



The Priory Church of Jesus Christ Ascot

This Week at the Priory

**The Priory will be closed
January 1st till January 31st
with the exception of Sundays.**

**January 28th
Epiphany 4**

10:00am Solemn Mass

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Speak
Lord you servants are listening. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia.**

Hymns: 420

For your prayers this week

Pray for The Anglican Church of Australia Abp. Philip Freier, Jonathan Bishop of Ebbsfleet and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society. Bp. Roger Jupp. St. Paul's Church, Hasland, Fr Malcolm Ainscough. St John the Baptist, Staveley, Fr Stephen Jones. St James, Temple Normaton, Fr Malcolm Ainscough. St Andrew, Barrow Hill, Fr Stephen Jones. St Columba, Inkersall, Fr Stephen Jones.

Pray for this Priory, Fr. Paul and the Trustees

Pray for the peace of the world.

Pray for those in need: the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, for refugees, for all victims of terrorism, cruelty or abuse, the lonely, the frightened, the despairing and the bereaved.

Pray for those who are sick or in need: Simon Plummer, John Clothier, Naomi Puttick, Derek & Barbara Scroggins, Ray Cook, Patti Sibbons, Lisa Bradley, Vienne Moore, Helen Coles, Karen, Jacqui, Jill Butcher, Helen, Elizabeth Wright, Johara Valenzuela, Duncan Payne, Marion Mills and family, Marjorie Saunders, Jakki Mattick

Pray for the Departed: Fr. Richard Benson, Philip Pusey, Fr. Alfred Rose, Lily Mackinnon, Bp. Charles Gore, Joyce Coombs, Fr. John Twisaday, Bp. Vibert Jackson

Readings for Next Week: Epiphany 3

Genesis 14:17-21
Revelation 19:6-10
John 2:1-11



There is a joke among members of my Church, when we announce, "God is still speaking," usually someone responds, "But is anyone listening." Today's scriptures are about listening for the voice of God and God's movements within our lives. God is constantly speaking in our lives through insights, encounters, hunches, dreams, bursts of energy, and inspirational thoughts. Our calling is to listen and then follow, shaping our encounters with God in our own unique ways.

"Come and see," Philip invites Nathaniel. Sharing good news is about inviting others to share in the joys we have experienced. Philip does not disguise his joy at encountering Jesus; he lets his light shine. His invitation is welcoming, not coercive. He shares experience, not doctrinal orthodoxy. He wants his friend to experience the life-changing truth he has encountered. Nathaniel's affirmation of faith emerges in his encounter with Jesus. Good news is embodied in the person of Jesus – his words, deeds, and presence. Good news is embodied in us – our words, deeds, and presence.

God is constantly speaking, and occasionally in words. The church is challenged to be a place of listening, sharing, and supporting, fully committed to mission.

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