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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This Sunday we mark the Epiphany of the Lord to the wise men from the orient.

In this encounter, we are reminded that the salvation that the Christ child will win on that cross on Good Friday is a salvation for each and every person, regardless of who or what they are. There is no person who is beyond the salvation of Christ if they accept Jesus into their hearts.

We also hear how the wise men return to their homelands “by a different route!” This detail, seemingly insignificant, reminds us that none of us can be the same after an encounter with Christ; Christ transforms us to become the people He created us to be!

As we continue this new year, this Jubilee Year, let us pray for each other that we may be constantly transformed into saints who manifest Christ to others!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT

Saint Raymond was born near Barcelona in around 1175. He was educated at the university of Barcelona, where he taught Canon Law for fifteen years.

At the command of Pope Gregory IX he organised, codified, and edited canon law, which, when he started, was nothing better than an accumulation of isolated decrees.

He was elected to be General of the Dominican Order and worked tirelessly to encourage priests to administer the Sacrament of Penance justly and with benefit to the penitent.

He died in 1275.

St Raymond - pray for us!

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday - 10 am - 12 pm
Tuesday - 10 am - 12 pm
Wednesday 10 am - 12 pm
Thursday - CLOSED
Friday - CLOSED
Sat. / Sun. - CLOSED

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REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the following whose funerals will take place here at Our Lady's.

Bridget Fleming - whose Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 22nd of January at 12 pm.

Natalie John - whose Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 24th of January at 11.30 am.

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Over the next few months and years, a number of projects for the church and parish centre will be completed.

These include restoring the baptismal font to the original baptistry, improving the facilities in the parish centre including installing a full kitchen and dividers to make better use of the space, creating a prayer garden at the back of the parish centre, restoring the chandeliers to the church nave, and many more.

A new fund has been added to the card machine at the back of the church for anyone who would like to, and is able to, support some of these projects.

PUBLIC ROSARY

There is an opportunity to pray the Rosary outside of the church from 4 pm every Sunday.

VINNY'S PANTRY

A huge thank you to all of those who have been able to support Vinny's Pantry throughout the year! Thanks to your generosity, countless people have been helped when they needed it the most!

WELCOME!

It is great to see so many new faces at Mass over the last few months! If you are new to the parish or are visiting, please say hello to Fr Brendan at the end of Mass.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please use the following link to register as a member of the Parish (<https://www.caspar.church/me>)

This is a great way to stay updated with Parish events.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will take place on **Monday 6th January** between 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm at the Rectory (the house next to the church).

This is an opportunity for anyone who has forms to fill in, would like to discuss sacramental celebrations, or has any other queries to have an opportunity to do just that.

POPE'S INTENTIONS

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

CHURCH HEATING

It is the hope that the boilers and radiators will be replaced as soon as possible to provide better heating for the winter months.

In the meantime, please close doors within the church to keep as much heat as possible inside.

NOAH TRAINING COURSES

There is an opportunity to take part in free ESOL courses. For more details, contact NOAH - 01234 863123

FLAME 2025

Flame 2025 is a Catholic event for young people that takes place at Wembley. Next year, the event will take place on Saturday 15th March.

It is hoped that a group of young people from our Deanery will be able to attend an event that celebrates the joy of being Catholic. More details to follow.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

The period from the Epiphany of the Lord until Ash Wednesday is the traditional time when priests are invited to bless our homes.

If you would like to have your home blessed, please fill in one of the envelopes in the narthex at the back of the church and post them through the Rectory letter box.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTIONS

There is an opportunity to pray the evening prayer of the Church (Vespers) and receive the blessing from the Blessed Sacrament at Benediction on Sunday at 4.15 pm.

Even if you've never taken part before, everyone is welcome to take part and pray for the Church and for the World.

