



**Do join us for refreshments after
Mass today**

St Anne in the Grove, Southowram

Sunday 5 January 2025

During the week:

Wednesday 8th Jan. 2025 10.30am Said Mass

Next Sunday – 12 Jan. 2025

The Baptism of the Lord -

9.30am Parish Mass

*To help you prepare for our worship why not look up
the readings we will use: Isaiah 43:1-7;
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3L15-16, 21-22*

*As we continue our Christmas celebrations and
welcome Jesus into our hearts during this special
season, I hope you will find these prayers helpful as
you meditate on each of the different figures of our
crib....*

The Stable: Lord, we remember the stable. A cold,
draughty, dirty place: not where we'd expect to find
the only Son of God; not the sort of place we'd want
to find any new born baby. We remember, this
Christmas time, those without proper shelter
because of poverty, homelessness, or war.

The Animals: Lord, we remember the animals who
are part of the Christmas story: the oxen, the sheep,
the tired donkey, who remind us that you have
entrusted us with the care of your creation. We
remember, this Christmas time, the ways in which
we have exploited our world and ask for your help in
using its resources wisely and well.

Mary and Joseph: Lord, we remember their
anxious journey to Bethlehem, their worry at finding
no room at the inn; the excitement and fear at the
forthcoming birth; their hopeful longing for your
coming. We remember, this Christmas time, those
who are anxious and fearful, who long for your hope
and comfort to come into their lives.

The Christ-child: Lord, we remember your
coming into our world, and into the life of
humankind, as a tiny, helpless child. We thank you
that you came to share our joys and sorrows and set
us free from fear and despair. We remember, this
Christmas time, all the children of our world, in need
of love, food, and freedom.

At Epiphany – the Magi: Lord, we remember the
long journey they made to an unknown destination;
a journey prompted and guided by the mysterious
star they believed would lead them to a king worthy
of worship. We remember, this Christmas time, our
own, often perplexing, journey through life and ask
that we might be led to you and by you, during this
New Year.

**Welcome to the Parish Mass today,
on Epiphany Sunday**

A special welcome if you are visiting.
If you require Gluten-free altar bread - please have
a word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

Hymns: 94; 95; 105; 86; 103

Readers: Val Doodson & Andrea Hampshire
Intercessions: Ian Knowles

*The Eucharist follows the Order on
the coloured sheet and the Service runs
Largely unannounced.*

Please stay for refreshments afterwards

During the week please pray for:

For the people of The Park, Towngate and the
people of King Cross

Monday – for God's blessing on this New Year

Tuesday – for all those who joined us for our
Christmas Services, that they may return

Wednesday – Peace & Justice in the world

Friday – All who feel alone or isolated at this time

Saturday – Food Banks & all who use them

Those who are sick or in need:

David Harrison, Frances Norcliffe, Deborah Golding,
John Greenwood, Pauline Ackroyd, Graham Firth,
Tom Hogan, Bernadette Lister-Pollard,
Hayley Hanson, Stanley Sunderland, Paula Mead,
Theo Mayfield, Mary Haward

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: George Pearson, Mary Tongue,
Beatrice Gankroger, John Binns

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Epiphany Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power

OPENING PRAYER

Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE READING (Isaiah 60: 1-6)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 71)

R: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R:**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the
Great River to earth's bounds. **R:**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **R:**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R:**

SECOND READING (Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 2: 1-12)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. "Where is the infant king of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. "At Bethlehem in Judaea," they told him "for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. "Go and find out all about the child," he said "and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage." Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother, Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.