



ST NICHOLAS, SKIRBECK
ALL SAINTS, FOSDYKE
NEWSLETTER
JANUARY



From the Rector

Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis.

A Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us.

During the reign of King Charles I (Charles, King and Martyr, whose feast day the Church of England keeps on January 30th) the Stewart court celebrated Christmastide with exceptional style. It was perhaps one of the last times in the line of English monarchs that Christmas was truly understood as a Season in its own right.

The festivities began on Christmas Eve with the vigil of the Nativity of our Blessed Lord and the wonder of the celebration carried on throughout the season until the presentation of Christ in the Temple at Candlemas, celebrated on February 2nd.

Although we have celebrated with joy and wonder the great solemnity of the Lord's nativity, the first steps (after the annunciation) of His way to the Cross for our Salvation, there is still so much of Christmas left for us to rejoice in.

There is the wonder of the Epiphany of our Blessed Lord to the Magi, the celebration of His Holy Name, His Presentation in the Temple and the Purification of His Blessed Mother.

If we cut short Christmastide we miss all this, as well as missing our opportunity to share in the gifts of Christmas with our loves one. Christmastide lets us share in the faith, hope, and charity which the birth of our Blessed Lord Jesus brings to our hearts. Keep Christmastide as well as Christmas and stretch out the gifts of faith, of hope, and of loving charity with all those you love this season.

God bless, Mary keep,

Fr John

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Public Worship

The sacrament of Confession is available at St Nicholas after the Saturday morning Mass, or, otherwise, by appointment.

St Nicholas, Skirbeck

Sunday

9:30am - Solemn Mass

Monday

12pm - Low Mass
(followed by the Rosary)

Tuesday

9:30am - Low Mass

Wednesday

6:30pm - Low Mass

Thursday

9:30am - Low Mass

Saturday

9:30am - Low Mass,
(Sacrament of Confession
Available after Mass
In St John's Chapel)

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All Saints, Fosdyke

11:15am - Solemn Mass
2nd and 4th Sundays

Home Communion

If you are unable to come to church to hear Mass and want to make your Communion at home, please contact Fr John (01205 362734) to arrange a time.

Epiphany Home Devotional

Leader (*Priest, if present, or father of the family*) : Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All Pray: The Magnificat.

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Leader: Our Father. . .
And lead us not into temptation

All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray.

Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed. The initials of the Magi are inscribed over the door of the house with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" - "Christ bless this house".)

Example: 20 + C + M + B + 22

The Daily Office

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Lectionary Readings

Sunday Jan 2nd
Christmas II

Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12
Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18
John 1: 1-18

Monday Jan 3rd
The Most Holy Name
Of Jesus

1 John 2: 29 – 2: 6
John 1: 29-34

Tuesday Jan 4th

1 John 3: 7-10
John 1: 35-42

Wednesday Jan 5th

1 John 3: 11-21
John 1: 43-51

*(Vigil Mass for the Epiphany
at 6:30pm at St Nicholas)*

Thursday Jan 6th
Epiphany

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

Friday Jan 7th

1 John 3: 22 – 4: 6
Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25

Saturday Jan 8th

1 John 4: 7-10
Mark 6: 34-44

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Lectionary Readings

Sunday Jan 9th
The Baptism of
The Lord

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
Titus 2: 11-13, 3: 4-7
Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Monday Jan 10th

1 Samuel 1: 1-8
Mark 1: 14-20

Tuesday Jan 11th

1 Samuel 1: 9-20
Mark 1: 21-28

Wednesday Jan 12th

1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20
Mark 1: 29-39

Thursday Jan 13th
St Hilary

1 Samuel 4: 1-11
Mark 1: 40-45

Friday Jan 14th

1 Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22
Mark 2: 1-12

Saturday Jan 15th

1 Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10: 1
Mark 2: 13-17

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Lectionary Readings

Sunday Jan 16th
Ordinary II

Isaiah 62: 1-5
1 Corinthians 12: 4-11
John 2: 1-11

Monday Jan 17th
St Anthony

1 Samuel 15: 1-23
Mark 2: 18-22

Tuesday Jan 18th

1 Samuel 16: 1-13
Mark 2: 23-28

Wednesday Jan 19th
St Wulfstan

1 Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51
Mark 3: 1-6

Thursday Jan 20th
**Ss Sebastian
and Fabian**

1 Samuel 18: 6-9, 19: 1-7
Mark 3: 7-12

Friday Jan 21st
St Agnes

1 Samuel 24: 3-21
Mark 3: 13-19

Saturday Jan 22nd

2 Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27
Mark 3: 20-21

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Lectionary Readings

Sunday Jan 23rd
Ordinary III

Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12: 12-30
Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

Monday Jan 24th
St Francis de Sales

2 Samuel 5: 1-7, 10
Mark 3: 22-30

Tuesday Jan 25th
Conversion of St Paul

2 Samuel 6: 12-15, 17-19
Mark 3: 31-35

Wednesday Jan 26th
Ss Timothy and Titus

2 Samuel 7: 4-17
Mark 4: 1-20

Thursday Jan 27th

2 Samuel 7: 18-19, 24-29
Mark 4: 21-25

Friday Jan 28th
St Thomas Aquinas

2 Samuel 11: 1-10, 13-17
Mark 4: 26-34

Saturday Jan 29th

2 Samuel 12: 1-7, 10-17
Mark 4: 35-41

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Lectionary Readings

Sunday Jan 30th
Ordinary IV

1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28
3: 1-2, 21-24
Luke 2: 41-52

Monday Jan 31st
St John Bosco

2 Samuel 15: 13-14, 30, 16: 5-13
Mark 5: 1-20

Tuesday Feb 1st
St Brigit

2 Samuel 18: 9-10, 14, 24-25, 30 – 19: 3
Mark 5: 21-43

Wednesday Feb 2nd
Candlemas

Malachi 3: 1-4
Hebrews 2: 14-18
Luke 2: 22-40

Thursday Feb 3rd
St Blaise

1 Kings 2: 1-4, 10-12
Mark 6: 7-13

Friday Feb 4th

Ecclesiasticus 47: 2-11
Mark 6: 14-29

Saturday Feb 5th
St Agatha

1 Kings 3: 4-13
Mark 6: 30-43