*This proclamation is made immediately after the Gospel of the Epiphany, and before the Homily.*

**The Proclamation of Easter and the Moveable Feasts for the Year 2025**

**Know, dear sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God’s mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.**

**On the fifth day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.**

**On the twentieth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the first day of June will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the eighth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.**

**On the twenty-second day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the thirtieth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Universal Prayer

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Sunday 5th January 2025

Celebrant: Led by the star, the wise men

 found and worshipped the Christ Child.

 Led by faith, we too have found the Christ,

and in this Eucharist we worship him.

1. May the light of Christ

 fill the heart of Pope Francis and all in the Church

with hope in this Jubilee Year

 and bring sure guidance to all.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. May the light of Christ

 shine mercifully on the peoples of the Holy Land,

 release of hostages and prisoners,

 and for the people in Gaza urgent help and they

are now enduring the cold of winter.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

3 May the light of Christ

 renew our world in hope and peace,

especially in Lebanon, Syria and Yemen,

in Ukraine and Russia

and everywhere there is violence.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. May the light of Christ

 bring renewed hope to the hungry, homeless,

distressed, oppressed and lonely

 people of our world.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. May the light of Christ

 inflame us all with zeal for worship of God

and service of those in need.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. May the light of Christ

 bring hope, mercy, courage, patience and acceptance

 to the sick of our parish (community) and families.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

7. May the light of Christ

 shine with mercy upon the departed

who lived in the hope of eternal life.

We also remember...

 Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: God of love, may your justice

and the fullness of peace

flourish in our time,

so that all people may pay homage to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Universal Prayer

Monday 6th January 2025

Weekday of Christmas Time after the Epiphany

Celebrant: St John has assured us that God does hear our prayer

when we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus,

keep his commandment to love.

1. May we embrace the commandments to believe in the Name of God’s son, Jesus, and to love one another as Jesus has told us.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. May all Christians rejoice that when they keep God’s commandments, God lives in us and we live in God.

Let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. May the Holy Spirit guide us with the grace to discern

 between true and false prophets.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. May those who live in the darkness of doubt or despair

 be given the opportunity to know Jesus, true light of the world.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. May those who are suffering from illness or anxiety this day

 find in Jesus the strength and courage to grow through their situation.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. May those suffering in the Holy Land, in Ukraine and Russia

 Sudan and Myanmar be the focus of our prayerful concern today.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly God,

you have sent us your Son as the Great Light of the world. Help us to follow that Light

with faith, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 7th January 2025**

**St Raymond of Penyafort**

Weekday of Christmas Time after the Epiphany

Celebrant: My friends,

St John constantly urged the first century Christians

to love one another. We pray that we may heed his words in our time.

1. That the commandment to love one another

may be engraved on the heart of every Christian

and be reflected in their every thought, word and action.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That we may appreciate that all love

has it’s source in the God of love.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That we may have a deep longing for that time

when all Christians may share in the one Eucharistic meal.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That we who are blessed with so much

may be mindful of our responsibility

to share our daily bread with the hungry.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the United Nations and all other religious,

Government and aid agencies seeking

to alleviate hunger in the Holy Land

 be able to achieve their noble task, free from danger.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

6 May the prayers of St Raymond of Penyafort assist

Civil and Church Lawyers to guide people with justice and compassion, promoting the supreme commandment of love.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Eternal King, look upon the poor of our world.

Hear their cry. Move the hearts of the rich

so that justice prevails everywhere.

Through Christ our Lord.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 8th January 2025**

# **Weekday of Christmas Time after the Epiphany**

Celebrant: Jesus, walking on the water brought fear and then peace to the apostles. We pray that all fear may be turned to hopeful comfort and peace.

1. May those who find that life is like a frightening storm

 be of good courage, so that in the Jubilee Year there is in their

 hearts a hope which brings a peaceful calm.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. May those who make their living on the seas as sailors, on domestic and tourist crews, those working in the fishing industry, those at sea for recreation and military personnel, be kept safe.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. May the work of the Church, through the Apostleship of the Sea,

 assisting the crews of visiting ships, bring spiritual life, pastoral care and social interaction to them.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. May those who have let love slip from their hearts

 find through the kindness of others

the will and strength to love again.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May the hostages held by Hamas, prisoners held illegally in Israel,

and people burdened with hunger and the cold in the Holy Land,

receive the freedom they hope for.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord God, we bow before your holy throne

 and we worship you in this Eucharist.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 9th January 2025**

Weekday of Christmas Time after the Epiphany

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

if one hates, one cannot love;

if one loves, one cannot hate.

1. We pray for the people of the Holy Land:

may all be delivered from their present and complicated dangers.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for Christians:

may we all be totally committed to loving God

and the whole human race, fortified by a steady hope.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for our world:

that love, founded upon justice,

may bring hope and peace to everyone.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for those with hate in their hearts:

that God’s Spirit may move their stubborn wills with a new hope

and give them freedom to live in love.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for those who have been sent to proclaim the good news

in our time:

that they may be filled with the Spirit of Jesus

and be protected from all harm.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for every place where people’s lives are shattered through

war, violence, terrorism, religious persecution, slavery and poverty.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord our God,

 judge our world with justice.

 Treat us with mercy

 so that we too can act justly.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 10th January 2025**

**Weekday of Christmas Time after the Epiphany**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

 Jesus’ healing of the man with leprosy

 shows us how to show respect to all people.

1. May we have a compassionate heart

so that we can treat every person with respect.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

2 May those with chronic illnesses or diseases,

 be given the gift of courage to carry their burden

 with a spirit of hope, patience and trust.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. May those who, through the violence of others,

endure life-long injuries, find the way from bitterness

to peace, which enables them to live

with freedom of spirit.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. May there be an end to the violence in Palestine and Israel,

Ukraine and Russia, and stability of government in Lebanon and Syria, so that people can live in peace, without fear or anxiety.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. May those who face hardships and doubts, know that the word of Jesus will stand as a constant source of truth for them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord our God, hear the cry of the people of Jerusalem

and the Holy Land, and bring them that peace which unites diverse people and enables them to live in harmony. Through Christ our Lord.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 11th January 2025**

# **Weekday of Christmas Time after the Epiphany**

Celebrant: Dear friends,

St John urges us to be confident in our prayer.

1. That we may enjoy praying, especially in this Jubilee Year of Hope,

and be confident that God hears our every word.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That parents and grandparents, teachers and priests,

who guide children in pray,

may do so joyfully and creatively.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That all who profess the name of Christian

may not have an inflated opinion about their own importance,

but rather be humble before Christ and lead people to him in hope.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That all who have been baptised in this church and parish

may follow Jesus Christ in all the circumstances of their lives.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That those in leadership in the Church may, like John the Baptist, be humble in their service of others.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That peace and justice will descend upon the Holy Land, Ukraine and Russia, and so restore hope.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Father and King,

 with all our being we praise you:

 with song and dance, with voice and music,

 with shouts and silence

 for you are our God now and forever.