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The Birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem:

“Jesus was born at a time that can be precisely determined. Later, at the start of Jesus’ public ministry, Luke once again offers a meticulously detailed chronology of that particular moment in history: the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius. He adds the names of the Roman governor that year, the tetrarchs of Galilee, of Ituraea and Trachonitis and of Abilene, as well as the high priests (cf. Luke 3:1). It was not with the timelessness of myth that Jesus came to be born among us. He [Jesus] belongs to a time that can be precisely dated and a geographical area that is precisely defined: here the universal and the concrete converge.” *Pope Benedict XVI*

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this powerful and unique liturgy of the Church! → →

OLW: Our Lady of Walsingham Church / **SJO:** St John Ogilvie Church

Liturgies this Week

SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY

31st December

Parish Mass Book: Page 105 for OLW / Page 41 for SJO

5:30pm (OLW) VIGIL MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Hugh Murphy, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Bill, Annie, Patsy & William Currie, RIP

8:30am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Sadie Chalmer, RIP (2nd Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: James Brook, RIP

10:00am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Frank Maguire, RIP (Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Catherine Duncan, RIP (Anniv.)

5:00pm (SJO) MASS

Intention: Pro Populo

Monday: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

1ST JANUARY IN THE NEW YEAR OF OUR LORD 2024

8:15am to 9:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:15am to 9:15am Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation)

9:15am Singing of *Veni Creator Spiritus*

9:30am (OLW) MASS with hymns and incense

Parish Mass Book: Page 110

Intention - Priest 1: Amos McDaid, RIP (Birthday)

Intention - Priest 2: Anna Warner, RIP (Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 3: Thanksgiving for the “Thursday Ladies” Group

Tuesday *Memoria: Ss Basil and Gregory*

2nd January

9:30am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Patsy and William Currie, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Cosme Fernades, RIP

Wednesday *Memoria: The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

3rd January

9:30am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Norah O’Leary, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Maureen Sweeney, RIP

Thursday *Feria of Christmastide*

4th January

9:30am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Betty Gerrard, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Fay Reilly and Family, Intention

4:00pm (OLW) Reception into Church of Maureen Davies, RIP

Friday *Feria of Christmastide*

5th January

9:30am (SJO) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Frances McDevitt, RIP (1st Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Frankie Shaw (Intention)

10:00am (SJO) Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation)

12:00pm (OLW) Funeral Mass of Maureen Anne Davies, RIP

Saturday *Feria of Christmastide*

6th January

9:30am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Sadie Bayley, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Agnes Gallagher, RIP

10:00am (OLW) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00am (OLW) Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation)

4:45pm (OLW) Blessing of Epiphany Water: details overleaf

SUNDAY: THE EPIPHANY

7th January

Parish Mass Book: Page 115 or 118 for OLW / Page 48 for SJO

5:30pm (OLW) VIGIL MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Lilly Connachie, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Nora Harrington, RIP (Anniv.)

8:30am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Margaret Diddams (Intention)

Intention - Priest 2: Gilbert Sullivan (Intention)

10:00am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Jim Platt, RIP (Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Maureen Kitson, RIP

5:00pm (SJO) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Shirley Loughlin, RIP (1st Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Eilish and John Mulvenna (Intention)

Details of the ceremonies associated with **The Epiphany** can be found overleaf. **The Epiphany Pro Populo** Mass has been transferred with our apologies to Thursday, 11th January 2024.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Maureen Anne Davies whose Funeral Mass is at OLW Church, on Friday, 5th January AD 2024 at 12:00pm. The Reception of the Body into Church will take place on 4th January at 4:00pm.

Paul Anthony O'Neill whose Funeral is at OLW Church, on Tuesday, 9th January AD 2024 at 11:00am.

Mary Mack whose Funeral is at OLW Church, on Thursday, 18th January at 10:00am. The Reception of the Body into Church will take place on Wednesday, 17th January at 4:30pm.

