

**ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSEDALE**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**5 JANUARY 2025**

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**MASSES & SERVICES**

**Saturday 4 January (Vigil Mass of Sunday)**

5.15 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Mass (Fr Gerard Dakin)

**Sunday 5 January (Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord)**

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Parishioners)

11.15 Mass (Lisa Cattermole)

4.00 Rosary & Benediction

**Monday 6 January**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (David Bennett)

**Tuesday 7 January (St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest)**

**7.30 pm Mass** (Elizabeth Needham)

**Wednesday 8 January**

**12.45 Requiem Mass of Pamela Foster**

**Thursday 9 January**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Edward Michaels)

**Friday 10 January**

7.30 pm Mass (Teresa Hunt)

**Saturday 11 January**

9.10 Rosary

9.30 Mass (Yolanda Byrne)

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Mass of Thanksgiving for Baptism (In Thanksgiving)

**Next Sunday 12 January (Feast of the Baptism of the Lord C)**

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Philip Fitzpatrick)

11.15 Mass (Parishioners)

*Christmastide ends*

## **SICK LIST**

Sean Armstrong, Joseph Ball, Linda Barry, Mary O'Neill, John Tallon, Nicholas Cavanagh, Eileen Fowler, Chris Doyle, Pat Toner, Keith Garcia, Michael Peter Holmes, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, David Brookfield, Shannon McGrath, Fred Keegan, Kay Smith, Bob Cramsie, Ann & John Davies, Pauline Preston, Pat Threlfall, Stella O'Donnell, Julia Robertson, Pat Craig, Jane Shanley, Eileen Burrows

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS** 22 December £742.23; 29 December £606.65

## **EPIPHANY THOUGHTS**

St Romanos the melodist, who dies in 565 A.D., was a deacon in the Church of Constantinople. He composed several chanted sermons, one of which – called *The Unapproachable Light Has Come* – was inspired by the Feast of the Epiphany. Here is an extract from St Romanos' Epiphany sermon.

*In Galilee of the nations, as the prophet said, a great light has shone – Christ. For the darkened, a shining beam has appeared, blazing out of Bethlehem, or rather out of Mary – the Lord, the sun of justice, has made his rays dawn on the whole inhabited world. Therefore let us all, Adam's naked children, put him on that we may be kept warm; for as a covering for the naked and a light for the darkened you have come, you have appeared, the unapproachable Light.*

## **BAPTISM CLASS**

The first Baptism preparation class of 2025 will take place in the Meeting Room after the 9.30 am Mass this morning.

## **CONDOLENCES**

Of your charity, pray for the soul of **Pamela Foster**, whose Requiem will be celebrated on Wednesday. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

## **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION**

Pope Francis' prayer intention for January 2025 is :

*Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.*

## **JUBILEE INDULGENCE**

A list of events in the Archdiocese throughout the current Jubilee Year has been posted on the church notice board, likewise a list of the Jubilee churches within the Archdiocese. Those who take part in the Jubilee by making a pilgrimage to one of the designated churches, while participating in Mass, Eucharistic Adoration or other spiritual exercises, can receive a **plenary indulgence**. This means that we *can obtain the remission of temporal punishment resulting from sin for themselves and also for the souls in Purgatory* (Catechism no. 1498). As with all indulgences, the Jubilee Indulgence is granted on the usual three conditions of sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions.









