

7 January 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord.
Year B

Holy Mass
9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Readings begin **page 115**

1st Reading:

Isaiah 60 1 -6

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 71: 1 – 2, 7 -8, 10 -13

All nations shall fall prostrate
before you, O Lord.

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 3: 2 -3, 5 – 6

Gospel Acclamation:

Matthew 2: 2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose and have
come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 2: 1 -12

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Church open 8.00am - 7.00pm daily
Monday - Saturday

Monday 8 January

The Baptism of the Lord

Holy Mass 5.45pm
with Devotions to St Philip Neri

Tuesday 9 January

Holy Mass 12.30pm
with prayers to Venerable Margaret
Sinclair for her cause

Wednesday 10 January

Please note that on this date there
is **NO EXPOSITION** but there will
be the opportunity for Confessions.

Holy Mass 12.30pm with Litany
to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday 11 January

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Friday 12 January

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Saturday 13 January

St Kentigern

Exposition 11.30am : 12.15pm

Confessions 11.40am : 12.10pm

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Confessions available before, as
well as during and after Holy Mass
whenever there is a priest available.

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and Edinburgh are available now at
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National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

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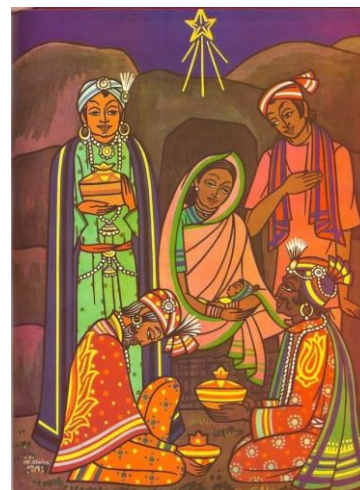
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for making this Advent and Christmas season so beautiful, attendance was up and you were very generous in coming to the things planned and in giving us gifts. As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, it is important to reflect on some beautiful traditions that are associated with this special day. These traditions include the Blessing of Water, the Blessing of Chalk, and the Blessing of Incense.



The Blessing of Water reminds us of the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit. It also helps us in the combat things which are evil. Water is an essential element of life, and through the blessing, it is a sacramental, a visible sign of God's grace and presence. By using this blessed water, we are reminded of our baptismal promises and are encouraged to live out our faith with renewed vigour and commitment.

Chalk is blessed and then used to mark our homes with the inscription "20+C+M+B+24." The numbers represent the current year, while the letters C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the Magi – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. This marking serves as a reminder of the Magi's visit to the Christ child and signifies our desire to invite Christ into our homes and lives. It is a visible proclamation of our faith and a reminder that our homes are places of prayer, love, and hospitality.

The Blessing of Incense is another beautiful tradition associated with the Epiphany. Incense has been used in the solemn rites of the Church for centuries, symbolizing our prayers rising up to heaven. The sweet fragrance permeates the air, creating a sense of reverence and awe. The blessing of incense reminds us of the gifts brought by the Magi – frankincense, one of the precious substances they offered to the Infant Jesus. It is a reminder that our prayers and worship are an offering to God, and that our hearts should be filled with gratitude and devotion.

These traditions, rooted in faith provide us with opportunities to deepen our connection to God this New Year. They invite us to open our hearts to the revelation of Christ's presence in our lives and to share His light and love with others.

May the Holy Water, Chalk, and Incense inspire us to live as true Disciples of Christ, guided by the wisdom and faith of the Magi. May they remind us of the transformative power of God's grace and encourage us to be beacons of hope and love in the world. (Sheets will be provided for you to take Home)

In Christ

Fr Gerard Hatton

Finance: Collections

24 December

GA: £ 586.00

NGA: £ 364.22

25 December

GA: £ 120.00

NGA £ 699.68

November bank donations

GA: £ 312.50

NGA: £ 179.43



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St Patricks Church
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Sort code: 80-02-29
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Please pray for the **people of Bethlehem** and the Holy Land.

18 -25 January, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Explore the richness & depth of our Catholic faith with the **Diploma in Catechetics** from the Archdiocese, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar. Includes guided readings, one-to-one support & a retreat. Course begins Thursday 25 January 2024. Visit bit.ly/archdiploma2024. Questions? srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk

The **Archdiocesan Music Day** is on **Saturday 27 January 2024** at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It is for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Please save the date - details to be confirmed soon.

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and **explore God's will** in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 28 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues each month at the same time/venue: 25 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 12 May & 22 June. To register or find out more, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

On **9 October 2024**, the church which is now St Patrick's will celebrate its **250th Anniversary** as a Christian Church. We are planning an event that will bring together the Christian communities who have worshipped here during this time. As part of this planning we would like to hear from parishioners & others who may have specific memories of St Patrick's - stories, anecdotes, photographs etc. If you would like to contribute please speak to Uriel or email her at u.jamieson@btinternet.com

Mass Intentions

07 January	9.00am	People of the Parish	RIP
07 January	11.00am	James Dillon	1st Anniversary
07 January	4.30pm	Theresa Boyle	
08 January	5.45pm	O'Leary Family	
09 January	12.30pm	TK Chavaro	6 months of demise
10 January	12.30pm	Pat Kilday & Family	
11 January	12.30pm	Corcoran Family	
12 January	12.30pm	Brian Gibson	Recent death
1 January	12.30pm	Sister of the Sacred Heart	

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