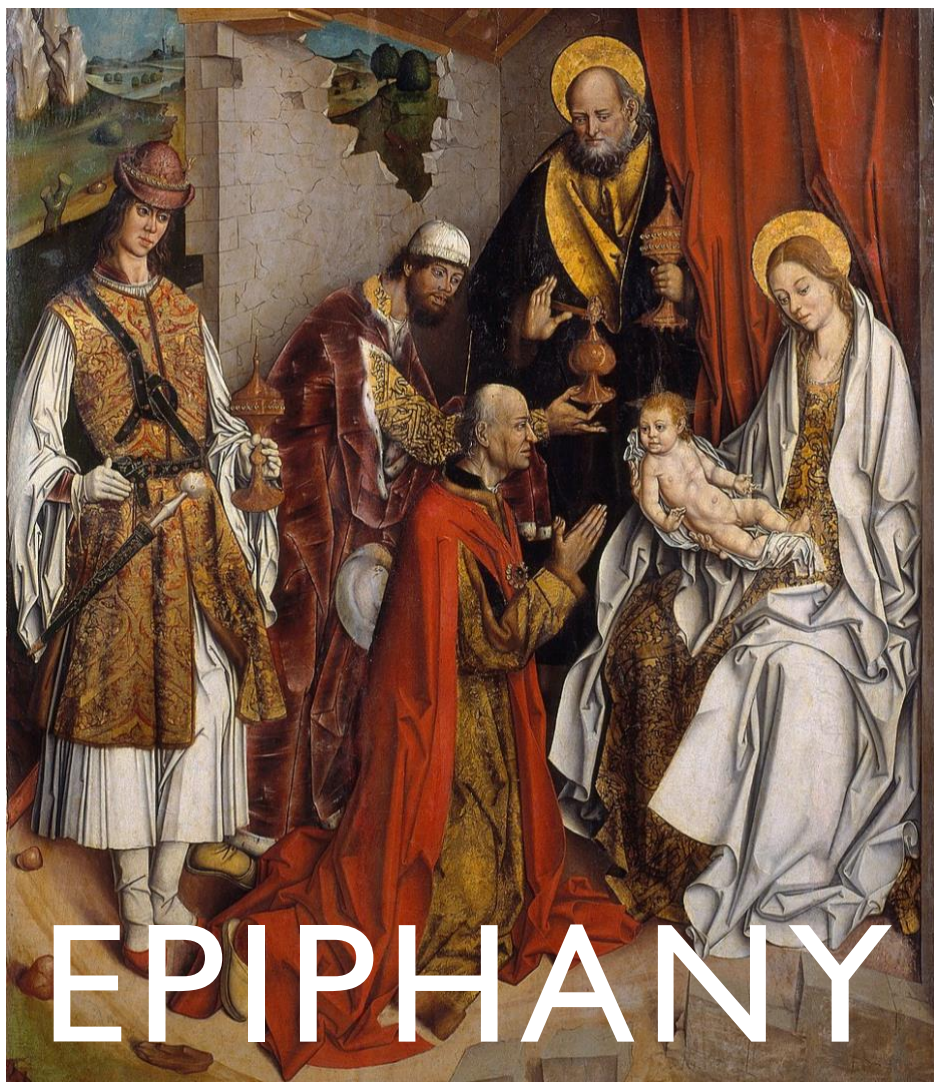


# PARISH NEWS



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HEAVITREE, EXETER  
*4 January 2026. 2nd week in Christmastide. Year A Psalter 2*



# EPIPHANY

# MASS TIMES

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## **Sunday 4 January – 2nd Sunday after The Nativity**

8.45am *Jack and Peggy Webber RIP*

10.45am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm *Bernadette Hartley RIP*

