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The Month of January is dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus



THE EPIPHANY OF LORD Sunday, 5th January 2025 (C)



THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

Edward Wilmot 9.15 a.m.

James and Irene Styring 11.15 a.m.

Monday Christmas Feria

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) Christmas Feria

No Mass

Wednesday Christmas Feria

No Mass

Thursday Christmas Feria

No Mass

Christmas Feria Friday

Margaret Treacy 12.00 p.m.

Saturday Christmas Feria

No Mass

Responsorial Psalm: 72

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

Events for the Coming Week.

Friday 12.30 Lunch Club follows Mass at noon. SEASON OF CHRISTM

Next week's Masses The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Kate Phelan

11.15 a.m. Anne Moisey

Pray for our sick: Pat Durkin, Brenda Charles, Theresa Greensmith, Stephen Bingley, Philomena McNally, Sue Jarman, Anne-Marie Fletcher, Molly Upton, Pauline Souflas, Patricia McGuone, Helen Aulton, Sheila Hurst, Teddy Howes and Paul Smith.



Wise men seek Him still.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Please note there are no weekday Masses this week except for the Lunch Club Mass on Friday.

Diocese of Hallam - Jubilee Year Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025

The diocesan pilgrimage takes place from 27th June - 3rd July 2025. Price £899, includes:

- Return flights from Lees Bradford Airport to Lourdes
- Transfer to and from hotel
- 6 nights accommodation
- Ful board (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- All taxes and charges
- Full religious programme
- €10 contribution requested by the Sanctuary
- 1 standard piece of check-in luggage

Further details and booking forms are available at the back of church.

The Lunch Club will restart on Friday 10th January 2025 after the Friday Mass. All are welcome to come for soup, cake and a cuppa.





1st Sunday collections: Thank you for your support today for Give to Live and St Wilfrid's.



Parish Outreach meeting Monday 13th January at 7.30pm. All welcome. Do you want to get more involved this year? Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link. Thank you.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few" Matthew 9:37 ALPHA @ S17

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. No matter your background or beliefs, everyone's invited.

As part of a city-wide programme, the S17 churches are hosting Alpha – more details and how to book can be accessed by scanning the QR code, or alternatively message David Fletcher on 07895 262220 for more details.

A launch party is planned at 7pm on Tuesday 21 January at The Dore Bar & Dore, Grill, Church Lane, Dore (S17 3GS), with the Alpha course starting the week after on Tuesday 28 January at Dore Community Centre, Townhead Road, Dore (S17 3GA)

If you know someone who may be curious about exploring their faith, or even rediscovering their faith, please let them know about this forthcoming opportunity.

"I said this year would be the year of saying yes to all opportunities for me. I am so glad I said yes to Alpha - I've loved it and time with you all." (Participant from the 2024 Alpha in S17)

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

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Jesus, receiver of the wise men and their gifts, help us to follow the light in the midst of our dark world.

Fix our eyes and hearts on your light, that we might be bearers of that light to all those who walk in the dark. *Amen*.

The Jubilee Year, 2025

On Christmas Eve, at the start of the Christmas Mass during the Night, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and officially inaugurated the 2025 Jubilee of Hope. He reassured the faithful that the Christ Child of Bethlehem offers the world infinite hope and joy.

With this liturgical gesture, the Pope inaugurated the Ordinary Jubilee, a historic event taking place every 25 years. The Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the same Holy Door on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

In his homily the Holy Father described Christian hope, not as a 'happy ending' which we passively await, but rather, a promise, the Lord's promise, to be welcomed here and now in our world of suffering and sighs."

"With haste, let us set out to behold the Lord who is born for us, our hearts joyful and attentive, ready to meet Him and then to bring hope to the way we live our daily lives"

Thought for the Week

As long as we have memories,
yesterday remains.
As long as we have hope,
tomorrow waits.
As long as we have love,
today is beautiful.
As long as you have God,
anything and everything is possible.



The Road Not Taken By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveller, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -I took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference.

Mass Setting - Mass of Creation



Gloria 489, Holy Holy 490, Memorial Acclamation 491 – 493, Amen 494, Lamb of God 495.



The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. We hear about it only in Matthew's Gospel. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following a unique astrological sign. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. We assume that there were three, based upon the naming of their three gifts. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour.

Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child (Matthew 2:11). They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us; to adore Him with a complete surrender of our lives.

Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

On this day, Lord God, by a guiding star you revealed your Only-Begotten Son to all the peoples of the world. Lead us from the faith by which we know you now to the vision of your glory, face to face.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

This Week's Readings THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; Responsorial Psalm: 71;

Second Reading: *Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;*

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Next Week's Readings THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

Responsorial Psalm: 104

Second Reading: *Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7*

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmosin the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

This Week's Ministries 4/5 January 2025 (C)

Readers 5.00 p.m. V Coomer, A Southeran

9.15 a.m. S Farragher, D Winter

11.15 a.m. M Pybus, M Richardson

Communion 5.00 p.m. C Udall, K Durkin

9.15 a.m. R Portaluri, C Farragher, M Mahon

11.15 a.m. E Williamson, P Corkell, M Harrison

Next Week's Ministries 11/12 January 2025 (C)

Readers 5.00 p.m. D Fletcher, H Simmerson

9.15 a.m. S Corker, K Corker

11.15 a.m. A Willcock, I Paterson

Communion 5.00 p.m. V Coomer, S Davey

9.15 a.m. R Gasser, H Grady, J Tucker

11.15 a.m. K O'Brien, M Richardson, J McNally

Welcomers 9.15 a.m.

11.15 a.m. A Willcock