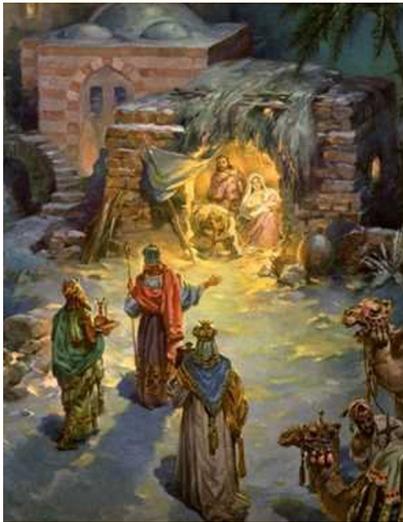


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In western Christian tradition, January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany. It goes by other names in various church traditions. In Hispanic and Latin culture, as well as some places in Europe, it is known as Three Kings' Day (Span: el Dia de los Tres Reyes, la Fiesta de Reyes, or el Dia de los Reyes Magos; Dutch: Driekoningendag). Because of differences in church calendars, mainly between the Eastern Orthodox and the western Catholic and Protestant traditions, both Christmas and Epiphany have been observed at different times in the past. Today, most of the Eastern Orthodox traditions follow the western church calendar. The exceptions are some Greek Orthodox Churches and related traditions (for example, Russian and Serbian Orthodox) that still follow the older calendar and celebrate Epiphany as the Theophany on January 19th.

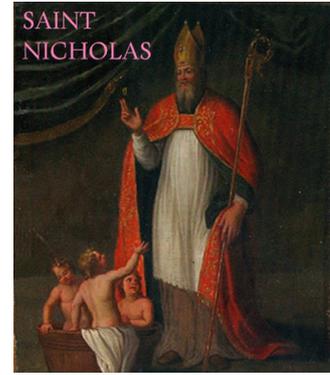
Welcome to our Church today, after the Parish Mass refreshments will be served at the back of Church. Please join us and make yourself known to one of the clergy.

This ancient church has been a place of Christian worship of Almighty God for well over 1,000 years; as we enter the third millennium of our salvation it is salutary to remember that Christians have gather here on this spot since the first millennium.

If you would like to pray, the Lady Chapel is set aside as a place of quiet, where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved or you might like to light a candle at one of the many shrines around church.

THE PARISH AND ANCIENT CHURCH OF SAINT NICHOLAS, PLUMSTEAD

WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION TODAY



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A Forward in Faith parish under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Fulham, during the vacancy in See The Right Reverend Peter Wheatley, we are a Eucharistic community who is worshipping in the present, upon the Apostolic Truths of the past, in the hope of finding our future salvation in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

The Mass is offered daily

Sunday	8:00am
	11:00am
Monday	8:00pm
Tuesday	7:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am
Thursday	7:00pm
Friday	12:00pm
Saturday	10:00am



Exposition of the BLESSED SACRAMENT or ADORATION half an hour before Mass every day except Sunday.

The ROSARY of the Blessed Virgin Mary is said after Mass on Friday and Saturday

Confessions:

Monday 7:30-8:00pm. Tuesday 7:00-7:30pm, Thursday 6:30-7:00pm, or by appointment.

Please turn off



all mobile 'phones

PLEASE LET FR. ANDREW KNOW OF ILLNESS OR OTHER NEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME

The word of the Lord

Matthew 2. 1-12

The story of the Magi is so often heard in Christmas services that we may overlook the importance of the Epiphany as a great feast of the Church in its own right, beginning a season of commemorations of the gradual revealing of Christ in his Incarnation. What the Gospel brings to all is the understanding that the newborn Saviour was hidden from the mighty ones who would have destroyed him and revealed to those who came in faith, not knowing exactly whom they sought but following a light that could not be ignored.

Adoration proves itself in giving, whether the precious treasures of a distant land or the giving of a little money, a little time, a little word that acknowledges the Christ Child in one of his own children. The star stood still at the end of their journey but it still beckons to the believers of many races who have come after them. It is a time for each one to have an epiphany, a new realisation of God's love to confirm and strengthen faith.