*May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself;
may angels lead you to Abraham's side.
Receive their souls and present them to God the Most High.*



Bethlehem is in turmoil: it has taken down its historic Christmas decorations in solidarity with the suffering, the ancient bazaars have been called off and all hotel bookings have been cancelled; even the traditional tree lighting ceremony didn't go ahead in Manger Square. The situation for Christians is critical and we face the possibility of them leaving the homeland of our Faith. **Any financial offering made at the Christmas Crib will be given to "Friends of the Holy Land" to support those most in need.**

Bishop David's Christmas video message is still available here - <https://youtu.be/zayN3NZttul?si=BW2HXpMspDnYCqYx>

The **Parish Office** is closed on 1st January AD 2024.

Anyone can still donate a memorial **poinsettia** to decorate our churches. Please do add a label with the name of a departed loved one on and place this in the Our Lady of Walsingham Chapel or add to the crib at SJO. Mass will be offered for this intention.

Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood: Our first 'Priest Calendar' is for sale for £5 at the back of the Church.

New Year's Eve & New Year's Day Indulgence:

To gain the indulgence the following conditions must be met:

1. Reception of Confession and Holy Communion within a brief time (that is, about twenty days).
2. Perform the prescribed good work, offer the: *Te Deum* on New Year's Eve / *Veni Creator Spiritus* on New Year's Day.
3. Pray for the Holy Father's intentions, e.g. 1 x Our Father and 1 x Hail Mary.
4. Be detached from sin, even venial sin.

An indulgence can be applied either to oneself or to departed souls but cannot be applied to other living persons. A "partial" indulgence removes only part of the temporal punishment due for our sins whilst a "plenary" indulgence removes all of it.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God: 1st January 2024

8:15am to 9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:15am to 9:15am	Sacrament of Confession
9:15am	Singing of <i>Veni Creator Spiritus</i>
9:30am	HOLY MASS (with hymns and incense)

Please participate in the above liturgies and encourage others to do the same; then together, before the **Eucharistic Lord**, we can pray for our parishes and ourselves in 2024. · *Free Marian photographs will be available in the Walsingham Chapel on the day.*

When England goes back to Walsingham, Our Lady will come back to England". *Pope Leo XIII, 1897*

Thank you to everyone who made our celebration of the Lord's Birth so very memorable; we especially thank our Altar Servers, musicians, flower arrangers, cleaners, sacristans, etc.

Thank you also to all who fulfilled the recent Holy Days of Obligation, of the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day, in our parishes of Our Lady of Walsingham and St John Ogilvie. As previously announced Holy Mass on Christmas Day was also offered in Telugu by Fr Prasad for our local Indian families.

Thank you! Fr Christopher & Fr Prasad offer their sincere appreciation for the great generosity that was shown to them via the Christmas Day offering and Fr Wayne joins them in offering their earnest gratitude for the many cards, gifts and food items that they received in celebration of Jesus' Nativity.

The blessing of bread, salt and eggs plus the blessing of gold, frankincense and myrrh on the Epiphany is very common in many countries across the world; if you would like the Priest to carry out such blessings please ask after Mass next Sunday!

Blessed chalk will be available after each Epiphany Mass so that we might bless our homes in the New Year of Our Lord 2024. The blessed chalk is taken home and is used to mark the year and the initials of the three Magi (i.e. **20 + C + M + B + 24**) over the main door of our home to remind all who enter and leave through this door that they must be truly ready to leave everything, if necessary, and follow Christ. This is a beautiful act of faith and often draws questions from the visitors to our homes. NB: The blessing prayers will be in the next newsletter.

Blessing of Epiphany Water: 6th January AD 2024

Epiphany Water is considered by many to be the most potent form of Holy Water! Epiphany Water is blessed once a year on the Vigil of the Epiphany and permission must be sought from the Bishop by any Priest who desires to celebrate this powerful and extensive liturgy. The water is mixed with exorcised salt and the exorcism over the water is lengthier than one normally experiences; such Holy Water is especially sought by exorcists. Please consider joining us for this special liturgy on **Saturday, 6th January at 4:45pm** in **OLW**. The newly blessed Epiphany Water will be available to all who participate in this liturgy.

*With our prayers as we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus,
Fr Christopher, Fr Prasad & Fr Wayne*

**The lamp in the Chapel of Our Lady of Walsingham Church burns in prayer for:
Christine and Michael Kane, Intention**



Our Lady of Walsingham and St John Ogilvie: Pray for us this Christmas and throughout the New Year!

*"The Church in the British Isles will only begin to grow when she begins again to venerate her own saints."
St Arsenios of Paros*