

THE ORATORY

Sunday 6th January 2019

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



SACRED HEART

Sunday Readings: Year C.

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SUNDAY MASSES and SERVICES

5pm Sat. International Vigil Mass *
8am Quiet Mass
10.30am Solemn Mass
12.30pm Mass in Polish
4pm Evening Mass
6pm Benediction

*1st/5th Saturdays in English, 2nd Sat. Portuguese
3rd Filipino/English, 4th Portuguese/English

CONFESSIONS at the ORATORY

Daily, 20 minutes before each Mass.
Saturdays 11am - 12 noon, & 4pm - 5pm.
Wednesdays 11am - 12 noon.
Also 1st Wednesdays 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES & Devotions

Mon. 7th: Masses: 7.30am & 12.15pm.
Feria, or St Raymond of Penafort
Blessing with St Philip's Relic after both Masses.

Tuesday 8th: Mass at 12.15pm (only).
Christmastide Feria

Wed. 9th: Masses: 7.30am & 12.15pm.
Christmastide Feria
8am - 12noon Eucharistic Adoration.
11am - 12noon Confessions.

Thursday 10th: Mass at 12.15pm (only).
Christmastide Feria

Friday 11th: Masses: 7.30am & 12.15pm.
Christmastide Feria
Sacred Heart devotions after 12.15pm Mass.

Saturday 12th: Mass at 12.15pm.
Christmas Feria, or St Aelred, Abbot
11am-12 Eucharistic Adoration & Confession.
Devotions to Our Lady after 12.15pm Mass.

Rosary: Daily, after the 12.15pm Mass.

Mass Intentions are listed on page 2 of the Monthly Newsletter, displayed and available at the back of the church, and on our website.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED NEW YEAR! The Fathers and Brothers of the Oratory, and Deacon Roger, thank you for your Christmas Offerings, your cards, gifts and many kindnesses, which are greatly appreciated. We pray for God's Blessing on your homes and families during this Christmastide and throughout the New Year.

Thank you, also, to those who prepared the Crib, and trees, cleaned the Church, arranged flowers and decorations for the Christmas Season.



THE CHRISTMAS CRIB had the Shepherds until today, when the Magi (Wise Men) arrive from the East. You'll have noticed them moving across the East End of the Church during the past fortnight. The Gospels indicate their arrival much later than the Shepherds, and St Matthew says that "they entered the house".

We continue to visit the Crib during the traditional Christmastide, until the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple on 2nd February, 40 days after His Birth. While the Christmas decorations might be dismantled, Catholics keep our Cribbs (like all the churches in Rome and most places around the world) through these 40 days, as a focus for our prayer and, perhaps, a talking point for visitors!

St Philip's maxim(14th January): "The name of Jesus, pronounced with reverence and affection, has power to soften the heart."

OUR CATHOLIC SHOP has plenty of Christian 'Thank You' cards for those writing to someone after receiving a thoughtful Christmas gift. 2019 Sunday Missals are available at a very reasonable cost, and the last few Catholic Diaries and calendars are reduced to just £1.

CARD CLEARANCE SALE next Sunday, 13 January, in the Main Hall after the 10.30 am Solemn Mass. At only 50p a card or 3 for £1, there are some bargains to be had. Cards include: Mass Intentions, Baby Congratulations, Baptism, Birthday, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Sympathy, Wedding Anniversary, Mothering Sunday plus many more. Stock up now for events during this New Year.

We wish all our Customers a happy and peaceful New Year and look forward to welcoming you in the Shop in 2019.

The Shop is open every Sunday after the 10.30am Solemn Mass, and on weekdays during 9am - 12 noon Parish Office hours, via Post Office Rd.

The Parish & University Catholic Chaplaincy are served by the Fathers & Brothers of the Oratorian Community of St Philip Neri. Fr Dominic Jacob (Moderator), Fr Peter Edwards (Parish Priest), Br Andrew Wagstaff, Br Francisco Hintikka.

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in this centre gap.

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THE NEW COMMUNION RAILS: Please come to the rail **as soon as the bell rings**. Don't wait until the Celebrant moves.

This gives time for you to settle and pray in stillness. The second row of Communicants can then also stand along the length of the front pew, ready to replace the first, as soon as they move away. Don't leave gaps: there's space for a dozen people along each rail.

This beautiful and practical addition to our church has delighted parishioners and visitors, who've made many favourable comments.

A special 'thank you' to all those who donated specifically to this project, and to the forthcoming improvements to the Sanctuary.

The choice of whether to receive Holy Communion kneeling or standing (as stated in recent homilies and bulletins) is entirely that of the individual communicant.

The Communion Rails are the work of local craftsman, Richard Burchell of Burchmore Joinery at Ferndown, who was very pleased to be asked to do some traditional work. They are made of Canadian pine, to a most pleasing design of our architect, Columba Cook, to appear as if part of the original furnishing, match existing woodwork, and harmonise with the window tracery and other aspects of our church. They have been introduced because a number of people wished to receive communion kneeling, and the two prie-dieux in use up until now, were neither comfortable nor safe. These new kneelers, however, are heavy, secure and comfortable to use. Do try them!

SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS follow in the next week or so to obviate trip hazards, health and safety issues, and improve the liturgical space. There'll be one slightly disrupted Sunday, and weekday Masses will shift to the Lady Chapel for a few days. The plans (displayed at the back of church during last year) were recommended & approved by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

REDEVELOPMENT PHASE 1: Work begins in the Oratory House at the end of this month (all the asbestos having been removed just before Christmas), for a period of 20 weeks, so we hope to be back in our House in July - by which time we'll have been more out of it than in, since our arrival on 31st May 2017. Pray for our architects and contractors, and the fund-raising appeal. Our Redevelopment Advisory Group (RAG) is designing the awareness-raising and fund-raising brochure during January.

They saw the Child and, falling to their knees, they did Him homage.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 6pm Bell ringing practice.
7.30 Choir practice for Solemn Mass.

Tuesday 7pm Bible Study.

Wednesday 7.30 RCIA Converts.

Friday 6pm Brothers (Little Oratory)

NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday 13th:
Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord.

Thursday 17th: 3pm SVP meets in
2nd Sacristy (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

7.45pm Catholic Men's Fraternity
(3rd Thursdays of each month) in the
'Newman Room' (ie. Hall stage area)

Friday 18th: Start of the Octave of
Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25th)

Sunday week, 20th:
Universal Day of Prayer for Peace.

Fr Brian Copus has kindly offered to supply some Masses (as he did in Fr Bruce's time), for when one of the Fathers is away. We are most grateful to him for this help and welcome him to the altar.

Thank you for last week's Collections:

Gift Aid Standing Orders	873.83
Gift Aid Weekly Envelopes	483.50
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	69.76
Visitor yellow envelopes	70.00
Loose Cash	682.90
Daily Mass Collections	190.81
TOTAL	£2,370.80
Christmas Flowers	346.86
Crib Offerings (to date)	242.24

The Oratory Church is open daily: Weekdays 6.30am to 6.30pm. 1st Wednesdays until 9pm. Weekends from 7.30am.

Mass Intentions are listed on page 2 of the Monthly Newsletter, which is displayed on the noticeboard. Please help yourself (at the back of church) to a copy of the Newsletter, which is also available on our website.

To have a Mass offered for your intention, please take a Mass Intention envelope from the back of the church, and return it via the Sunday collection, or Parish Office letterbox. Help yourself to a grey explanatory leaflet.

Shrine Lamps: For a Shrine Lamp to burn for your intention (£10 for 7days) contact the Parish Office.