe, both physically and spiritually. Bless us with health, love, and unity, and provide for all our needs this year. Protect us from harm and strengthen our family bonds. Guide us to be a light in the world, bringing hope and joy. Amen.

## A Prayer for a Happy New Year

May the Lord make my New Year a happy one. Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes. Not by making my path easy, but by making me strong enough to tread any path. Not by taking hardship from me, but by taking all fear from my heart as I meet hardships. Not by granting me unbroken sunshine, but by keeping my face bright even in the shadows. Not by making my life always pleasant, but by showing me where people and His cause need me most and by making me zealous to be there and to help. God, make my year a happy one.

Morris had died. His lawyer is standing before the family and reads out Morris' Last Will and Testament.

"To my dear wife Esther, I leave the house, 150 acres of land, and 1 million dollars.

To my son Barry, I leave my Big Lexus and the new Jaguar.

To my daughter Shirley, I leave my yacht and \$250,000.

And to my brother-in-law Aaron, who always insisted that health is better than wealth, I leave my treadmill."

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

**WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE IS SUSPENDED TILL SECOND**

**SUNDAY OF JANUARY WHEN THE PARISH OFFICE REOPENS.**

*Thank you for supporting your Parish.*

**Cheques:** Please make payable to **RCAS Tolworth**.

*Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at [olionline.co.uk](http://olionline.co.uk)), or by online banking: **RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05***

**IMPORTANT: Gift Aid:** If you are a Gift Aid donor, please include your **Gift Aid number** in your online payment reference. If you are not registered for Gift Aid, kindly use "NGA" in the reference. **Need Help?** Contact **Lance Louis** at [tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk) or call **07851 070036**.

## OLI PARISH COMMUNITY SPACE NOW LIVE

**Want to connect with any parish group?**

Our new *OLI Parish Community* on WhatsApp is now live. Speak to your group admin if you'd like to join.



**OLI Parish Tolworth Community**  
Community · 7 groups

**What is it?** A simple umbrella space that brings parish WhatsApp groups together. Each group stays independent with its own admins and settings.

**What's the purpose?** Helping people find and connect to parish groups more easily.

**Already connected:** *Bible Study, Youth Mass, 9am Tea & Coffee, Warm Welcome, Sing to the Elderly, YD Planning Team.*

**Groups that can join next:** *Catechists, Readers, Choir, Stewards, Bereavement, Finance, Cleaning, Lenten Project groups (African-Caribbean, South Indian, Sri Lankan, Filipino), Extraordinary Ministry, and other parish ministries.*

**Will it create more chat?** No. Parishioners only receive messages from the groups they choose to join. No one is added automatically. Group admins who wish to include their group can contact the parish office for the link.

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