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4th & 5th January 2020

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

CELEBRATIONS: 6th - 12th January 2020

Monday 9.00am

Tuesday { 4.30pm
5.00pm

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday

Friday { 4.30pm
5.00pm

Saturday 9.15am

Mass of Monday after the Epiphany

Lectio Divina on last Sunday's Gospel

Mass of Tuesday after the Epiphany

Mass of Wednesday after the Epiphany

No Mass

Scripture Rosary

Mass of Friday after the Epiphany

Reconciliation

Saturday 6.00pm Mass of the Feast of the **Baptism** of the Lord, Yr A

Sunday 8.00am Mass of the Feast of the **Baptism** of the Lord, Yr A

10.00am Mass of the Feast of the **Baptism** of the Lord, Yr A

● **Buy a Ticket** in our Combined Catholic Churches Raffle 2020. This is a Major Fundraiser for the Parish. There are **14 Prizes including 3 Cars**. Tickets are **\$2** each and can be purchased in the church foyer or from the Parish Office. Books of tickets can be taken to sell to friends, relations, colleagues etc. Buy a ticket; support our Parish. ✍ *Fr Joe*

● **HAPPY NEW YEAR** Christ is the light of the world. The visit of the wise men was the moment of Epiphany when God was revealed to the world through the infant Jesus, the Son of God. May we be wise and guided by the light, Jesus Christ in this New Year. The Plenary Council of the Church in Australia begins this year. May the Holy Spirit work amongst us through this Council so we as Church can truly respond to *what God is asking of us at this time in Australia*. May we have wise and foresighted leaders to lead our Church and our Nation. ● Let's keep in mind those who are in the midst of trauma at this time especially those engulfed with the bushfires around our nation, and those suffering the devastation of drought. May 2020 see an end to their traumas and may we all support them as they put their lives back together. ✍ *Fr Joe*



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Lectors:

4th Jan/ 5th Jan 2020

6.00pm B.Eames 8.00am J.Amore 10.00am D.Thirard

11th Jan/ 12th Jan 2020

6.00pm P.Magri 8.00am M.Coyle 10.00am A.Black

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

4th Jan/ 5th Jan 2020

6.00pm ...P.Donnelly 8.00am B.Wells 10.00amD.Foster

11th Jan/ 12th Jan 2020

6.00pm ...P.Magri 8.00am A.Wells 10.00amP.Henry

God's Housekeepers this Week:

9th Jan Group D 16th Jan Group E

Counting Teams:

January: Mike & Pauline Henry and Anthony McDermott

Last week's Offerings:

First (Support of the Priests) **\$1316.00** Second (Support of the church/Hall) **\$1359.00**

Christmas Offerings **\$1378.00** St VdeP Christmas Collection **\$1624.00**



➤ **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you come among us, an innocent child.

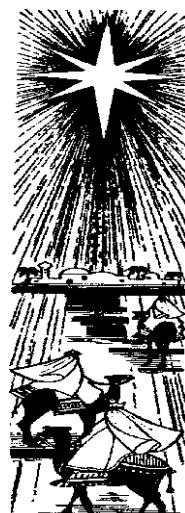
Glory to God. All: **Glory to God.**

⌘ Christ Jesus, you scatter the darkness of the night.

Glory to God. All: **Glory to God.**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world.

Glory to God. All: **Glory to God.**



➤ **FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6**

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

℟ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

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In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

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The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

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For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

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➤ **SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6**

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

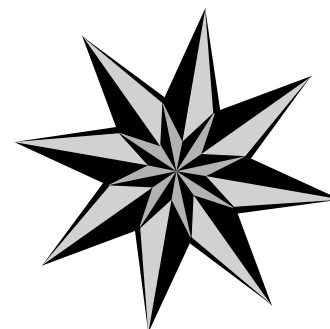
Alleluia, alleluia!

**We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.**

Alleluia!

➤ **GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**

We have come from the East to worship the king.



Please pray for those who are sick especially:

Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Maurice Sikorski, Denise Marmion, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office.).

Please pray for Tony Green who died recently, and for Peter Fay whose anniversary occurs about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.

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PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **AMEN.**

Responses during the Mass

Fr Joe: The Lord be with You.

All: **And with your spirit.**

❖ Penitential Rite: see p2

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

❖ Homily then **Creed:**

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

❖ At the end of the preparation of the gifts:

Fr Joe: Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

(ALL STAND) **now:**

All: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Fr Joe: The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Comm. Antiphon: (Used **only** when there is **NO** Communion Hymn)

This is he of whom John said: I have seen and have given witness that this is the Son of God.

❖ Dismissal

Fr Joe: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday:

Feast of Baptism of the Lord, Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 42: 1-4. 6-7**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 28: 1-4. 9-10**

2nd Reading: **Acts 10: 34-38**

Gospel: **Matthew 3: 13-17**

WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

➔ **Use these notes** to pray through Lectio Divina on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

Lectio: Only Matthew's Gospel relates the visit to Bethlehem of some wise men from the East. He omits details of the stable & the manger, shepherds and angels. Matthew rather relates Jesus' birth in (the town of David) Bethlehem connecting Jesus to the line of David through which the Messiah was to come. Matthew also teaches through this visit, about a journey to Christ of not just the Chosen People but of all people (the Gentiles), a foreshadowing of Christ's rejection and finally a reference (in the Gifts) to Jesus': royalty, adoration as God and burial.

Read **Matthew 2: 1 – 12**

Meditatio: How is my journey to Christ going? What star do I follow; i.e. how is God leading me? How far have I come on my journey? Am I set in my ways or ready to go wherever God leads? Have I ever lost sight of Christ? Have I hidden my true intentions by lying? Is what I say, what I do? Have I experienced joy when my prayers have been answered or when, with faith, I have come through dark times? How do I give homage to God? What gifts do I have to offer God in homage?

Oratio: Pray that Christ will be the light, the star, that leads us. Pray for true wisdom. Pray for those who reject Christ. Pray for those in authority, rulers and leaders. Pray for those who scheme to bring down good people. Pray for joy at the birth of Christ our Saviour/Messiah. Pray for generosity in giving.

Contemplatio – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

After your prayer – Continue, in faith, on your journey to Christ. *✍ Fr Joe*

THANKS to all who helped in our celebrations this Christmas and New Year. Thanks especially to the Choir for helping us raise our voices in glory and praise to God.

Coming Events in 2020

2020 – Plenary Council Year

● 18th January – Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Rosebud – if you can help with this Parish Fundraiser, there is a roster in the church foyer.

● 26th January (Sun.) – Australia Day Lunch: BYO something-Aussie-to-share !



● 1st/2nd Feb.- blessing of candles & throats

● 26th February – Ash Wednesday

● 12th April – Easter Sunday



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