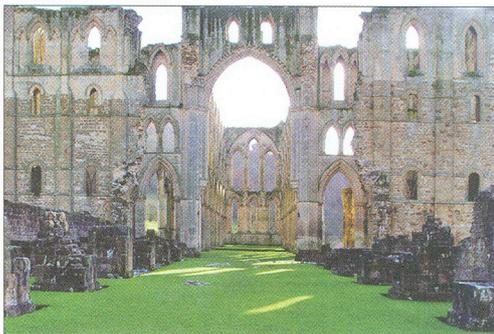
Saint of the Week

Saint Aelred of Rievaulx

12th January

St Aelred was born at Hexham, and at an early age met David, St. Margaret's youngest son, shortly afterwards King of Scotland. King David promoted him in his household, and wished to make him bishop, but Aelred decided to become a Cistercian monk, in the recently founded abbey of Rievaulx, Yorkshire.

Soon he was appointed master of novices, and in 1146 he was elected Abbot. He was superior of a community of 300 monks, and head of all the Cistercian abbots in England.



He was present in Westminster Abbey, at the translation of St. Edward the Confessor, in 1163, and wrote a life of the saintly king and preached a homily in his praise. In 1167 Aelred undertook a mission to the barbarous Pictish tribes of Galloway, where their chief was so moved by Aelred that he became a monk. He died on the 12th January, 1167, and was canonised in 1191.

St Aelred left a considerable collection of sermons, the remarkable eloquence of which has earned for him the title of the English St Bernard.

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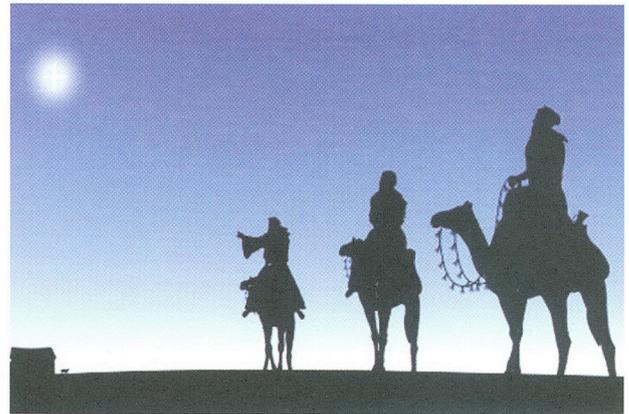
Forward!

Welcome to our celebration today

Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Epiphany

"They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord" (Isaiah 60:6).



In the Western Church the Epiphany marks the arrival of the Gentile wise men from the East to worship the infant Jesus, bringing with them the familiar gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Their arrival is a sign that Christ has come to bring Salvation to both Jews and Gentiles. On this Solemnity Western liturgical practice includes the blessing of chalk to mark our homes and also the solemn proclamation of the dates for the coming liturgical year. In the Eastern Church the Epiphany also commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the miracle of turning water into wine which, along with the arrival of the wise men, demonstrates the fullness of Christ's revelation of himself as the Messiah.

The Epiphany is thus a time to rejoice in God's revelation, not only to a chosen people, but to the whole world.

The Collect for Epiphany

O God
Who on this day
through the guidance of a star
didst manifest
Thine Only-Begotten Son to the Gentiles;
mercifully grant
that we who know Thee now by faith,
may one day be brought
to the contemplation of the beauty of Thy majesty.
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WORD OF GOD

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

(Isaiah 60: 1-2)

**WORD FOR TODAY**

Today we are called on not just to remember the first Epiphany. We're invited to be epiphanies or models of God's presence in our world today. What sort of light does our star shine around us and can people look at us and glimpse something of God?

**WORDS FOR WORSHIP**

Lord Jesus, you are the daystar that brings light to our darkness: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the wisdom of those who seek to know God: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the glory of God made visible: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

By his coming among us, may almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

S. NICHOLAS CHURCH**FLOODLIGHT: LIGHT THE CHURCH**

We all realise how important it is to support our Church, more so in these days of rising costs; well here is a good way of supporting it and enjoying it personally.

