



# St Mary's Catholic Church

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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

(JANUARY 5, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.**

Response to the Psalm: **All nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: **We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am – 10am and 5pm - 5.30pm

### THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – People of St Marys Parish
	08.00am	Mass – Philip Joao + Rozanne (Thanksgiving)
	09.30am	Mass – Peter Vas (Anniversary)
	11.00am	Mass - Jamie Donnelly (Anniversary)
<b>MONDAY</b>	09.00am	Mass - Valliton Fernandes (RIP) Peter Vas (RIP)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	09.00am	Mass – Joe McGrory (RIP) Tracie McGrory (Anniversary) Clara Goes (Intention) Sam Dias (Intention) Stanley Da Costa & Sonia Rodrigues (Intention)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	09.00am	Mass – Paul & Doris Joao (Intention) Agnes Borges (Intention) Aaron Borges (Intention)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	09.00am	Mass - Rocco & Catenina Granata (RIP)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	09.00am	Mass - Simon Gracias & Myra Fernandes (Thanksgiving) Joanna Cunha (Intention) Jose Gracias (RIP)

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JANUARY 12, 2025)

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Vallary D'Souza & Catrin Cruz (Intention)
	08.00am	Mass – Francisco Gracias (RIP) Caitano Gracias (RIP)
	09.30am	Mass – Agnelo Fernandes (RIP)
	11.00am	Mass - People of the Parish

**Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all those who are sick especially: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Emmanuella Ruck, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Martin Connolly, Colin Sobers, Nicola Campbell

**MASS ON MONDAY:** Mass will be celebrated on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 9am. This is a Mass for one year anniversary of Valliton Fernandes. All are welcome to this Mass.

**THANKS** to all those who decorated the Church, put up the Crib and the tree, prepared the Liturgy, the choir and to all those who turn up regularly to clean the Church.

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks for your very generous Christmas offering and for all your Christmas cards and greetings – Fr Michael.

**MANY THANKS** from Deacons Elias, Terry and Paul who would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy New Year full of God's Blessings, and thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and gifts over the Christmas period.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Catholic Church Callum Cabral who is been baptised here in St Marys this weekend.

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2025:** The enrolment forms for children wishing to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2024 are now available. Children must be in year 3 or above to make their First Communion. Young people must be in Year 10 and above to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The last date for registration is 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**MANY THANKS from Knit & Natterers:** Thank you to all who made donations for knitted items which came to £304.23 Half will go to Future In Our Hands Charity <http://fiohnetwork.org/> Registered Charity Number 1047953

The charity supports sustainable projects for women, children and the environment mainly in India, Cameroon and Sierra Leone. In the light of the recent letter from Bishop Bosco, the other half will be donated to Prospect Hospice in Swindon which gives palliative care to those who are terminally ill.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA:** Fr Francis Colaco of St Peter's is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The cost of this pilgrimage will be £769.00 per person sharing a room. This includes 5 days and 4 nights with half board in a 3\* hotel in Fatima. If you are interested, please contact Eileen Mochan on 07469 940371 ASAP. Alternatively, you can contact All Saints Travel on 01793 881166 or 07703059009. To book online [www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/FM0987](http://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/FM0987) Poster on the notice board.

**PILGRIMAGE WALK** carrying the Pilgrim Cross began as a Catholic student pilgrimage and has evolved into ecumenical endeavour. Which will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from Oxford to Walsingham, 100miles. Those who would like to take part please contact by email: [studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com](mailto:studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com) Poster on the board.

**GIFT AID DONATIONS:** Anyone who wishes to start donating weekly/ monthly either through Gift Aid envelopes or direct debit/ Standing order/ through offertory envelope donations order may ask for a form or speak to Fr. Michael or contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH OFFERTORY:** The offertory collection on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> came to £1257.50 and collection on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> came to £ 994.70 and for two Sundays £1000 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The Parish statue of our Lady of Fatima is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions. For booking contact: **Natasha Vas** on Mobile 07720982226 after 4.30pm until 8pm.

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### **Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany**

*O God, who on this day  
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star,  
grant in your mercy  
that we, who know you already by faith,  
may be brought to behold the beauty of your glory.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.*