



ST. TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sat 4 Jan 2025 5pm Vigil Mass (Katie, Fitzroy fam)
**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD**



Sun 5 Jan 9.30am Mass (Kathleen Boyle RIP)
11.30am Mass (Michael McArdle RIP)

Tue 7 Jan No Mass

Thu 9 Jan 10am Mass in Church (Holy Souls)

Fri 10 Jan 10am Mass (Chloe Sullivan & family)

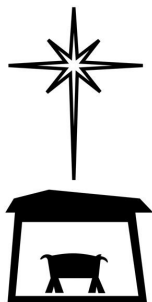
Sat 11 Jan 5pm Vigil Mass

(Derek & John Warnaby RIP)

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sun 12 Jan 9.30am Mass (Pat & Anne McDonald)
11.30am Mass (People of Parish)

*Tea & Coffee available in Don Bosco Room after
Sunday 9.30am Mass*



***of your charity pray for the Sick & Housebound,
& the faithful departed***

*Derrick Orr RIP, Maura Hewitt RIP,
& all souls whose anniversaries occur now
Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord,
May they rest in peace.*

THE EPIPHANY (REVELATION) OF THE LORD



The birth of Christ the Lord, the divine Son of God, truly God & truly Human, is the greatest Christmas present & gift we receive this year, & indeed every year. It is the origin of our tradition of exchanging gifts & presents at this joyful holy time. Jesus doesn't surrender His godliness when He descends from heaven to be born as one of us, part of the human race which He Himself created.

Rather, God's beloved Son takes on something extra when He assumes the flesh of our humanity. From now on, God Himself knows & experiences just what it is like to exist as a human being. Jesus takes on Himself all our frailties. That is why He is our Great & trustworthy High Priest, able to atone & intercede for us at His heavenly Father's right hand. He has been there & done it! Not a God who stands aloof, removed & distant; a God who humbly is born in a stable as there is no room at the inn.

When the exotic visitors arrive from the East, they come bearing expensive luxurious gifts: gold, frankincense & myrrh. Guided by that mysterious Star, they arrive seeking the Messiah. The scene they witnessed in Bethlehem must have changed their lives forever. The Magi are on their journey, their quest, to seek & be enlightened by the Truth of all things. What they actually discovered in the Babe of Bethlehem could hardly be what they would have imagined. The new-born Christ-child is indeed the Way, the Truth & the Life. Their encounter with the Christ-Child set them on another path. This route was not a road simply to avoid King Herod, but a totally new & radical departure into unknown territory. With their own eyes, they had visited & seen for themselves the human face of the One, Living Eternal God. Nothing could ever be the same again for them, nor indeed for the rest of us.

Please consider a Standing Order/Direct Debit to support us.

Sunday Collection 22/12/24 Gift Aid £55. Non GA £215.78.

Many thanks from Fr Peter for all your kind Christmas cards, gifts & offerings in this festive & joyful season. It is most appreciated! May the Lord bless you & your families & friends in this holy Jubilee Year.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Ann McFee & can be contacted at: sg.stteresa.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if concerns.