PARISH OFFERTORY

If you would like to make an offering to the ministry of the parish online, please use the bank details below:

Bank: Natwest

Account Name: Our Lady Help of Christians

Sort Code: 60-06-11

Account Number: 91052181

CHRIS COLACO

We will be joined by Chris Colaco, one of our Diocesan Seminarians from Monday 6th January.

Chris will be with us for a few weeks as part of his pastoral placement!

Please pray for Chris and for all of our seminarians who are discerning their vocation to serve within the Church!

“Lord, give us good and holy priests! Amen!”

MARRIAGE CARE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse?

Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom ...27 February to 2 March 2025. Email:info@retrouvaille.org.uk Call or text 0788 7296983 www.retrouvaille.org.uk

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for: Danny Harding, Tommy Hannigan, Sally Rhodes, Robert Roe, Connor McFadden, Alexander El-Lamaa, Margaret Spring, Agnieszka Daniel, Christopher Parfitt, Jimmy, Tina, John McCormick, Jane Matthews, Mary Williams, Michael Curtin, and all who are sick.

Please pray for: Frances Sheeran, Anthony Sheeran, Jim Seery, Tommy Seery, Bridget Seery, Esther McDonnell, Patrick McDonnell, Johanna O'leary, Caterina La Viola, Thomas O'Boyle, Francis Farrell, Augustine Abara, Bill Molloy and all our loved ones who have died.

PARISH COUNCIL

It is hoped that over the next few months, a Parish Council will be put together to help the mission of our parish to reach out to the lapsed as well as those who have yet to hear the good news of Jesus!

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to always be docile to His plans!

EPIPHANY BLESSING

“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 inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!”

Then write 20 + C + M + B + 25 in chalk over entrance doorway The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also represent the Latin words “Christus mansionem benedicat” which means “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs symbolize the cross and the 20 and the 25 represent the year.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the reception of Holy Communion is for Catholics who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion.

If we receive Holy Communion on the hand, please consume the Sacred Host as soon as possible.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“In the arrival of the wise men, we see the opening up of salvation for all” - Anonymous

A NEW YEAR PRAYER

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, receive our humble petitions for this new year. We offer our prayers for the pope and for those who shepherd Your Church. Bestow Your grace upon all the faithful.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE

Everyone is invited to help plan our Jubilee Pilgrimage to Northampton Cathedral on Saturday 17th May 2025 with Bishop David. For more details, please join us on Tuesday 7th January at the Holy Ghost Parish, Luton. There will be Mass at 7.30 pm and the meeting will begin from 8 pm.

MASS READINGS AND PRAYERS

Please scan the QR code to access the daily Mass readings and prayers.



PARISH OFFERTORY

A huge thank you to all those who are able to support the mission of the parish through their financial offering.

Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 5th January Epiphany	9 am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS 11am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS 4 pm Rosary 4.15 pm Vespers and Benediction 5 pm MASS	Roy & Kay Int., Jane & Les Int., Immaculate & Taniesha Int. Mary & Chicki Thanksgiving, Nora Hussey RIP. Pro Populo. María Pilar García Marqués RIP, Liam McGloughlin RIP.
MONDAY 6th January	7 am MASS (Latin) 12 pm ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Shay Smith Int. Anne Mead Int., Anne Harding Int., Maureen Malone Int., Renva Pena Int.
TUESDAY 7th January St Raymond of Peñafort	7 am MASS (Latin) 12 pm ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Brandon Cassian RIP. Vocations to the Priesthood.
WEDNESDAY 8th January	7 am MASS (Latin)	Lucian George Int.
THURSDAY 9th January	NO PUBLIC MASS	CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
FRIDAY 10th January	12 pm ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Kirwan Family Int.
SATURDAY 11th January	9 am ADORATION AND CONFESSION 9.30 am MASS 11 am - 12.30 pm FHC 1 pm MASS IN SHONA	Fr Desmond Sweeney Int., Sr Clare Int., Sr Irine Int. Zimbabwean Community

The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!