Floodlight the building by day £2.25 or by the week £14.50, for that personal event: a birth, Baptism, Birthday, an Anniversary, Wedding or Years Mind of a loved one, in doing this you will remember and at the same time help pay the electricity bill. The price is reasonable and shows this building in all its glory after sunset, it does enhance this fine building. Reg holds the diary, to be sure there are no double bookings, it is yours for the day or week.



THE EPIPHANY
THE ANGELUS WILL BE SUNG AT THE
EPIPHANY CRIB

HYMNS

Introit:	NEH	52
Gradual:	NEH	27
Offertory:	NEH	56
Communion:	NEH	31
Post Communion:	NEH	46

PALM CROSSES:

Jessica Roberts in thanksgiving for the life of her Father

THE PASCHAL CANDLE:

Flavia Kisambira in thanksgiving to God for his Greatness and Mercy

THE SEVEN DAY SHRINE LIGHTS
FOR JANUARY

The Blessed Sacrament:

Lilian Osedumme: For her husband and her family

The Sanctuary:

Lilian Osedumme: For her husband and her family

Our Lady by the Lady Chapel:

Joy & Stephen Jahans: In thanksgiving

Our Lady of Walsingham:

Lilian Osedumme: For her husband and her family

Our Lady of Fatima:

Murray Smallbone: For the repose of the soul of John Beck 30-7-1937 - 8-10-2008

S. Nicholas:

Lilian Osedumme: For her husband and her family

S. Francis:

Betty Stroud

THE SUNDAY SHRINE LIGHTS FOR JANUARY**Our Lady by the Tower:**

Gwen Pearce

The Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Henry Aguh

Our Lady of Sorrows:

Christina Agin: In memory of Jean Barnes

S. Joseph:

Paul Pangrace

Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Valerie Marshall: In thanksgiving for the life of her Dad

FLOODLIGHT:

6th - 12 Leo MCarthy: in thanksgiving for the life of his wife Carol

INTRODUCTION

To the eyes of faith, God’s glory is revealed in the birth of the Christ child. Like the magi, we gather to offer our adoration and praise to our ever-present God.

Today’s Readings

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

The prophet looks to the day when God’s glory is revealed. All nations will come bearing gifts to worship the God of Israel.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

Now that God’s glory has been revealed, the promise of salvation is offered to all peoples.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men come, bearing gifts of great meaning, to worship the infant king of the Jews.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

In the mystery of the incarnation, the Lord has bound himself to the human race for ever. And so it is with great confidence that we bring our prayers to our God.

We pray for the Church: that our worship may be accompanied by a commitment to work for those who live in both physical poverty and spiritual need. Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who suffer under unjust rulers and governments: that all people may come to enjoy the freedom and dignity which is their right. Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who are unable to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God: that they may be guided in their journey by God’s providence. Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who seek wisdom in the fields of science, medicine and technology: that their labours may bring wholeness and life to the human race. Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died: that they may know the salvation promised to all who place their faith in Christ, the Son of God. Lord, hear us.

Loving Father, accept these prayers and the offering of our love. May we always be guided by the light of faith as we journey towards your kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Queen’s Jubilee Year

Almighty God, we pray that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with her consort and the royal family, come at least into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THOSE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Sunday 27th January 2013:

Natalia Ayo Aigbokhai

Easter Day Sunday 31st March 2013:

John Eytlope Macadine

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED

Sunday 7th October 2012:

Emmanuel Oluwatimlehin Adeyinka Adetokunbo

THOSE PREPARING FOR HOLY MATRIMONY

Saturday 24th August 2013 at 4:00pm:

