



Catholic Parish of King's Lynn

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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday — January 05, 2025

Dear Friends,

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

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

The link for the live stream of the **11.30am Mass from Our Lady's** is:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/apTrfh1RQJg?si=8AKMcbPOKqTqNAys>

4pm this afternoon (Sunday 5th Jan) at Our Lady's Church:

Candlelight Carols and Benediction.

From the Parish Newsletter:

CANDLELIGHT CAROLS

This Sunday we complete our Christmas celebrations with Carols by candlelight with Christmas readings and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This is at 4pm in Our Lady's Church and will be followed by festive refreshments in the Wigglesworth Room.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

CCC 528 -The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David,

the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

From the Office of Readings for Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

A reading from the Sermons of Pope St Leo the Great

The Lord has made known his salvation throughout the whole world

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ.

A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judaea only, but in the whole world, so that his name may be great in all Israel.

Dear friends, now that we have received

instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, who has made us worthy, in the words of the Apostle, to share the position of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you.

This is the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised.

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name. Again, the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognise and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

Responsory

℟. The prophets foretold the coming of the Saviour, the angels adored him when he came; today is the great day on which he was made visible.* The Magi rejoiced

when they saw his star, and brought him gifts.

℣. A holy day has shone upon us: come, you peoples, and worship the Lord.* The Magi rejoiced when they saw his star, and brought him gifts.

From the Diocesan Website:

Altar servers receive medals in Norwich and Lynn:

Please click into the following link:

[Altar servers receive medals in Norwich and Lynn - Catholic Diocese Of East Anglia](#)

Also from the Parish Newsletter:

DIOCESAN PASTORAL STRATEGY

Bishop Peter has posed some questions for consultation in the parishes towards forming a strategy for future pastoral provision across the diocese. Please consider the questions and give your replies to Fr. Peter. There will be a PARISH MEETING to discuss our response on Saturday 18th January after the 10am Mass in Holy Family Church. The questions will be available at Sunday Mass this weekend.

The link to our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlrwBAKg>

And the link to our Parish Website:

<http://www.catholicparish-kingslynn.org.uk/>

God bless

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