



The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Coventry Group

Sunday 7th January 2024

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles)



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Collect

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy Only Begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. 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. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

Brethren: 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, as I have written briefly. When you read this you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 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; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel *Matthew 2:1-12*

Now when 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 have seen his star in the East, 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 inquired 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 govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star 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." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till 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 worshiped 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.

THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION



Know, dear brethren, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the **fourteenth day of February** will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the **thirty-first day of March** you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **ninth day of May** will be the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **nineteenth day of May**, the Feast of Pentecost.

On the **second day of June**, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the **first day of December**, the First Sunday of Advent of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

There is an Epiphany tradition of using chalk to write above the home's entrance, asking for God's blessing on the home and those who dwell in or visit it. Below is a suggested format for a short service at home involving the members of your household. As you gather together in prayer, invite Jesus as a daily guest in our lives and home. If you would like Fr Paul to visit and bless your home, please contact him. He would be delighted to oblige.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: *Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture

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." 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 worshiped 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.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: *(using blessed chalk available at the back of church, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance or next to an entrance):*

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saying "May Christ bless this house."

C M B stands for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat", Latin for "May Christ bless this house".

C M B also stands for the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, & Balthasar

The '+' signs represent the cross of Christ, and 2024 is the year of the blessing.

Concluding Prayers

Our Father

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the Holy Land

Lord Jesus Christ, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of those who seek you. Hear your people who today cry out for peace in the land your footprints made holy. Take away the people's fears and still their troubled hearts, heal the wounded and comfort the bereaved, gather into your arms the souls of the dead. You once calmed the storm to take away your disciples' fears; calm now the storm of violence that rages across your Holy Land that brings fear and terror into innocent hearts so that all people may seek the ways of true justice, love and peace together. Amen

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Saint Francis of Assisi

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, who gather today, in a world of incredible violence and pain. We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who suffer from injuries and illness... God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world; peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront terrible events in our society. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Pope Benedict XVI

Almighty Father, Faithful God, bless our brothers and sisters in the land of the Holy One. Grant peace in that land, peace in their homes and peace in their hearts. Inspire all men and women to build on your foundations of justice, mercy and peace. Keep the cries of this land in our hearts. This we pray in the power of the Spirit and in union with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, who have revealed that peacemakers are to be called your children, grant, we pray, that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. 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.

O God, who show a father's care for all, grant, in your mercy, that the members of the human race, to whom you have given a single origin, may form in peace a single family and always be united by a fraternal spirit. 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.

O God of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. 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.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21

Notices and news

Recently departed

Ian O'Hara
Fr Brian Gill
Fr John Lungley
Fr Peter Peterken

**Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Ian O'Hara RIP

It is with great sadness and shock that we mourn the death of Ian O'Hara on Christmas Eve. We pray for the eternal repose of his soul, and bring before the God of all compassion and tenderness Ian's family, especially Mary, Clare and Rachel. Funeral arrangements are yet to be made.

Fr John Lungley RIP

Fr John's Funeral Mass will be celebrated by the Ordinary at 11.30am on 11th January at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Wolverhampton, WV10 8PG.

Fr Peter Peterken RIP

Fr Peter, the oldest priest of the Ordinariate, died on 4th January. He was in the first wave of priest for the Ordinariate, ordained at the Catholic priesthood in 2011. Fr Peter was able to be vested for Mass on Christmas Day, a few days before he was taken into hospital.

O ALMIGHTY God, the God of the spirits of all flesh: multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus, the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be perfected unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, vouchsafe that we, who now serve thee here on earth, may at the last, together with them, be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.


Anniversaries of death

12th Fred Gardner

O GOD, the Father of mercies: grant unto the souls of thy servants a place of refreshment, the blessedness of rest, and the brightness of light; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Precious Blood & All Souls Coventry

SOLEMN EVENSONG & BENECTION



Monthly at 7pm
Wednesday 13th December
Wednesday 24th January
Wednesday 28th February
Wednesday 20th March

Kingsland Avenue, Coventry CV5 8DX 02476674161

Our next Solemn Evensong and Benediction is on Wednesday 24th January 2023 at 7pm. Please try your very best to be there, so that we can effectively do what as members of the Ordinariate we are asked to do: share with our brothers and sisters in the Church the worthy Anglican patrimony that has been welcomed into the Church.

Evensong will be for the Eve of the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle.

O HOLY Ghost the Lord, who on Pentecost gavest the Church the gift of tongues that Christ might be known, loved and served by peoples of divers nations and customs: watch over the Anglican heritage within thy Church, we pray thee, that, led by thy guidance and strengthened by thy grace, this worthy patrimony may find such favour in thy sight that the people formed therein may increase both in holiness and number, and so show forth thy glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Son, one God, world without end. Amen.

**THE CATHOLIC HEART OF
ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

The Catholic Heart of St. John Henry Newman

with Robert Royal

A 6-Week Online Course
Beginning Jan 3

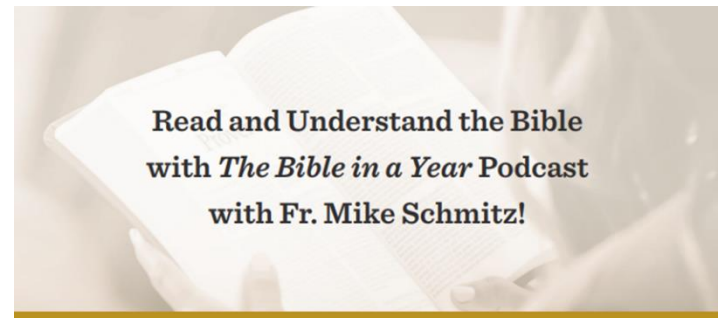


John Henry Newman was a prolific writer. His thinking has been so influential on the life of the Church that the Bishops of England & Wales have called on the Holy See to declare him a 'Doctor of the Church'. This 6-week online course, beginning on 3rd January, is designed to give a brief but serious introduction to the words Newman wrote and the truths he laboured to defend, despite attempts by some to make him seem to say things he would actually reject, and did in his lifetime. In his writings Newman asserts that as believers asked questions over the centuries about practices and beliefs, Church teaching answered those questions, not by departures from her foundation - what Newman called "corruptions" - but by making explicit what had earlier only been implicit. Developments, unlike corruptions, were in living continuity with what came before. Corruptions deviated or contradicted earlier teaching. I encourage you to take the time to be