Scott Edward Parker and Maria Betsy Side

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

1st Sunday of March +2 2013

Francis Biggin & Chritine Donna Martin

THE DEPARTED

John Barry Gant Ada Victoria Smith

Carol Wort John Hammond

Peter Guntrip Connie Guntrip

Daniel Spence

Christian Vincent

[Harry] Henry Vincent

YEARS MIND

9th Mary Ward

10th Frances Emily Kate Heard

11th Ernest Mooney

12th Ronald William Buhl

12th Michael Young

The Rota for Reading and Intercessing

Sunday 23rd	E. Crawley	P. Alexander	S. Jahans
Monday 24th Midnight Mass	B. Stroud	G. Agin	B. Scott
Tuesday 25th Christmas Day	D. Martin	R. Martin	Fr Andrew
Sunday 30th	B. Scott	S. Jahans	J. Jahans
JANUARY			
Sunday 6th Feast of Epiphany	D. Stevens	Y. Stevens	R. Martin
Sunday 13th	R. Barzey	J. Jahans	A. Davies
Sunday 20th	T. Agin	T. May	G. Agin
Sunday 27th	S. Obubo	Stephanie O	T. Agin

We are getting quite low on people for intercessions please speak to Fr Andrew if you feel you would like to join this group.

**FOR YOUR DAILY INTERCESSION JANUARY
General Intention:**

That during this "Year of Faith" Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and joyfully bear witness to the gift of faith in Him.

Missionary Intention:

That the Christian communities of the Middle East, which frequently suffer discrimination, may receive the strength of fidelity and perseverance of the Holy Spirit.

BIRTHDAY

6th Zack Alexander
7th Jordan Nzante
10th Victor Barzey

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Barbara Brunt Jack Brunt
Murray Smallbone Russell Sabat
Fr Charles Colin Cresswell
Daphne Langford Andreas Poplopdous
Bhupendra Pattini Sue Yurik
Christina Agin Victor Boyce
Ruby Arthurs David Jahans
Carol Bohurjak Tommy Bohurjak
John David Cook Fr Timothy Raphael
Stanley Lewis Pat Wenham
Hazel Clark Val Marshall
Mogens Hansen Cloe Gibson
Mary Cook Roy Richards
Anita Johnson Beverly Goering Brian Goulding
Doroty Crook Walter Mann
Eve Cocklin Annette Horridge Helen Thorpe
Ruth Kabeba Stephen Katu
Pauline Alexander Eric Buhl
Kirsty Forrester Alf Sewell Raj Kalsi
Terry Hayward Pat Hayward
Molly Wakeman Derek Wakeman
Janet Hole John Hole Kathy Fincham
Bill Baker Iris Agin Shirley Bristow
Jennifer Fairweather Emma Clifford
Sonia Vorell Heidi Farmer
Daphne Carey Brian Joseph
Norman Small Bill Scott
Rosamond Nash Isabel D'Alvarez
Fr Grahame Stephens Elisabeth Wright
Gillian Winchestwe Holness Karen
Jean Beatrice Winchester
Keith Edwards Bryan Firth
Eve Cocklin Alison Abrey

IN THANKSGIVING

Ron Crawley Mike Okeze
James Bampton
Joseph Rusnyk Alison Scott-Holt

If you are celebrating
a BIRTHDAY or ANNIVERSARY
and would like to share it with your Church Family
A £15 DONATION
covers the cost of Sherry
(You may if you wish provide wine of your own choice)
to be enjoyed at the back of church after Mass
Please see Gwen or Christina Agin!

