Readings at Mass - The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B

Cf. Ba 5:5

Communion Antiphon

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathering from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Isaiah 60:1-6 First reading

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

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

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 Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East, And have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, Always and everywhere, That we may perceive with clear sight And revere with true affection The mystery in which you have Willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord.

Sunday 11.15am Mass				
Entrance Hymn	665	The race that once in darkness pined		
Offertory	Instrumental	The three kings		
Communion	651	The first Nowell		
Marian antiphon	128	Alma Redemptoris Mater		
Recessional	167	Bethlehem of noblest cities		

Sunday Bulletin

7th January 2018 ● The Epiphany of the Lord ●



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Meditation

We saw the star and have come to do the King homage.

Matthew 2:1-12

he Christmas Season continues with vet another view of God in our history. In his very flesh, Jesus is the revelation of God. This is a season to celebrate a baby, but even more the manifestation, "epiphany," of God to the whole world. The gospel warms many hearts with the story of the three visitors to Bethlehem. Following the star, they come to offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Aided by the first two readings, we can open up the meaning of this vignette. God is present in our history. This is a gift for all. Whether arriving on dromedaries from Midian and Ephah or bearing gold and frankincense from Sheba, whole nations shall walk by this light. In the early Church, this meant that Gentiles would have to be seen as co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body.

Enjoying the memories and mystery of this day should thus be more than thinking about the three kings. It is also far more important



than any technical debate about the translation of "magi" (Greek). They have been called kings, wise men, or astrologers. In any event they signal a day to celebrate God's manifestation in Christ Jesus. When we celebrate Epiphany we face the mystery of Christ's identity and our response in faith.

Because this revelation is universal, we are presented with a further challenge. Do we treat some as "outsiders" as if we were not coheirs? Do we act as if epiphany were for a few?

Vienna International Religious Centre







Amen.

BIBLE STUDY & GROWING IN FAITH

Resumes on Wednesday January 10th in the Clergy

House after the 12:30 Mass. Contact

Senior Club

The senior Club will meet again on Wednesday the

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME AFTER MASS CAFE

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Sacramental Preparation Classes for children at

Children must make their First Reconciliation

before making their First Communion. If your child

is 7 years old or more then please register him/her

www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org

or contact Ruth Paterson on 01224 593069

Email: ruthpaterson@hotmail.com

Book sale every Wednesday and Thursday until

Words for the Advent & Christmas Season by

♦ Our Journey to Christmas by Pope Francis.

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Bookshop

online for the appropriate Sacrament at :-

non-Catholic schools will begin in January, 2018.

Resumes on Friday 12th January 2018. Looking

forward to seeing all our regulars and visitors.

10th January 2018 @2.00pm. All Welcome

20+C+M+B+18

hand.

kevin.ocarroll@live.com

Frank and Norma.

end of January:

Bishop Hugh Gilbert.

You Are Not Alone

Spanish speaker.

♦ Nothing is Impossible With God.

♦ St Faustina Way of The Cross.

♦ St of a Thousand Miracles.

♦ The Secret of La Salette Revealed.

♦ Passport to Heaven, St Faustina.

♦ Praise of Angels St Michael Archangel.

♦ I Will Wait at The Gates of Heaven, St Pio.

Improve your Spanish by speaking to a native

Contact Karia at: udag-g4v@hotmail.com

ENGLISH / SPANISH PRACTICE

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to offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all

who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other

and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide,

Please note that the incense may activate your smoke alarm. Also, if children are helping with the blessing

make sure they are supervised. You can take this bulletin with you so you will have the instructions at

beginning of the New Year.

comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

The home blessing can be done as follows:

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

It has long been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless your home at the

1 Use the blessed chalk to write: 20+C+M+B+18 above the doorways: 2018 for

the year; C, M, B for the 3 Magi - Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar - and for

Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House". As you

are writing, pray: The three Wise Men. Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed

the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and fifteen years ago.

May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year.

Put the little piece of charcoal on a saucer, heat with a lighter/match. When it is

burning sprinkle the incense on top to create some fragrant smoke and walk

with it through the rooms of your home. While you are doing this you may wish

If you would like to do this then please take a 'blessing kit' after Mass today.

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Notices

Adoration: Monday - Saturday 6.00am-12 midnight **Confessions:**

Tuesdays 6.00pm Saturdays 10.30am & 6.00pm

Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday 6.30am

Rosary: Fridays (Vocations) 1.30pm Saturdays (Priests) 10.30am

Housebound? John MacKinnon (See above) for visits Speak to clergy before Mass Coeliacs:

Sunday Coffees: Ann Ryans 07545 615 198 annryans@aol.com Margaret Hammond Planning (NFP) nfp@cathedral-abdn.org

Mass Times						
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions		
Sun 7th	The Epiphany of the Lord	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Special Intentions D. Dieseru Parish Intentions		
Mon 8th	The Baptism of the Lord	Mass Mass	12:30am 7:00pm	Thanksgiving & private intention		
Tue 9th		Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Giampaolo Campani RIP		
Wed 10th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Thanksgiving & private intention Sr Paole Gabrielle RIP		
Thu 11th		Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Thanksgiving & private intention		
Fri 12th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Special intention Private intention		
Sat 13th	St Kentigern	Mass Vigil Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Thanksgiving & private intention		
Sun 14th	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Dieseru Family Intentions		

Mass Intention Envelopes

These are available at the back of the Church. Cathedral itself. Recommended offering for Print details and post through Clergy House each Mass is £5.

celebrated on your preferred date or at the

Sunday 11:15 Mass is normally reserved for It may not always be possible for Mass to be the Administrator's or Bishop's Intentions for the Parish or Diocese.

