



St. Bartholomew's Church, Armley

4th. January, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord Parish Mass

10:00am

Celebrant: Fr. Ian Cook

Hymns: 47 48 55 52 50 (t.363) (omit vv.4 & 5)

We pray for the Sick and the Suffering: Craig Craggs

Recently departed:

Year's Mind: Steve Nichols 1976 Jack Clarkson 2008 Joan Hough 2003 Keith Evans 2021
Walter Walmsley 2003 Clifford Gregg 2017 Doris Hussey 1983 Louie Duce 1997
John Watkins 2008 Kenneth Hey 1981 Gladys Barber 2008 Betty Kaye 2017
James Harrison 1991 Derek Davies 2008 Franco McGaw 2016 Barry Robb 2009

Sunday, 4th. January 2026: Epiphany of the Lord Parish Mass 10:00am

**Thursday, 8th. January: Said Mass at 10.00am in the Centenary Chapel, followed
by tea, coffee and chat in church from 10.30am.**

Sunday, 11th. January: The Baptism of the Lord Parish Mass 10:00am

Monday, 12th. January: PCC Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, WE ALL SAY:

Lord, please help at St Bartholomew's church. Guide us and give us wisdom on how to get people into church and, if it is your will that our church status be open, please give the bishops in authority the wisdom to give us a full-time priest so there is someone to help the people of this parish and so that the church can flourish for future generations. Please guide us to keep our church the way you would like it to be run. Thank you for our friends Father Ian and Father Ian and for their ministry here at this troubled time.

Amen

Local lottery winner
27th. December:
Matthew



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COLLECT

O God,
 who by the leading of a star
 manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
 mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
 may at last behold your glory face to face;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 60: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
 and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick
 darkness the peoples;
 but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be
 seen upon you.
 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the
 brightness of your rising.
 Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather
 together,
 they come to you; your sons shall come from afar,
 and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall
 thrill and exult
 because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to
 you,
 the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young
 camels of Midian and Ephah;
 all those from Sheba shall come.
 They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring
 good news, the praises of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 72: 10-15

**R: Give the king your justice, O God,
 and your righteousness to the royal son!**

1. May the kings of Tarshish and of the
 coastlands render him tribute;
 may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
 May all kings fall down before him, all nations
 serve him! **R.**
2. For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor
 and him who has no helper.
 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves
 the lives of the needy.
 From oppression and violence he redeems their
 life,
 and precious is their blood in his sight. **R.**
3. Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to
 him!
 May prayer be made for him continually,
 and blessings invoked for him all the day! **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 3: 2-3a & 5-6

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the
 Ephesians.

Assuming that you have heard of the stewardship
 of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the
 mystery was made known to me by revelation, which
 was not made known to the sons of men in other
 generations as it has now been revealed to his holy

apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is
 that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the
 same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus
 through the gospel.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the
 nations
 and believed in throughout the world.

GOSPEL Matthew 2: 1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the
 days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east
 came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been
 born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it
 rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the
 king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem
 with him; and assembling all the chief priests and
 scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the
 Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of
 Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by
 no means least among the
 rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my
 people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and
 ascertained from them what time the star had
 appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go
 and search diligently for the child, and when you have
 found him, bring me word, that I too may come and
 worship him." After listening to the king, they went on
 their way. And behold, the star that they had seen
 when it rose went before them until it came to rest
 over the place where the child was. When they saw the
 star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going
 into the house, they saw the child with Mary his
 mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then,
 opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold
 and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a
 dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their
 own country by another way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church,
 the hearts of your people joined in praise and
 thanksgiving,
 in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.