## **Tuesday 6 January – The Epiphany of the Lord**

7.00pm *Olive Morgan RIP*

## **No Mass Wednesday or Thursday**

*Mass at Sacred Heart at 10.00am*

## **Friday 9 January – Weekday of Christmas after Epiphany**

6.30pm *Private Intention*

## **Saturday 10 January – Weekday of Christmas after Epiphany**

6.30pm *Private Intention*

## **Sunday 11 January – The Baptism of the Lord**

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am *Private Intention*

6.00pm *Bernadette Hartley RIP*

## **Christmastide ends**

## **Tuesday 13 January – Weekday**

6.30pm

## **No Mass Wednesday or Thursday**

*Mass at Sacred Heart at 10.00am*

## **Friday 16 January – Weekday**

6.30pm *Private Intention*

## **Saturday 17 January – Weekday**

6.30pm *Private Intention*

## **Sunday 18 January – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.45am

10.45am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

**Confessions** Saturdays after 9.30am Mass or by appointment.

## **Liturgy of the Word for Children**

During term time at 10.45am Mass on Sunday. For children aged 3 – School Year 3.

Please register as you arrive at church.

**Live stream Mass** [Access the parish YouTube page at this link.](#)

# NEWS & EVENTS

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

On Tuesday 6 January we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Jesus Christ is revealed to all peoples. Wise men from the east guided by a star come to worship Christ. In them we see the homage of all the nations to Christ who is for ever the Light of the World. We too can become an epiphany – a revealing – of God if we lead full Christian lives.

Mass will be celebrated for the Epiphany at 7.00pm at Blessed Sacrament. Mass at Sacred Heart will be celebrated at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

## Advent Tree of Kindness

Thank you for your tremendous generosity to Exeter Foodbank this Christmas. It was a great effort and will have made a difference to so many people. Parish

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Christmas a wonderful celebration in our parish; to all who participated and ministered in the liturgies; those who decorated the church; those who helped in any way. Thank you.

Fr Jonathan and Fr Emmanuel would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity this Christmas. They received many cards and greetings as well as presents and they are very grateful.

Fr Emmanuel has travelled home to Nigeria to see family and friends and also to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Fr Anthony Onuoha, priest in charge of St Joseph's Newton Abbot. We wish Fr Emmanuel a very happy stay at home. He will return at the beginning of February.

## Forming in Faith

The Forming in Faith meetings will resume on Monday 5 January and continue on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month in Sacred Heart Lower Room. This informal group meets to learn about the Church and our faith. All welcome.

## GIFT

The next GIFT is on Saturday 10 January. We look forward to welcoming you then.

## GIFT tots

GIFT tots reconvenes on 12 January. GIFT tots is a family-friendly faith group open to all families with children between the ages of 0-4 years-old. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month, 10:15-11:15, in the Sacred Heart Lower Room. Get in touch with Maria to join us: [Exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk)

## GIFT Youth Socials

School Years 7-9. Join us on Friday 9 January for our first social of the year at St Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament Church.

## GIFT Youth Caritas

School Years 10-13. Our first meeting of 2026 will be on Friday 2 January from 19:30-21:30 in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Come along to choose a focus for the new term.

## Diocesan Youth Events newsletter

To receive the weekly newsletter [follow this link](#).

## We commend to the Lord...

...the soul of Bernadette Hartley who has died. Her funeral will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church on Friday 23 January (time to be arranged). May she rest in peace and may her family and friends find comfort and consolation.

## St Nicholas School News

To find out more about your child joining St Nicholas contact [admissions@stnics.uk](mailto:admissions@stnics.uk). Children entering Reception Class in 2026 need to apply to Devon County Council by the 15th January and also complete a supplementary form (obtainable from the school and to be submitted to the school) if you are applying under faith based criteria. If you have any questions please contact the school using the email above.

## THE WORD

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### Sunday 4 January – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

**First Reading** Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12. *The wisdom of God has dwelt in the chosen people.*

**Psalm Response** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18.

*He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus.*

**Gospel** John 1:1-5, 9-14. *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us*

### Sunday 11 January – The Baptism of the Lord

**First Reading** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7. *Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.*

**Psalm Response** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Second Reading** Acts 10:34-38. *God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.*

**Gospel** Matthew 3:13-17.

*When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.*