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## **The Epiphany - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

**COVER IMAGE: The Epiphany of the Lord** “Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.” *Entrance Antiphon*

**POST-CHRISTMAS BREAK** Fr Martin will be away from 6-21st January. He is very grateful to Fr John McGrath and Fr Gerald Gosling who have so kindly agreed to supply during his absence.

### **THE CHALKING OF THE DOORS: AN EPIPHANY TRADITION**

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of this tradition. The formula for the ritual – adapted for 2025 – is simple: take a stick of chalk and write the following at the entrance to your home: **20 + C + M + B + 25**

*What does this strange equation mean?*

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi – Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar – who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the Cross and the “20” at the beginning and the “25” at the end mark the year.

This equation is simply a humble request for Christ to bless our homes and that His protecting hand be over our families and friends in all the joys and challenges of the coming year.

Blessed chalk will be available at all Masses on the Feast of the Epiphany. For more information [www.onepeterfive.com/the-chalking-of-the-doors-an-epiphany-tradition-explained/](http://www.onepeterfive.com/the-chalking-of-the-doors-an-epiphany-tradition-explained/)

**THE HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE** Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. The theme is “*Pilgrims of Hope*”, hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, a climate crisis and for many, a loss of the sense of God’s presence in their lives.

In the Catholic Church, Jubilees or ‘*Holy Years*’ have always been special years for mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation. The Jubilee Year is a special year of grace. It’s about pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation.

Read Pope Francis’s beautiful reflection on this Jubilee Year of Hope, ***SPES NON CONFUNDIT*** : [www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509\\_spes-non-confundit\\_bolla-giubileo2025.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html)

**PAX CHRISTI (THE PEACE OF CHRIST)** The work of *Pax Christi* is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. Pax Christi is rooted in Catholic Christianity but is open to all who share its values and work. It works for:

**Peace** - based on justice. A world where human rights are respected, basic needs are met and people feel safe and valued in their communities.

**Reconciliation** - a process which begins when people try to mend relationships - between individuals or whole countries after times of violence or dispute.

**Nonviolence** - a way of living and making choices that respects others, challenges what is not fair or just, and offers alternatives to violence and war

There will be a retiring collection on “Peace” Sunday 19th January to support the work of *Pax Christi*  
[www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** 18-25th January  
Divisions between Christians is still sadly the cause of dispute and even violence. Let us pray for the unity of the Church that the Lord desires.

**CRIB OFFERINGS** will be donated to the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society (BCCS) that works with the most vulnerable chil-

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the souls of

*Roderick Sime* whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 22nd January at 10.00 a.m. His mortal remains will be received into the Church the evening before at 5.00 p.m.

*Mary Troy* whose Funeral Service will take place at the City of London Crematorium on Thursday 30th January at 11.00 a.m.

and *Patricia Braithwaite* whose funeral arrangements are to be confirmed

**FUNERAL OF BERNADETTE PEACE** "The Peace family would like to thank everyone who attended Bernadette's funeral on 17th December as well as the many cards and messages received. "The support provided to us has been a great comfort during a difficult time".

**THANK YOU** to the late Pauline Mary Atkinson who very kindly remembered the parish in her will. We are all very grateful to all those who remember the parish in this way and support its work and mission. A Mass will be offered for the repose of her soul. May she rest in peace.

**FR MARTIN** would like to thank the parish community for their kindness and generosity to him over this Christmas season. Also, he sincerely thanks that great army of people who worked so tirelessly to make sure our celebrations were reverent, prayerful and joyful. May God bless you all for your goodness. May our community continue to be a beacon of faith and hope to others in 2025.

**SVP CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** a big thank you to all who make our Healing Mass and social such a wonderful occasion. Many thanks to all who gave their time and help on the day and to all the people who came and enjoyed it. Thanks to the children from Our Lady of Lourdes School and the Holy Family School who came to sing and assist. Don O'Driscoll SVP.

**PARISH USHERS** Thank you to the ushers for their help at the Christmas Masses. If anyone would like to help as a usher (steward) please contact Andrew Burns via the Parish Office.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** Have you been worshipping with us, but never taken the step to become Catholic? Have you drifted away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more? Are you a baptised Catholic, but never received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist? Have you joined us from a different religious background or no religious background and would like to find out more about Jesus and His Church?

