

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR B

7th and 8th January 2018

Psalter Week 2

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THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 9:15am
Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil Mass with Hymns
Sunday: 8:30am; Said Mass
10:30am Family Sung Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon to Fri (Except First Friday): 8:00am

MORNING PRAYERS: Monday-Friday 8.45am

ROSARY: Monday to Friday: 9:45am

1st FRIDAY ADORATION: 9:45am to 3:30pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5:15pm

WEEKLY OFFICE SURGERY

Every Tuesday 4.00pm to 7.00pm

PARISH SECRETARY

Christina Arthur-Davis

Office Hours: Wed & Fri 9am-12pm

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WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS

PARISH MASS BOOK

This weekend is The Epiphany of the Lord, Year B, page 115 in the Parish Mass Book.

RESPONSE TO THE BIDDING PRAYER

Reader: **Lord, hear us;**

All: **and lead us to Christ.**

OUR PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, look in love upon our homes, our families and our communities. Raise up from among us worthy priests to preach the Gospel to all peoples, to minister at your altar, and to care for your flock. Fill us all with your Holy Spirit and make us faithful and inspiring witnesses to your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Our prayers go out to those who are sick and to those who care for them especially: Frank Holmes, Catherine Simmons, Marie Avis, Mary Smith, Benedict Perrier, Tom Geiger, Bernadette Dowswell, Pamela Williams-Jones, Alan Dorey, Maria Ali, Michael Gill, Mary O'Regan, Peggy Margaret Davies, Mary Malham, Sheila Pender, Maria Obiamiwe, Gladys Baptiste and Deacon Jeff. If you know any parishioner who is ill, please let the Parish Priest know.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEASED RELATIVES

Gerald Griffen, Herbert Bustard, Margaret Breen, Jack Bremmer, Constance Venn, Rita Lynch Marshall, Ellen McInerney and Angela Offiah.

MASS DATES/TIMES	FEASTS	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 6 th Jan at 6pm	Vigil Mass of The Epiphany of the Lord	Rose Cunningham & Family, God's Blessings
Sun 7 th Jan at 8.30am	The Epiphany of the Lord	Janet Olaoluwa Ajayi, RIP
Sun 7 th Jan at 10.30am	The Epiphany of the Lord	Julius Olushola Ajayi, RIP
Mon 8 th Jan at 9.15am	The Baptism of the Lord	1. Mike Gibbons & Family, New Year Blessings 2. Chelsea Henshaw, Thanksgiving
Tue 9 th Jan at 9.15am	Feria	Prudencia Ebirilem, Exam Success
Wed 10 th Jan at 9.15am	Feria	1. Maria Ali, God's Blessings 2. Ruth Spence & Paul Derrick, RIP
Thurs 11 th Jan at 9.15am	Feria	1. Tom Beirne, God's Blessings 2. Jeffrey Henshaw, Thanksgiving
Fri 12 th Jan at 9.15am	Feria	Deacon Jeff & Vivien, God's Blessings
Sat 13 th Jan at 6pm	Vigil Mass of Second Sunday (B)	Ellen McInerney, Anniversary, RIP
Sun 14 th Jan at 8.30am	Second Sunday (B)	Janet Olaoluwa Ajayi, RIP
Sun 14 th Jan at 10.30am	Second Sunday (B)	Julius Olushola Ajayi, RIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLECTIONS	AMOUNT COLLECTED	AMOUNT GIFT AIDED
Offertory	551.10	185.10
Church Repair	150.36	115.00
2 nd Collection – 7 th & 8 th Jan	Church Repair	

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE REPOSITORY

The 2018 parish calendar is available for £5 and the Southwark Directory is £3 in the repository.

MASS DATES/TIMES	Reader #1	Reader #2
Sat 6 th at 6.00 pm	Teresa Tagg	Bernard Bastien
Sun 7 th at 8.30 am	Paul Spong	Hector Taguiang
Sun 7 th at 10.30 am	Nma Ofili	Carriss Williams
Sat 13 th at 6.00 pm	Albert Olaloye	Okechucks Offiah
Sun 14 th at 8.30 am	Dennis Simmonds	Bernard Bastien
Sun 14 th at 10.30 am	CJ Peter Etoukwu	Chinwe Nwobodo

FUNERAL MASS FOR MARY ELLEN CASEY

A funeral mass will be conducted for Mary Ellen Casey on Friday, 19 January at 11.45am. All are welcome to attend.

DAY FOR READERS

On Saturday, 27th January at 9.30-12.30pm, there will be a short day of reflection on the Ministry of Reader at Our Lady of Lourdes, Lee Burnt Ash Hill, SE12 0AE.

Timetable is as follows:

9.30 - 10.15	Welcome by Father Emeka Nnaji with Mass in the Church
10.15 - 10.35	Refreshments, Parish Hall.
10.35 - 10.50	Quiz
10.50 - 11.50	Speaker followed by discussion
11.50 - 12.10	What makes an effective reader at Mass - Father Tom Creagh-Fuller.
12.10 - 12.30	Questions and Closing Liturgy.

This workshop is for all readers and those thinking about being a reader. Practical advice and suggestions as well as personal spiritual support and encouragement. If you wish to attend please contact Forest Hill Parish Office 020 8690 4549.

MASS DATES/TIMES	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat 6 th at 6.00 pm	Susan Longhurst	Marian Andoh
Sun 7 th at 8.30 am	Alex Washington	Tyrone Taguiang
Sun 7 th at 10.30 am	Vincenza Della Camera	Teresa Tagg
Sat 13 th at 6.00 pm	Augustina Okonji	Glenda Mulla
Sun 14 th at 8.30 am	Marilyn Assibi	Guillaume Noirtin
Sun 14 th at 10.30 am	Blessing Amiame	Prudencia Ebirilem

TEAM DATES/TIMES	CLEANING OF THE CHURCH
G—11 th Jan Thurs PM	Titi Haastrup, Bridget Fundi, Gbemi Okolo, Folake Ogundele, Lumi Henshaw
A—20 th Jan Sat AM	Matilda Assibi, Alison Olisa, Blurette Soupe, Patricia Okolo, Albert Onyumbé

MESSAGE FROM FATHER SAM

Thank you for your gifts and support and wishing you the best in the coming year. Fr Emmanuel Ahua, CSSP, will be looking after the parish while Fr Sam is away on holiday. May you all have a happy and blessed New Year!

DATES/TIMES	CHURCH MEETINGS AND CLASSES
Mon to Fri at 3-3.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayer and Adoration
Sunday at 10.30am	Children's Liturgy
1 st Fri 10am-3.30pm	First Friday Adoration
2 nd Thurs at 7pm	Infant Baptism Classes
2 nd & 4 th Sat at 1-2pm	Youth Meeting
2 nd & 4 th Sat at 2.10pm	Altar Servers Meeting
1 st & 4 th Thurs at 7pm	RCIA Programme
Last Sun at 5.30pm	Rosary and Benediction
Every last Sunday after 10.30 mass	Union of Catholic Mothers Monthly Meeting

REFLECTION

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the "Time of Manifestation", or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation" remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.