inspired and guided by Newman's calm and reasoned thinking in these challenging and confusing times. Register at <https://courses.thecatholicthing.org/product/the-catholic-heart-of-st-john-henry-newman/> Father Paul

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Livestreamed Evensong Sunday to Thursday

Evening Prayer is prayed publicly in church **Sunday to Thursday at 5.30pm**, using Divine Worship Daily Office. If you are able, please join me either in person or via the livestream.

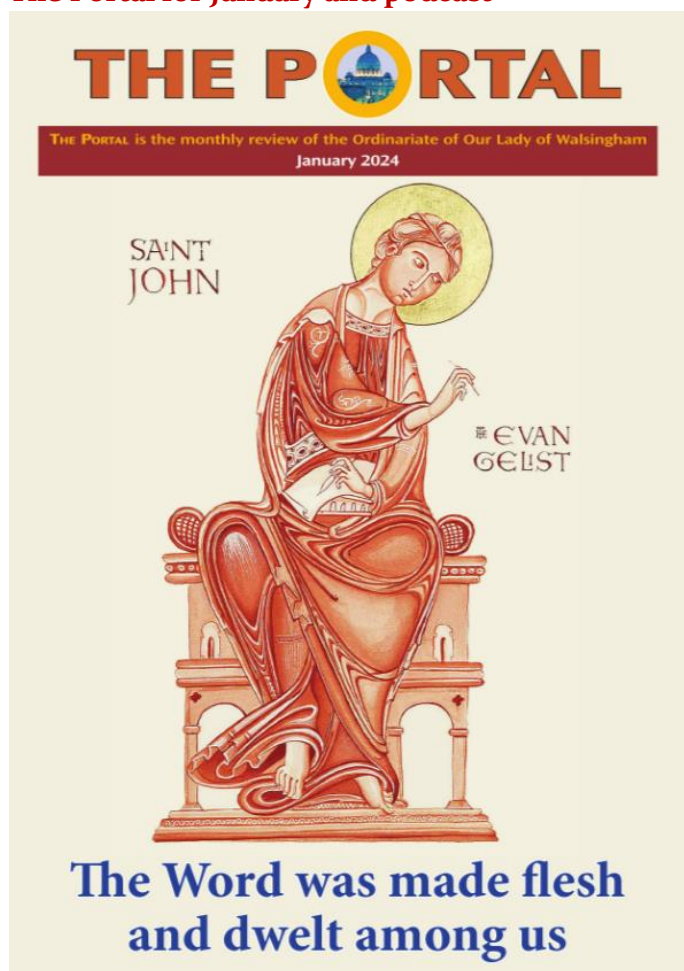
Thursday evening Mass

Please do attend Thursday evening Mass if you are able, which is celebrated according to Divine Worship.

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Praying the Daily Office this week

Evening Prayer is recited publicly in church Sunday to Thursday at 5.30pm and is livestreamed (see the parish website). **Please join in.**

If you intend to pray daily **Morning Prayer** and **Evening Prayer**, the table below gives you the page numbers for each of the parts of the Office for each day this week. Placing the markers in the correct pages, as indicated in the table below, takes a few minutes each time, but once done, actually praying the Office is quite straight-forward.

The Order of Morning Prayer (MP) (Matins) begins on page 375

The Order of Evening Prayer (EP) (Evensong) begins on page 421

All numbers below refer to *page numbers* in Divine Worship: Daily Office (DWDO), unless otherwise indicated.

Note: the Office hymn is always optional, but encouraged.

Day	Morning Prayer (Matins)				Evening Prayer (Evensong)				Notes
	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	
Sunday 7th SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles)	Ps 72	734	216	77	Pss 96 97 117	735	216	77	MP: The Athanasian Creed is said (p.339) Between the Epiphany and 12 th January inclusive, the Collect of the Epiphany is used daily, unless some Memorial, Feast or Solemnity is kept.
Monday 8th THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	500	750	216	77	504	751	216	77	Readings cycle II
Tuesday 9 th <i>Tuesday after the Baptism of the Lord</i>	506	757	216	77	510	759	216	77	
Wednesday 10 th <i>Wednesday after the Baptism of the Lord</i>	512	760	216	77	516	761	216	77	
Thursday 11 th <i>Thursday after the Baptism of the Lord</i>	518	763	216	77	521	764	216	77	
Friday 12 th <i>Friday after the Baptism of the Lord</i>	523	766	216	77	525	767	216	77	
Saturday 13 th <i>Saturday after the Baptism of the Lord</i>	528	769	216	77	530	770	216	78	EPI of The Second Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday 14th SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	533	772	216	78	536	775	216	78	

For those who are looking initially for something a little simpler, the **Office of Prime** (page 397) is a shorter form of prayer for the morning, and the **Office of Compline** (page 427) is a shorter form of prayer for the evening. These will take about 10 minutes each to pray.

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