

**WE WISH YOU  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR THE  
SECOND TIME,  
THIS TIME THE NEW CIVIL YEAR.  
  
MAY IT BRING YOU MANY  
BLESSINGS AND PROSPERITY  
  
MAY THE COMING FEAST OF  
EPIPHANY SHOW YOU HOW TO  
MAKE CHRIST MANIFEST TO THE  
WORLD THROUGHOUT THE COMING  
YEAR**



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- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Jan MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  
11.00am Mass and Carols in St Michael's  
**NO VIGIL MASS**
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan CHRISTMAS II  
9.00am Sunday Mass in St Michael's  
11.00am Sunday Mass in 11.00am St Peter's
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
**Fr P's Day Off – Parish Office Closed**
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan Christmas Feria  
9.30am Mass in St St Peters's
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Christmas Feria  
10.00am in St Michael's ( )
- Thur 6<sup>th</sup> Jan SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY  
**9.30am Mass in St Peter's**  
**6.00pm Mass in St Michael's**
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Late Christmas Feria – St Raymond of Penyafort  
9.30am Mass in St Peter's  
Our Lady in Christmastide
- Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.00am Mass in St Michael's



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

- Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.00pm Vigil Mass
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am Sunday Mass in St Michael's  
11.00am Sunday Mass in 11.00am St Peter's



**A WARM WELCOME** We welcome visitors and newcomers to join our 'regulars', asking God to bestow His blessings & graces on us all. Do join us for coffee and refreshments after 11.00am Mass in St Peter's

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** Please fill in a registration form and take an active part in our two welcoming Parishes

**CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT. PLEASE RING TO ARRANGE**



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**PRAYER FOR THE EPISCOPAL SYNOD 2023** We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

*For all involved in the work of the synod, that they will be present to one another, will listen to each other and learn with each other, and thus grow closer to the Lord and His Church.*

We will be updating you for the way ahead for the Synod early January 2022, for both Parishes to look into what is required of us in line with our Diocese, our Country and the World. As Baptised members of the Church to come forward and give our comments as requested.



**CAFOD** is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal](http://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal) and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

- The dead in Christ.
- Our Diocesan Prayer Link

**‘CAFOD’ ARE HIRING.** Could you inspire your fellow Catholics to participate in the Church’s mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Clifton. Follow the link below for more details and please pass it on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. Applications need to be in by the closing date is the 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2022. <https://isw.changeworknow.co.uk/cafod/vms/e/careers/positions/cJAI47Y0nebARIdQy7yJZt>

**CHRISTMAS IS A SEASON AND NOT JUST A DAY**

**MASS PROPERS FOR CHRISTMAS II**

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

**First Reading** Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2 & 8-12 *Praising Wisdom [The Word Made Flesh]*

**Resp. Psalm:** The Word was made flesh and lived among us.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-6 & 15-18 *Made the adopted siblings of Jesus Christ*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to You, O Christ, proclaimed by the pagans! Glory to You, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel:** John 1:1-18 *St John unfolds the mystery of God’s Son living among us, the Word Made Flesh.*

**Communion Antiphon:** To all who would accept Him, He gave power to become children of God