OFFERTORY: The Christmas / New Year period Offertory counting is still in progress.



Youth



Both Lifeteen (S3-S6) and Edge (P7-S2) youth groups Next meeting is on Friday 12th January Lower and Main Halls, respectively. Time is 7.00-9.00 pm.



FAITH & FUN ON SATURDAYS

Youth group for P2's to P7's In the Main Hall from

12.30pm to 2.00pm every Saturday afternoon. For more details and to register online please

see our website.



SVDP

Many thanks to all our benefactors who have past year.

SVdeP wish every member of the Cathe-

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After 11.15am & 6.00pm Masses Patrons Altar

yourself known to the team.

BULDING FUND COLLECTIION

There will be a second collection this weekend for the monthly Building Fund.

BAKE SALE- 14TH JANUARY

This is a n advance notice that a seven-week Marriage Couse will start on Wednesday 28th Feb. This course is open to all married couples and covers many of the most challenging areas of marriage. Details to follow closer to the start date.

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The members of Cathedral Conference

dral Parish our warmest wishes for a very prosperous New Year.

SUNDAY PRAYER MINISTRY

If you require prayer for yourself, a family member, or friend, please feel free to make

There will be a Bake Sale next week to raise money for our youth activities.

MARRIAGE COURSE

Maintenance to

Resumes Wednesday 17th January 7 - 8pm Clergy House

Mission

We are hoping to move to a new phase in the life of the Cathedral. We are inviting anyone who is interested in seeing the parish move from a maintenance parish to a mission orientated parish to join us in reading Fr James Mallon's book,

Divine Renovation: Bringing your parish from Mainte

We shall be reading through the book together and discussing its contents. Please buy a copy of the book and then join us for the meetings in the Clergy House.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The 11.15am choir is looking for new members, especially altos. tenors and basses. We sing a wide range of music from Gregorian chant to Graham Kendrick, Details From choir member after Mass or email: music@cathedral-abdn-org



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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Led by Rt Rev Hugh Gilbert 9th - 16th July 2018.

Flights direct to Krakow from Edinburgh airport. Ground Package £560pp

(based on 2 people sharing) plus cost of flight. Package includes half board at Pilgrim Hotel Campanile Krakow. Full service of courier through out tour. Local guides will accompany group when visiting Krakow, Weiliczka, Czestochowa and Wadowice, A tour of Auschwitz included, Coaching supplied where necessary.

Details from:

Joyce Webster-Diocesan Office: 01224 319154 or Gill Didino-Tangney Tours: 017 886666

Weekly Calendar

Mon Mother & Toddler Group

For parents with young children. All ages welcome. Main Hall from 13.30-15.30pm Contact: Yi-pei Chou 0745 5479 479

Credo Community Meeting Polish charismatic prayer group.

Main Hall at 7.30pm Contact: Klaudiusz Mozolewski 07928323313

Magnificat Prayer Group

7.30pm in the Lower Hall after Mass. Contact: Stella Maria Onuoha 0744 9951 415 nnesin@yahoo.com

St. Vincent de Paul

Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray murray.evelyn@sky.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Cathedral House at 7.30pm

Contact: Fr Keith

Light Exercise Class for all Main Hall at 10:00am

Contact: Laura Walker 0777 3 021 851 laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk

Beloved Disciples

Bible study and growing in faith Clergy House Dining Room after 12:30 Mass. Contact: Kevin O'Carroll kevin.ocarroll@live.com

Seniors Club

Speakers, fun & fellowship Main Hall at 2.00 pm every 2 weeks Contact: Jean on 01569 765 799

Healing of Memories

Prayer for the healing of painful memories of the past to bring peace to the present. Clergy House at 2.30pm (by appointment) Contact: Deacon Tony

Legion of Mary

Lower Hall from 6pm to 7.30pm Contact: Nogie Osula nogisula@yahoo.com

African Choir

For Africans and anyone else. Upper Hall from 6.00- 8.00pm Contact: Patricia Malikebu 07891 714 549

Cenacolo Prayer Group

Exposition & Rosary praying for healing of those with addictions Church after Mass

Contact: Liam Sharkey 07774 931 996 **Band Practice**

Contemporary music for Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass Contact: John Costaschuk

Cathedral Choir practice 7.00pm in the Ogilve Centre

Fri Altar Servers' Practice

Church from 6.00 to 7.00pm Contact: Simon begbie no1@hotmail.com

Youth Groups

For teenagers between 11 & 17 Halls 7.00pm to 9.00pm Contact: St. Andrew's Community

Sat | Church Cleaning Church at 10.30am

K4J (Kids for Jesus) Youth group for P2's to P7's in the Main Hall from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

African Choir (As above) Upper Hall from 6.00 - 8.00pm

Choir Rehearsal

Leading the music for 11:15 Sunday Mass Upper Hall 10.00am