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2 JANUARY 2022:
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 71 (72): 1-2, 7-8, 10-13
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 2 January	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (p. 123 – Year C) Retiring Collection: Justice & Peace Scotland	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 3 January	The Most Holy Name of Jesus Mass Intention: Archie Macdonald, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 4 January	Tuesday after Epiphany Sunday Mass Intention: Anne Laverty, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 5 January	Wednesday after Epiphany Sunday Mass Intention: Katie Mackinnon, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 6 January	Thursday after Epiphany Sunday	NO LITURGIES	---
Friday 7 January	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest	NO LITURGIES	---
Saturday 8 January	St. Nathalan, Bishop Mass Intention: 'Private Intention'	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 9 January	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (p. 138 – Year C) Retiring Collection: Mary's Meals	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

The Epiphany of the Lord: A King to Behold

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendid lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today’s Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth” (see Micah 5:1–3).

Those promises of Israel’s king ruling the nations resound also in today’s Psalm. The psalm celebrates David’s son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world’s kings will pay him homage. That’s the scene too in today’s First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel’s king.

The Magi’s pilgrimage in today’s Gospel marks the fulfilment of God’s promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17). Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth” (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6; 4:6, 14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are “coheirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today’s Second Reading teaches. His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God’s words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page? (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Epiphany of the Lord (p. 123)

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A sincere 'thank you' from Fr. Domenico for the kind wishes, Christmas cards, and gifts that he received. They were very much appreciated. Be assured of his earnest prayers and blessings for you and your families in 2022.

Many thanks also to everyone who helped to make our Christmas liturgies so special. From our altar servers to our readers, from our cleaners to our musicians, from our flower arrangers to our Crib and Christmas Tree assemblers, and so many more!!

Happy Anniversary! – On 7 January 1978, Father Duncan Stone, RIP, celebrated the first Mass to take place in Culloden since 1746! The Mass was celebrated in Duncan Forbes Primary School, and was attended by 9 members of our community.

Today's Retiring Collection is for Justice and Peace Scotland. The National Commission for Justice and Peace advises the Scottish Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church in matters relating to social justice, international peace and human rights, and promotes action in these areas. For further information, see the J&P website: www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk.

Next week's Retiring Collection is for Mary's Meals, **it will sent, together with the Christmas Crib donations, on Monday 9 January**; any additional donations should be handed in BEFORE this date, please. Every £1 donated before 31 January will be doubled, as part of the 'Double the Love' campaign. This means that even more hungry children can be given a nutritious school meal – including those affected by natural disasters, conflict, and the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy: The Epiphany – once again, Ewen has taken a lot of time and effort to produce a terrific resource for our younger parishioners! Please do help yourselves to a liturgy pack in the entrance foyer for your children or grandchildren: it contains information on the magi themselves, on the symbolism of the gifts that they bring to the infant Jesus, and has suggestions for spiritual gifts and resolutions. There is also a word puzzle, and images to colour. Very many thanks, Ewen!!

90 Club December Draw Winners – First Prize: Ian MacDonald; Second Prize: Dorothy Macdonald; Third Prize: Ellen Williams. The next draw will take place on Sunday 30 January. Please note that there are envelopes on the table in the entrance foyer for your 2022 contributions. Good Luck to you all!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Charlie Grant

Anniversaries: Archie Macdonald, Ewen Macdonald, Patricia O'Riordan, Ishbel McGillivray MacGregor, Allan Jamieson, Anne Lafferty, Katie Mackinnon, Father Gerald Fitzgibbon, Father Ronnie Walls, Christopher Kelman, Mary McGlade, Donald Barry, John MacDonald, Raymond Horne