If you (or someone you know) answers “Yes” to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or the Journey in Faith.

There will be an informal meeting in the Parish Centre on 25th January 2025 10.30–11,30 a.m. where more information will be made available. For those interested please make a note in your diary.

**TRAINING MORNING FOR PARISH READERS** on Saturday 8th March 9.00–10.30 a.m. in the Church.

“The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the Body of the Lord, since from both the table of the word of God and of the body of Christ, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life, especially in the sacred liturgy.” (Vatican II Constitution on Divine Revelation, No. 21).

We are blessed with many parish readers who proclaim the living word of God at Mass. We are grateful to them for their faithfulness and for recognizing the responsibility in exercising this ministry. *If you would like to serve the community as a reader, please contact Fr Martin.*

**MEDITATION GROUP** resumes on Tuesday 7th January from 10.50 a.m.—11.50 a.m. The Group welcomes all new members.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place on Fridays from 9.30 a.m.—1.00 p.m. and 7.00–8.00 p.m. and will recommence on 10th January 2025.

## PARISH FINANCES PAYMENT METHOD

Contributions to the parish can be made online via the Diocesan website at

[www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?)

Parish=wanstead or by scanning the QR code shown here with your smartphone and selecting “General Offertory.” You can also pay by

standing order or bank transfer. If you are a taxpayer, *please* Gift Aid your donations. Any queries, please contact Bob Fox at [wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org](mailto:wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org)



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## **WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Sunday 5th January—THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

- 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Francis, Anne, Michael & David Nolan RIP  
9.30 a.m. Mass—Beth Nally INT  
11.30 a.m. Mass—People of the Parish  
6.30 p.m. Mass—Mary & Charlie Rawe RIP

### **Monday 6th January**

- 9.00 a.m. Mass—Roderick Sime RIP

### **Tuesday 7th January NO MASS**

### **Wednesday 8th January**

- 9.00 a.m. Mass—Stewart McCahill RIP

### **Thursday 9th January**

- 9.00 a.m. Mass—The Ogeah family (living & deceased)

### **Friday 10th January**

- 9.00 a.m. Mass—Bill Innes RIP

### **Saturday 11th January**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**NO CONFESSIONS**

- 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—The Howe family (living & deceased)

### **Sunday 12th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

- 9.30 a.m. Mass—Peggy Sanchez RIP  
11.30 a.m. Mass—Rosemary O'Connor RIP  
6.30 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

### **Monday 13th January**

- 9.00 a.m. Mass—Dolores Hurley RIP

### **Tuesday 14th January NO MASS**

### **Wednesday 15th January**

- 9.00 a.m. Mass—Grace Peace RIP

**Thursday 16th January**

9.00 a.m. Mass— Pam, Winston & Brian Ingram RIP

**Friday 17th January**

9.00 a.m. Mass—Anthony Fernando RIP

**Saturday 18th January NO MORNING MASS  
NO CONFESSIONS**

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Michael McKinney RIP

**Sunday 19th January—2nd Sunday Ordinary Time**

9.30 a.m. Mass—Phil Lavin RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Henryka Domaszewska  
& Walerian Domaszewski RIP

6.30 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

**Monday 20th January**

9.00 a.m. Mass—Daisy, Eddie & Claudette Ingram RIP

**Tuesday 21st January St Agnes NO MORNING MASS**

5.00 p.m. Reception of the body of Roderick Sime

**Wednesday 22nd January**

**NO MORNING MASS**

10.00 a.m. Requiem Mass for Roderick Sime

**Thursday 23rd January**

9.00 a.m. Mass— Olga Nunes RIP

**Friday 24th January St Frances de Sales**

9.00 a.m. Mass—Marie Francis RIP

**Saturday 25th January Conversion of St Paul**

**No morning Mass**

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. CONFESSIONS

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Claire Bell RIP

**Sunday 26th January—3rd Sunday Ordinary Time**

9.30 a.m. Mass—People of the Parish

11.30 a.m. Mass—Agnes Loughnane & Anna Kearney RIP

6.30 p.m. Mass—Cathy Francis INT