



THE CHURCH *Bulletin*

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SUNDAY MASS READING

- 1st Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6
- Psalm - Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.
- 2nd Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday

- 1st Mass: 6:30 am
- 2nd Mass: 9:00 am
- Children's Mass: 7:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Monday: 6:00 am
- Tuesday: 6:00 am
- Wednesday: 6:00 am & 7:00 pm
- Thursday: 6:00 am
- Friday: 6:00 am & 7:00 pm
- Adoration: 6:00 pm
- Saturday: 6:30 am
- Adoration: 6:00 am

Infant Baptism

once every quarter of the year

Confessions

- Fridays: 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
- Saturdays: 7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- or any day by appointment.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

In Christ there is no foreigner: He shows Himself to all nations so that they can adore Him

By: Fr Anthony Anomah, C.S.Sp.

The word 'epiphany' comes from the Greek word which means a 'showing' or 'manifestation'. We are celebrating the second of four great manifestations of God in our midst. In the Gospel, we hear about strangers, foreigners, total outsiders coming to give royal homage to the child Jesus. The "wise men" or Magi, were also called kings in reference to Scriptures: ("We three kings of Orient are..."); Psalm 72:10 ("May the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!"); Isaiah 49:7 ("Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves") and Isaiah 60:10 ("Their kings shall minister to you").

Tradition says that they were three, presumably because there were three kinds of gifts; and their names were also given as Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchior. Caspar was

represented as black and the whole non-Jewish, Gentile world which came to Christ. We are told, too, that they came "from the east". This could be Persia, East Syria or Arabia who recognised the light that led to Jesus. A star in the east is seen as a symbol of a light representing Jesus as the Light of the whole world. Let us lead others to Christ like the star.

God, in the person of Jesus, is reaching out to the whole world. However, the religious leaders of his own people (the chief priests and experts in the scriptures), aware of where the Messiah would be born, made no effort whatever to investigate, even though Bethlehem was a few kilometres from Jerusalem. King Herod, an ambitious and ruthless man was prepared to go but only to wipe out even the remotest threat to his own position.

On the other hand, pagan foreigners went to great lengths

"...Our Lady Seat of Wisdom...Pray for US."

MEETINGS

1. Christian Mother's Association have their general meeting on 1st Sundays of the month after Mass. New members are welcome.

2. Christian Daughters Association meets after Mass every 1st Sunday of the month. New members are welcome.

3. St Theresa of the child Jesus society will be having their monthly general meeting on 2nd Sunday of every month. New members are welcome

4. The Youth have their general meeting on 3rd Sundays of the month after Mass. New members are welcome.

5. The Church Choir meets as follows:

Tuesdays - 7pm
Thursdays - 7pm
Saturdays - 7pm

6. KNOLTA meets as follows:

Saturdays - 3:00pm
Sundays after Mass.

7. Sacred Heart Confraternity meets after first Mass on the third Sunday of every month. First Friday devotion is at 5am every month at the church. New members are welcome

8. Catholic Charismatic Renewal meets for prayer meeting and intercessions as follows: Sundays - 5:00pm and Mondays - 6:00pm

9. Welfare Committee meets every Second Sunday of the month after Mass.

10. All parishioners who have not registered should pick registration forms and fill for their names to be captured in the Day-Group Welfare list.

11. Lectors meet on Saturdays at 6:00pm

12. Church Pastoral Council meets after first Mass on the second Sunday of the month

13. Persons wishing to Join Knight of St John International, should Contact the following numbers: 054 080 2319/ 0543900732

14. CYO meets at 2pm on Sundays. New members are welcome

15. Trinity Northern Society meets every 3rd Sunday of the month after first Mass. New members are welcome

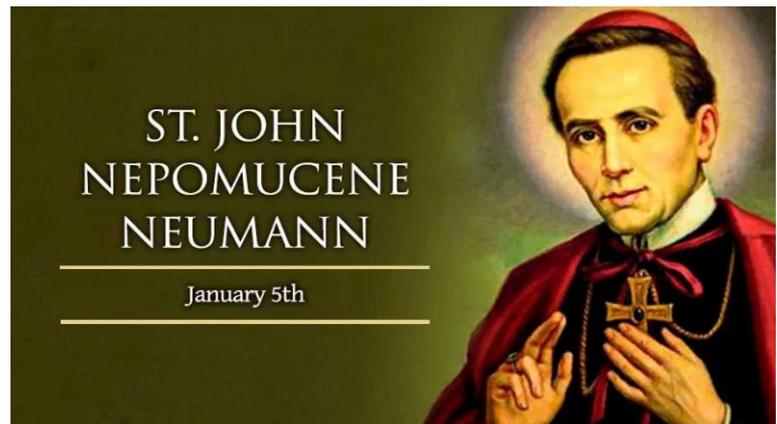
16. St. Michael Ewe Society meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after first Mass. New members are welcome

17. Holy Family Akan Society meets every 3rd Sunday after first Mass. New members are welcome.

Society Duty Roster

4th Jan	Trinity Northern
11th Jan	St. Michael Ewe
18th Jan	Holy Family Akan
25th Jan	Youth
1st Feb	CMA
8th Feb	STCJS
15th Feb	CCR
22nd Feb	KLM
1st Mar	KSJI&LA
8th Mar	Sunday
15th Mar	Monday
22nd Mar	Tuesday
29th Mar	Wednesday

****Please Note: Now it is only on Sundays that groups will be on duty for prayer of the faithful and offertory.**



DAILY READINGS

Mon - 1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue - 1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44

Wed - 1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52

Thur: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14-22

Fri: 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16

Sat - 1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 3:22-30

Sun - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

REFLECTION

to find the “King of the Jews” and “did him homage”. They offered their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts were inspired by Isaiah 60:6 in the First Reading. “They shall bring gold and frankincense”. According to tradition, the gold symbolises the kingship of Christ, the incense his divine nature, and the myrrh his redemptive suffering and death. They also came to signify virtue, prayer and suffering.

In the Second Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Paul tells us that “This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any in past generations; it means that Gentiles 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 above statement tells us that in God there are no foreigners, no outsiders. We are all equally his beloved children. All of us belong to one single family which has one Father. This is the reason why we can pray the “Our” Father.



OLSWCC EDUCATION FUND

is accepting applications from brilliant but needy parishioners who have gained admission into accredited tertiary institutions for accredited programmes but have challenges paying their tuition fees in the 2025/26 academic year.

Applicants must be active parishioners of OLSWC.

Application Forms can be obtained from the Priest in-Charge.

Deadline:

Sunday, 25th January 2026

Holy Matrimony

Nicholas Nyaaba & Jacinta Yuoyi Nyame

Date: Friday, 24th Jan. 2026
Venue: St Barnabas, Haatso-Agbogba

Portia Nayo & Alfred Wilson Awoloh

Date: 31st Jan. 2026 | Time: 2:00 pm
Venue: OLSWCC, Oyarifa

Every one of us is a brother and sister to everyone else. There is no room for discrimination of any kind based on nationality, race, religion, class or occupation.

PRAYERS CORNER

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me

Body of Christ, save me

Blood of Christ, inebriate me

Water from the side of Christ, wash me

Passion of Christ, strengthen me

O good Jesus, hear me

Within thy wounds, hide me

Suffer me not to be separated from thee

From the malignant enemy defend me

In the hour of my death call me

and bid me come unto thee,

that with thy saints I may praise thee

forever and ever. Amen.



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