



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

EPIPHANY

Epiphany, from the Greek ‘epipháneia’ (ἐπιφάνεια) , meaning ‘manifestation’ speaks of the revelation of Jesus’ divinity.

We celebrate three epiphanies in the life of Christ 1) when the Maji visited, guided by the Star of Bethlehem; 2) The Baptism of the Lord; 3) The first miracle, at Cana. All three manifestations of Jesus’ divinity remind us of our need to worship Jesus as “Lord and God” (Jn. 20:28).

The Star of Bethlehem, which guided the Maji, shows how nature itself moves to witness Jesus’ birth; at the Baptism of The Lord, the heavens are torn apart and the voice of God The Father speaks, declaring Jesus as His Son; the changing of water into wine at Cana is, again, a revelation of how the nature of temporal things are changed, which leads us to know that our nature too - humanity - is called to be changed and configured to Christ by the grace-filled life He offers. The best way to prepare to receive this gift of deification is in worship; which changes us into great saints!

The Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest prayer of worship, where heaven and earth come together, where the angels lie prostrate, and the Saints sing the eternal Sanctus, inviting us to join in the praise of God.

EPIPHANY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 5 th January	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 7pm, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass Mass: EPIPHANY	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
EPIPHANY (Vigil)			
Tuesday 6 th January EPIPHANY (Holy Day of Obligation)	6.55am, SSAO 8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Mass: EPIPHANY Adoration & Rosary Mass: EPIPHANY Mass: EPIPHANY	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 7 th January St. Raymond of Penyafort Priest	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 10.30am, SSAO 1.15pm, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass Funeral Service: Paul Whitehead Funeral Service: Madeleine Mary Everett	
Thursday 8th January	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 9th January	8.30am SSAO, 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	
Saturday 10th January	10am SJ 10.30 SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	
Sunday 11th January Baptism of The Lord	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass Mass	7-9pm, SSAO: AA



NEW YEAR HOUSE BLESSING

For those who would like to have their house blessed at the beginning of this New Year, please use the sign up sheet found in the narthex of each church. I will organise a date and time that is convenient for yourself and your family for me to visit and bless your home. Father Gavin.

“MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH WARMTH IN YOUR HOME, LOVE IN YOUR HEART, PEACE IN YOUR SOUL AND JOY IN YOUR LIFE”

RETIRING COLLECTION

As requested by the Holy Father, this weekend's retiring collection will be for the holy places associated with Our Lord's birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection in the Holy Land.

SYRO MALABAR UPDATE

The Holy Qurbana (Syro Malabar Rite) will be celebrated at Ss. Aidan & Oswald Catholic Church, on Sunday, January 4, at 2:00 PM. Holy Qurbana will continue every First Sunday of the month at the same time. Also, a reminder that Catechism Classes are already underway, having started in September 2025.

For more details:
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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The Sacramental Programme for SSAO - for children to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion - will begin on 11th January. Please register your child by speaking with Fr. Gavin.

Dates (all dates include Mass and 1 hour after Mass in Catechesis)
11th January, 8th February, 8th March, 19th April, 10th May, and **First Holy Communion on 28th JUNE, 3pm**

YOUTH CORNER St. Joan of Arc, a young peasant woman who became a military leader and heroine in France, was martyred at the age of 19. She is known for her courage, deep faith, and being valiant.



PILGRIMAGE

For those attending the Parish Pilgrimage 'In The Footsteps Of Saint Paul' this April, we will meet on THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY, 7PM, ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE to discuss the itinerary.

BAPTISM

For those who would like to have their child baptised in the New Year, please see Fr. Gavin. The next baptism preparation course is 10th January, 11-12noon, at SJ's Parish Centre

"This day He Who Is. is born: and He Who Is becomes what He was not."

St. John Chrysostom

NEW YEAR BLESSING

There is a tradition of blessing one's house at the beginning of each calendar year, using chalk to mark the lintel of the door of your home. Chalk will be blessed during this weekends Masses.

The phrase to write:

20 + C + M + B + 26

The numbers note the year.

The letters represent:

The names of the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

They also represent the Latin blessing "Christus mansionem benedicat" ("May Christ bless this house.")

collect the chalk and the instruction

DONATIONS VIA QR

St Joseph

Ss Aidan & Oswald



CHURCHES TOGETHER

St. Joseph's Parish will host Churches Together in Crompton & Shaw 'Week of Christian Unity'. Please save the dates:

- Sun. 18th: Ecumenical Service, 6pm, SJ
- Each weekday (19-23) a soup lunch will be provided by one of the churches (Thursday is St. Joseph's Day to host lunch).

Pope Leo XVI:

"in our world bearing deep scars of conflict, inequality, environmental degradation, and a growing sense of spiritual disconnection, it is crucial for Christians to continue working and praying together."

ST CARLO ACUTIS

Relics of St. Carlo Acutis will be visiting the Diocese this month. I invite all Altar Servers to join me on pilgrimage to visit the relics.

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY

(Evening; more details to follow - email Fr. Gavin to book your place).



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CHARITY CORNER

MASSSES

Olisaaemeka Odoh, Winifred & Wilfred Tootil, If you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a loved one or yourself, please use the envelopes provided.

'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.' (Jn. 1:1-18)

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If the SVP can be of any support to you, please contact: SJ: 07850 696676 Chris or SSAO: 0 7528 790623 Mike