

A reading from the Book of Sirach**24:1-2,8-12**

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity, I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.'

The Word of the Lord.**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 147:12-13.14-15,19-20****The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!
O Sion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
He has blessed your children within you.

He established peace on your borders;
He gives you your fill of finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth,
and swiftly runs his command.

He reveals his word to Jacob;
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his judgements.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians**1:3-6,15-18**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love, he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

The Word of the Lord.**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations.
Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia.**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John****1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt upon us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me."'

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**CONFIRMATIONS 2026**

If anyone wishes to be Confirmed in 2026 please see Fr Stephen as soon as possible. Thank you

		2nd Sunday after Christmas A 26	
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Relatives & Friends of the Hoult/McNicholas Family RIP	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Gisela Herrera In Memoriam (HS)	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Thanksgiving Mass (BT)	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Norah Hoult	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Dickie Denton & Mary Ann Bailey	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Max	Bl Sac
		Masses for THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	(Solemnity)
<u>Monday Vigil</u>	6.00 pm	Special Intention	St MM
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30 am	Parishioners & Families of the Parishes	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 am	John Williamson RIP	St MM
<u>Friday</u>	9.30 am	Rachel Bullock	Bl Sac

The Baptism of the Lord A 26

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	70 TH ANNIVERSARY CARMELITES SRS, THICKETT PRIORY (T & J Mc)	ST M M
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	GISELA HERREROI REMEMBRANCE	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	REMEMBRANCE BRITTAN & LOZINSKI FAMILIES	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	JOAN JONES	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	LUCY GABRIELLE & CHRIS KELLY	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	PAM	BL SAC

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 St MM Env £250.00 Loose Money £94.10 Christmas Raffle £211.70
 Bl Sac Env £206.00 Loose Money £70.42 Raffle £33.00

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The Second Sunday after Christmas A 26

*May our Lord Jesus Christ
 fill our hearts and every home
 with peace and love!
 Wishing a Merry Christmas Season
 and a
 happy and healthy New Year
 to you and all your families.*

*God bless
 Fr Stephen*