**Sunday Readings: Year C
Psalter Week 2**

JANUARY 2013

#	Day	Weekday	Readings	Mass
6	Su	W	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Sol (CWCL: The Epiphany) DO2 MP:40(127) EP:38(125) Mass pr, Gl, LI 161, Cr, Pref Epiphany, Eucharistic Prayer I pr R1: Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,10-13 R2: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12	
<i>The Epiphany Preface is said daily unless noted otherwise. Ad lib: One of the Prefaces of the Nativity may be used as an alternative.</i>				
7	M	W	FERIA AFTER THE EPIPHANY DO5(2) MP:40(127) EP:38(125) Mass pr, LI 164, Pref Epiphany or Pref Nativity	
<i>or:</i>				
		W	S Raymond of Penyafort Pr, Mem DO4(2) MP:188(324) EP:188(324) Mass from Com of Pastors: for One Pastor, LI 164, Pref Epiphany or Pref Nativity	
8	T	W	FERIA AFTER THE EPIPHANY DO5(2) MP:40(127) EP:38(125) Mass pr, LI 166, Pref Epiphany or Pref Nativity	
9	W	W	FERIA AFTER THE EPIPHANY DO5(2) MP:40(127) EP:38(125) Mass pr, LI 168, Pref Epiphany or Pref Nativity	
10	Th	W	FERIA AFTER THE EPIPHANY DO5(2) MP:40(127) EP:38(125) Mass pr, LI 171, Pref Epiphany or Pref Nativity	
11	F	W	FERIA AFTER THE EPIPHANY DO5(2) MP:40(127) EP:38(125) Mass pr, LI 173, Pref Epiphany or Pref Nativity	
12	S	W	FERIA AFTER THE EPIPHANY DO5(2) MP:40(127) Mass pr, LI 175, Pref Epiphany or Pref Nativity	

Sancte Nicolae, Ora pro nobis



All-powerful God,
you made
Saint Nicholas
a bishop and leader
of the Church
to inspire your people
with his teaching
and example.
May we give fitting
honour to his memory
and always have the
assistance of his prayers
We ask this
through our
Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives andreigns
with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God,
for ever and ever.
Amen

Christus, Heri, Hodie, Semper

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.*

COLLECT

O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy,
that we, who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks to be God.

PSALM Psalm 71

RESPONSE: *All nations shall fall prostrate before you,
O Lord.*

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **R.**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks to be God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. "Where is the infant king of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. "At Bethlehem in Judaea," they told him "for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. "Go and find out all about the child," he said "and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage." Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, Lord, we pray,
on these gifts of your Church,
in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh,
but he who by them is proclaimed,
sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,
always and everywhere,
that we may perceive with clear sight
and revere with true affection
the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The marking of doors with blessed chalk demonstrates our willingness to offer shelter and hospitality to the Magi on their journey to the Christ Child. This, of course, symbolises our willingness to receive all who love or seek Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The chalk is taken home after the Epiphany Mass and the doorpost or lintel of the house are marked in one of two ways: either using the initials of the Magi, or where possible, using their full name and asking their intercession.

The lintel of the main door of the house (and other doors as well) is marked by a senior member of the household in the following way:

20 + K + M + B +1 (year)

While saying the following prayer

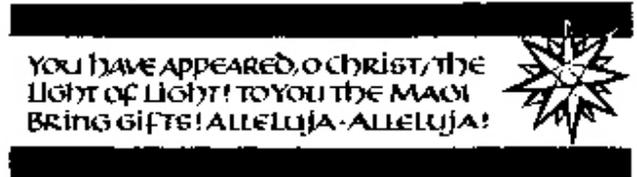
The three Wise Men

K	Kaspar
M	Melchior
B	and Balthasar
	followed the star
	of God's Son who became man
20	two thousand,
1-	and.....years ago.
++	May Christ bless our home
++	and remain with us through the new year.

If others are present, the following may be added:

Almighty God, incline your ear.
 Bless us and all who are gathered here.
 Send your holy angel
 who will defend us and fill with grace
 all who dwell here.
 Amen.

The alternative way, if there is sufficient room near the main door, is to write the names of the Magi in full, followed by "Orate pro nobis" (Pray for us) and to decorate the names with three crowns.



Dear brothers and sisters,
 the glory of the Lord has shone upon us,
 and shall ever be manifest among us,
 until the day of his return.
 Through the rhythms of times and seasons
 let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination,
 the Easter Triduum of the Lord:
 his last supper, his crucifixion,
 his burial, and his rising
 will be celebrated
 between the evening of the 28th March
 and the evening of the 30th March.

Each Easter - as on each Sunday -
 the Holy Church makes present the great and saving
 deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.
 Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur
 on the 13th February.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated
 on the 12th of May

Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,
 will be celebrated on the 19th of May.

And this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the 1st of
 December

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ
 in the feasts of the holy Mother of God,
 in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints,
 and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come,
 Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.