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## Feast of the Epiphany



**5th January 2025**



Click on the moneybox to make a  
 secure online donation to the parish!

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### A Nautical Reflection for the New Year, 2025

At the beginning of a new year we might be well-advised to check our life-compass! Where am I situated on my personal life-voyage, and in what direction am I sailing? Maybe, we have our engines fired up and we are ploughing a straight and determined course towards our chosen destination! Or, otherwise, like untethered boats on the sea, we might be at the mercy of the unpredictable tides of life, as changing situations pull us first in one direction, and then in another. Both these images suggest that human willpower, or lack of willpower, are the determining factors by which the course of our lives are governed.

How about introducing a faith-perspective into this seafaring scenario? A lifeboat pulls alongside, warning us of the dangers of the tides, or advising us that the direction in which we are sailing is leading us towards danger! We are invited to hook up to the life boat which will take us to safety!

We would no longer be adrift on the swirling currents of life, and we would no longer be determining our own way forward, but now depending on a higher wisdom and a deeper power. The choice presented in this picture is quite clear, and the sensible choice quite obvious!

However, we must take into account our fearfulness of handing over our destiny to the will of another, which can lead us to an obstinate refusal to be saved! As we sail into 2025, we are all sailing into the unknown; Jesus draws alongside and asks us to entrust ourselves to his loving support and guidance! He will accompany us to the port that he knows is best for us!

Wishing you every blessing for a happy and holy New year.  
 Fr Gerard



**THE WEEKLY POUND DRAW IN 2024  
 RAISED FOR THE PARISH AN AMAZING  
 £5,603**



So ends another year of the POUND DRAW. A very big thank you to all ten-week members and those who join in weekly. It is always easier to do these things when you get such a good response and what a wonderful response we have had this year!

**The Draw paid out £2,420 in prizes!**

Thanks so much for your continued support, and we hope for a similar result in this new year!  
 From the 'Last of the Summer Wine Team' - *Ian, Wilf, Jack and Antonio.*

**POUND DRAW £10.00 WINNERS, this week:**

Selina Blacklaw, Antonio Parente, Stephen Fiorentini and Sarah Ellison. £85 towards Parish funds.

*Regards, Ian*

## Mass Schedule for Week beginning Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 6th Jan	Tuesday 7th Jan	Wednesday 8th Jan	Thursday 9th Jan	Friday 10th Jan	Saturday 11th Jan	SUNDAY 12th Jan
NO MASS	<b>MASS C.C. 10.00am</b>	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	<b>MASS &amp; Exposition C.C. 10.00am</b>	REQUIEM MASS H.S. 9.30am	NO MASS	<b>C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am</b>

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This Sunday:</b> 5th January	Jeremiah	Zechariah
<b>Next Sunday:</b> 12th January	Luke	Dawid

**Children's Church: C.C. - Barbara H & Mary M    H.S. - Sarah K & Suzanne K**

### DIED RECENTLY

The Requiem Mass for **Paddy Kelly** will take place at Holy Saviour's church on Friday 10th January at 9.30am. We remember him and all his family in our prayers.

The Requiem Mass for **Esme Thornton** will take place at Christ Church on Wednesday 15th January at 12.15pm We keep Lucina and all the family in our prayers at this time.

### Eucharistic Ministry (C.C & H.S.) Week 1

Francis Ryan	Sarah Kelly
Ewa Zycinska	Joanne Thompson
Khuram Javed	Sheila Cooper
Siobhan James	Venus Ghulam
Margaret Morgan	Dawid Zycinski

### CHURCH COLLECTION

29th December: £273.70  
Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w  
Many thanks!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Michael Gibbons, 9th anniv, 5th Jan.  
Mary Gibbons, 12th anniv, 5th Jan.  
Jeffrey Bate, 4th anniv, 7th Jan.  
Mildred & George Hodson, RIP.  
Holden Family (Anna, Kenneth, Vincent)  
De Vylder Family  
Christine Hill  
Marie Fee, died recently

### Toddlers' Club, Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am

Only 50p per child including drink and snack. All ages from babies to preschool children with parents/carers, all welcome. The Toddlers Club reopens on Wednesday 8th January.

### FOOD BANK Volunteers needed!

The Foodbank, based in Christ Church, provides a much needed service to those in the area who need extra support. If you would like to help out for two hours on a rota basis then please contact Andy Parker on 07968050390 for information.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Jan 3rd    Brian John Gorton (2013)  
Jan 5th    Mary Gibbons (2013)  
              Michael Gibbons (2016)  
Jan 6th    W M Spencer (2003)  
Jan 7th    Mary A Jennings (2002)  
Jan 8th    Gerald C Kelly (2002)  
Jan 9th    Anne Halstead (2005)  
              Harry Rawstron (2014)  
Jan 10th    Rev Thomas Baron (1972)



### Young People's Retreat Weekend

From Friday 31st Jan, to Sunday 2nd Feb the Parish is offering a residential retreat weekend for young people of high school age and above. The retreat will take place at the Lancaster Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre in the Lake District and will be paid for by the Parish. The link to the video will give something of a taste of the Castlerigg experience: [Castlerigg Video](#) See Fr Gerard or Monica for further details and registration forms.

