

## Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter 03012021

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### 2/3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 Second Sunday after the Nativity

**Entrance Antiphon:** When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

**First Reading;** Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12

The wisdom of God has pitched her tent among the chosen people.

**Psalms Response:** Psalm 147: The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

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

He determined that we should become his adopted sons (daughters) through Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans. Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 1:1-18

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

**Reflection:** Our trust is in God. We trust in God who revealed completely and definitively in Jesus Christ his desire to be with human beings, to share in our history, to guide us all to his Kingdom of love and life. And this great hope enlivens and at times corrects our human hopes. Three rich biblical readings speak to us today of this revelation. These texts affirm that God is not only the Creator of the universe, as aspect common to other religions too, but that he is the Father who 'chose us in him before the foundation of the world...he destined us in love to be his sons (and daughters) through Jesus Christ', and for this reason, he even inconceivably, went so far as to make himself man: 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us'. Benedict XVI.

**Masses next week.**

**Wednesday: The Epiphany of the Lord. Mass at English Martyrs 11am. Mass at Sacred Heart 7pm.**

The Mass at English Martyrs will be live streamed at YouTube -English Martyrs RC Parish Rugby. Link on parish website and facebook. Recorded Daily Masses will be available from Sacred Heart on YouTube- Sacred Heart Bilton. Sunday Mass link on parish website.

**Weekend Masses :** Saturday 5pm at Sacred Heart, Sunday 9.30am at Sacred Heart ,11am at English Martyrs, (livestreamed).

**Attention.** Although we are now in Tier4 we are fortunate in being able to continue our public Masses and we must be very careful with the precautions we must take. Do not attend with any symptoms, always wear a Face Mask or covering, sanitise, track and trace, distancing at least 1 metre and more especially during entering, exiting and Holy Communion. There should be no mixing before and after Mass outside of households and bubbles. Your cooperation is very important and much appreciated.

Thank you for your support of our parishes. **A Happy New Year to All.**

Parish websites;[sacredheartrugby.org.uk](http://sacredheartrugby.org.uk), [englishmartyrsrugby.org](http://englishmartyrsrugby.org)

## **6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come, and kingship in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**First Reading;** Isaiah 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

**Psalm Response:** Psalm 71: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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

It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

**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

We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.