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**Parish Office** the Parish Offices are working as usual but must remain closed to the public. Any queries by email will still be answered. There will be someone to answer the phone in person on a Friday morning only in St Peter's. Our contact details are below. **If you need a priest urgently, please phone St Peter's Church on 01285 652087**

**2021 The Year of St Joseph** It is 150 years since Blessed Pius IX declared St Joseph the patron saint of the Universal Church. To mark this important anniversary, Pope Francis has declared a Year of St Joseph, starting on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of his wife. Special indulgences are granted to the faithful throughout the year under the usual conditions (recent Holy Communion and Confession and prayers for the Pope's intentions). More detail of the Year's special celebrations will be published later.



**Because of That Virus, the following measures have been put in place:**

- 1. No baskets are passed around at the Offertory, but are at the back of the church to put your offering and charity donations on leaving the church**
- 2. No hymn books (because there's no singing), Mass cards etc. at present. Use a bulletin and take it home!!!!**

**As you are all aware, we have moved up to tier 4; please take care of yourself and if you need any help please contact the Parish Office and we will see how we can help.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION & UNDERSTANDING IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES AND WE WISH YOU A BLESSED SUNDAY**



**HOLY FAMILY PRAYER.** At a time when we were unable to spend the Christmas Season with our families; let us continue to remember and pray to the Holy Family especially at this time, for them and those on their own.



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## **CHRISTMAS II (YEAR B)**

### **WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan **Saints Basil and Gregory of Nazianzen**

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

### **CHRISTMAS II**

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populis)

11.00am Mass in St Peter's

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan **Christmas Feria**

**No Public Mass**

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Jan **Christmas Feria**

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

### **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles**

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Jan **6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's**

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jan **10.00am Mass in St Michael's**

**Noon Mass in St Peter's**

**7.00pm Traditional Latin Mass in St Gregory's, Cheltenham**

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Jan **St Raymond of Penyafort**

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Jan **Late Christmas Feria**

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

12.00 Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Jan **Late Christmas Feria/Our Lady in Christmastide**

10.00am Mass in St Michael's

### **CHRISTMAS III – FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am Mass in St Michael's

11.00am Mass in St Peter's

### **CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT**

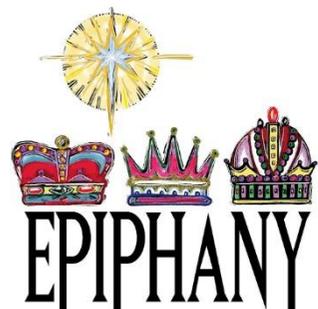
At the start of 2021, let us remember:-

- **Members of our families and Parishes, together with those throughout the district, who have died in the past year;**
- **Those who have been ill**
- **Those who have had problems of any sort.**

**May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family, future happiness, health and peace in this year. May God Bless you and keep us all safe in His care.' God Bless, Fr Philip**

### We intercede: -

- For the Church throughout the world, that she may be an effective sign of the way to everlasting happiness and eternal life.
- For all who are actively working to bring aid and comfort to those in need, that the Holy Spirit will give them strength.
- For ourselves, as we begin the New Year, that the Lord will grant us the time and energy, the foresight and the wisdom to review how we each live our life – with our family, our friends, our community, our work and most importantly, with God
- For all those affected by the Covid-19 epidemic throughout the world. We pray particularly for the recovery of the sick and the safety of the doctors, nurses, careers and all who are working so unceasingly to assist those in most danger.
- For our own parish community, that each of us may learn to place all our hope and faith in the promises of the Lord and so be witnesses to the power of God's grace
- For the Diocese of Clifton, our Deanery of Stroud and our two parishes; that we will work together in promoting that God is our Father and Saviour.
- For those who have died; we pray that, nourished by the Bread of Life, they may travel on eagles' wings into the brightness of eternal life.



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** This day celebrates the arrival of the Magi at the house of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem; bringing with them gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. However, it also includes the Miracle at Cana and some of the Baptism of the Lord. As its Greek name, Epiphany, suggests (SHOWING), the feast manifests how Jesus Christ shows the Gentiles as well as the Jews. We are Gentiles and not Jews, so this is important to us! *We saw His star in the East and we have come to do Him homage*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** We will be celebrating The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This brings to the end the Christmas Season. By ancient English Tradition, the Crib will come down on Candlemas, 40 days after Christmas Day.

**ORDINARY TIME** We will then be entering Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday. Instead of thinking that 'Ordinary Time' means nothing exciting happens; why not use these weeks to think about own faith and how we can make it stronger all the while by preparing for Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

**PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL, RECOMMENDED BY THE HOLY FATHER** Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

### MASS TEXTS

**Entrance Antiphon:** When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

**Gloria** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most-High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2,8-12

**Responsorial Psalm.** The word was made flesh and lived among us.

**Second Reading** St Paul to the Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans. Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!

**Gospel** John 1: 7-18

**Apostles Creed:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come and judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

**Communion Antiphon:** To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

**Act of Spiritual Communion** Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I do not now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to You, now and forever. Amen.

