



# ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE

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**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY – YEAR A**

**1100hrs Mass Intention: Fr John Gary RIP**

**Preface: The Nativity of the Lord II**

**Eucharistic Prayer II**

**Entrance Hymn: 169**

**Offertory Hymn: 130**

**Communion Hymn: 133**

**Recessional Hymn: 794**

**Kyrie: 480**

**Gloria: 481**

**Sanctus: 482**

**Acclamation: 485**

**Great Amen: Plainchant**

**Agnus Dei: 487**

## WELCOME EVERYONE

For our celebration today you will require a Mass Sheet, a hymn book and a copy of any Mass Settings that we are using, all of which are available from the Welcome Team.

Children over four years old are invited to go to their liturgy with the Catechetical Team following the introduction to the Mass and return at the offertory. The vestry is available for those with children who need a place to play. Activity bags, containing appropriate books and other materials, hanging on the chairs at the back of church may be borrowed to keep children engaged during Mass. Please replace them after use and before leaving the building. Refreshments after Mass will be available at the back of church.

## MINISTRIES TODAY

**Celebrant:** Fr Pat Sherlock SDB  
**Welcome Team:** Mr T Booth; Mrs S Levett  
**Readers:** Col P Rossiter; Mrs A Paintin  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Mrs O Beattie; Mrs P Rossiter  
**Children's Liturgy Lead:** Mrs P Ryan

## THIS WEEK

The Cathedral is open every working day from **1000hrs - 1600hrs**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Weekday of Christmas Time*

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)  
**Deceased members of the Harris family**  
1900hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)  
**Hilary Cowan RIP**

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jan: *St Raymond of Penyafort, priest*  
1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week II)  
1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)  
**Canon lawyers**

Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Thursday after the Epiphany*

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Friday after the Epiphany*

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Welcome Team:** Mrs E Allen; Mrs K Belgum  
**Readers:** Mr C Endean; Mrs P Powell  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Ms A Williams; Mr C Kamwenje  
**Children's Liturgy Lead:** Mrs Y Spreadborough

## COMMUNITY GENEROSITY

Congratulations to those who won prizes in our Christmas Raffle, and much gratitude to all who purchased tickets, as well as those who have contributed an extra £28 to our Table Top Sale, all in support of the Sisters of Nazareth. Special thanks to Olwyn Beattie and her team for their hard work of selling resulting in £407 profit.

## LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 849 0482 0470

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84904820470?pwd=0yxBQM52lasdobuo3NKPCh3qau43b.1> Passcode: 978662

Tuesday's 1200hrs Mass Zoom details – ID: 813 0462 8765

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81304628765?pwd=TgXGeYFe4rjOFUp9VL555ah8fWoEFF.1> Passcode: 406991

Tuesday's 1900hrs Mass Zoom details – ID: 871 9571 3885

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87195713885?pwd=u6M14hmbxvFvHh9aBKQdN6TffNrvPL.1> Passcode: 800799

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 881 1624 7215

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88116247215?pwd=DLJ2nyKDBnJrpJtiUhY0buwbUqx4.1> Passcode: 928187

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, together with their families and all support staff, in your personal intercessions.

## FORTHCOMING SOLEMNITY

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to mankind: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is his Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles, the other nations of the earth. Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide, which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in his Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

## ACKNOWLEDGING KINDNESS

Heartfelt thanks to all who sent me cards, gave gifts and offered greetings of the season. Assuring you all of my prayers and commitment in your service for the year ahead.

## AND FINALLY ...

... example isn't another way to teach, it's the only way to teach.

*With every blessing*  
*Fr Nick*