

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPFIELD

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PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS II – THE EPIPHANY (YEAR C)

Sat 4 th Jan		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (David & Margaret Cox RIP)	Nympsfie
Sun 5 th Jan		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Dursley
Mon 6 th Jan	The Wise Men Fr. P's Day Off			
Tue 7 th Jan	Late Christmas Feria	9.30am	Requiem Mass for Cissie	Nympsfie
		11.00am	Funeral Cecilia Whittard	Nympsfie
Wed 8 th Jan	Late Christmas Feria	9.00am	Mass ()	Dursley
Thu 9 th Jan	Late Christmas Feria	10.00am	Mass with Class 1 ()	Nympsfie
Fri 10 th Jan	Late Christmas Feria	6.00pm	Adoration, Rosary & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass ()	Dursley
Sat 11 th Jan	Late Christmas Feria	Noon	Mass ()	Dursley
		3.00-4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley

CHRISTMASS III (Year C) – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sat 11 th Jan		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfie
Sun 12 th Jan		10.30am	Sunday Mass & Holy Baptism	Dursley

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2025 For the right to an education

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, might always be respected.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- The funeral service of Mrs C. R. Whittard will be in St Joseph's at 11.00am on Tuesday 7th January 2025
- Saturday 18th January Pastoral Area Forum in Tuffley at English Martyrs. 11.00 to 1.00pm approx. [Like a Pastoral Council only looser and more informal] Open to all.
- Sunday 19th January Peace Sunday in England and Wales
- Sunday 2nd February – Candlemass – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple – The last outpost of Christmas, being 40 days since we started!

PASTORAL AREA FORUM on Saturday 18th January from 11:00am until approximately 1:00pm (coffee from 10:30am) at English Martyrs, Tuffley (247 Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0NX). There will be a particular focus on the Holy Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' and how we will celebrate this within our Pastoral Area. Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee will be available. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch for the end of the session

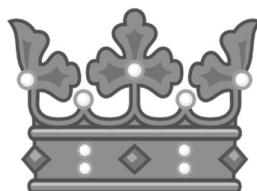
R. C. DIOCESE OF CLIFTON PILGRIMAGE TO ROME IN JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Visit the main Basilicas of Rome with an opportunity to enter through a Holy Door in the Jubilee Year. Spend 5 nights in Palazzola Retreat House, set in the hills south of Rome near to Castel Gandolfo. Explore Rome with Canon Christopher on walking tours; Daytrip to Assisi with a stop at pretty hilltop village of Greccio where St Francis inaugurated the idea of a live crib scene 800 years ago. Contact us here: enquiries@jcjourneys.com www.jcjourneys.com



01886 812862 Dates & Pricing Saturday 27th September - Thursday 2nd October 2025 What's Included 5-nights in Villa Palazzola, overlooking Lake Albano Return Easyjet flights from Bristol to Rome Daily Mass Airport transfers included Coach transfers to and from Rome for 3 days Breakfast and dinner at Palazzola included Day trip to Assisi and Greccio Led by Bishop Bosco MacDonald & Canon Christopher Whitehead £1050 pp Room with ensuite bathroom (limited rooms available) £965 pp Room with shared bathroom.

THE OSMA GROUP - (Parish Ladies) Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th January in St Dominic's Hall from 11:30am to 1.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch, but drinks will be provided. Before going across the Pyrenees to preach to the Albigensians, St Dominic was a canon of Osma Cathedral



MASS PROPERS FOR CHRISTMAS II – THE EPIPHANY (Year C)

THE PROPER VIGIL MASS IN NYMPFIELD @ 5.30pm

Entrance Antiphon Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see Your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

First Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6 *The Prophet speaks of God revealing His glory like shining light, not just Israel, but to all the nations drawing us all to Himself.*

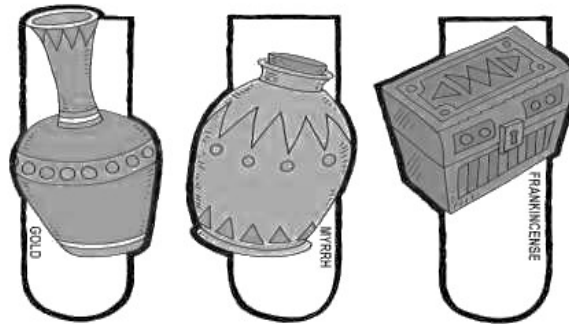
Responsorial Psalm All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before You, O Lord.

Second Reading – Ephesians 3:2-3a & 5-6 *God revealed His mystery to St Paul and now he and we must show it to the world.*

Alleluia Verse We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:1-12 *God reveals His Incarnate Son to the world and not just to Israel, through the Star and the Wise Men.*

Communion Antiphon The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.



THE DAY MASS IN DURSLEY @ 10.30am

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

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Communion Antiphon We have seen His star in the East and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

EPIPHANY - THEOPHANY The last part of Christmas-tide proper is devoted to the new of the entry of God Incarnate into our world. Epiphany means Showing Forth and Theophany Showing of God. They are both names for the same thing. They cover several examples of this showing. The most famous is the Visit of Magi from outside the Roman Empire, strangers turning up following a mysterious wandering star. The theme is continued in the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan, when the voice of the Father reveals that Jesus is His Beloved Son. The Miracle of Water of Cana is also seen in this Epiphany light, showing the guests, both Jew and Gentile, that God is present and at work in our world.

SECOND COMMUNION HYMN & VISIT TO THE CRIB

1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels:

Chorus

*O come, let us adore Him, (3x)
Christ the Lord.*

2 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born that happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Chorus

3 Lo! star led chieftains, Magi, Christ
adoring,
Offer Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child bring our hearts'
oblations.

Chorus

4 Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
We would embrace Thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love Thee,
Loving us so dearly?

Chorus

5 Godhead and Manhood,
Sacrament Most Holy,
Here now we worship Thee,
With faith, hope and love!
God with us always, Promised from all ages.

Chorus



ASSISTED DYING BILL - PUBLIC MEETING WITH SIMON OPHER MP Friday

17th January 7.30pm at Dursley Tabernacle. Simon Opher, MP for Stroud, is willing to discuss with the public the issues around the implementation of the Assisted Dying Bill. Kim Leadbeater's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill passed its second reading on 29th November by a wider than expected margin, 330–275. But this is just the first hurdle the bill will face. The bill has been committed to a public bill committee – a group of MPs, yet to be selected, who will go through the bill line-by-line, scrutinizing each clause and proposing amendments. Simon Opher hopes to be on the Bill Committee. This meeting, chaired by Revd Simon Helme, will give an opportunity to reflect on the Commons vote in November and the challenges faced in implementing the bill with proper safeguards in place.



NEW YEAR - FRESH EFFORT As the pine needles are swept up and the lights come down, schools return and works that closed for the holidays reopen. Parish life also leaves Christmas behind. Green Time starts on the day after the Baptism of the Lord. Ordinary Time means normal activities - Church cleaning, help with Café Dominic, choir, sacristy duties, readers, Gardening Volunteers etc. We appreciate hot coffee, clean floors, wonderful flowers, gorgeous music, all signs of our vitality and faith.

Invigorated by a new year and festive jollifications, gyms are full of new recruits and returners to regular exercise. Parish life is not a gym, but it does need volunteers new and old!!!! "Something must be done!" goes up the cry and it must, but not by somebody else!!!! We must all pull together, or else we shall sink together. Both parishes are great communities. January is the time to prove it!