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The Pastor's Pen....

All of the Sundays of the Year and all of the major Seasons, Feasts and Solemnities such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, the Holy Family, Baptism of the Lord and so on, have a selection of readings usually based on a three year cycle or on the time of day that the Mass is to be celebrated. This isn't the case with this weekend's Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It has only one set of readings chosen because they refer to the visit of the Wise Men, the Magi, from out of the East, which is to say from the pagan lands and peoples. This reading can only be found in St. Matthew's Gospel, supported by the prophecy of Isaiah and the writing of St. Paul, who was chief Apostle in taking the Good-News beyond the borders of Israel, out to the wider Roman world of that time.

Why is this so? Well, Epiphany refers to the manifestation of the Lord to all the peoples. He was born into one place, time, race, culture and religion just as we all are, but He was sent to us as a gift from God for all peoples, places, times, religions and cultures. The journey of the Wise Men and their search for the infant King is symbolic of the search that we're all making as we journey with the light of faith through this life and world.

As you undoubtedly know, early Christianity spread first amongst the Jews but soon, under the influence of the apostolic work of St. Paul and his companions and helpers, it spread rapidly and with some success to the pagan people of the Mediterranean world. These believers saw little need to celebrate Jesus birth in Bethlehem, for they knew from the original witnesses that He had indeed been born. Their was no question about this for them. Moreover, birthdays had little of the significance that our culture has come to attribute to them in these last few centuries. What was far more important to these Christian converts from paganism was that the person, Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth was, in fact, the Christ, the Light of God and of God's grace shining upon them and the world, offered to anyone who would seek to find the truth and follow His Divine Light.

This was God's manifestation to all of the peoples in Jesus the Christ, and the first ones to sense this and seek Him out were these pagan Magi, following the light of the star across the trackless desert wastes. They were the first of the 'world-wide' believers in the Lord, paying Him their homage and offering the infant King their gifts. They 'stand in' for us who are not of Jewish stock and culture, but who have come to seek the light of God, and in finding Him, follow His way.

Yet another aspect of this Solemnity is that these pagan Wise Ones came to their search, journey and

discovery through their own cultures and beliefs. This tells us that all people are able to find the Lord if they truly seek Him, because God can be manifested (made visible and accessible) even in cultures and beliefs that seem far from Christian. Wondering about nature, the universe and science, about the mystery of humanity and life itself, about conscience and the good, moral and happy way to live and so on, can all lead a person to seek out the Creator and the Redeemer. Everything is 'shot through' with holes and openings for moments of grace and revelation. All we need is open, attentive minds and sincere seeking hearts, and the courage to follow the starlight wherever it may lead.

The wise women and men of today are still seeking this Truth, with a capital T. Our mission is to help bring this light, the Christ-Light to them, just as it was brought to us through family and friends, school and home, Church and various communities of faith and belief. Epiphany honours all of this as it calls us to renewed purpose in our faith journey and in the bearing of the light to the peoples of our times.

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.



Alpha is running again!! 6 weeks to go!

Alpha is ideal for any of your friends, relatives or colleagues who may be lapsed Catholics or who may want to find out more about Christianity in a non-threatening environment. No "churchy" talk, no pressure, no judgement.

It's also ideal for those Catholics who feel like a boost to their faith would be welcome. It's also a lot of fun. All of our guests in our first course really looked forward to the next session.

Our "come and see" dinner is on Wednesday 7th February at 7pm in the Parish Office at Corinda. Total time 2 hours. Phone Peter on 0407 671 559 or Lyn on 0407 144 033.



God's Blessings and Congratulations to Eddy & Anne Deslorte who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary today, Sunday 7th January. The parish joins with Eddy, Anne & their family in giving thanks to God for all of the blessings of the past 40 years. Anne & Eddy have been loving witnesses to each other, their family, friends, the parish, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the Emmanuel Covenant Community and the wider Church. We thank God for their continued presence in Corinda Graceville Parish.

St Vincent De Paul Meeting

8am Friday 12th January - Parish Office Corinda

Annual Meeting of Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

9.30am Tuesday 16th January - Parish Centre Graceville

Annual Meeting of Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders

9am Saturday 20th January - Parish Centre Graceville

Date Claimer: Australia Day Mass

9am Friday 26th January at Christ the King (note earlier Mass time)



HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 72: LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH"



Lord, ev-'ry na-tion on earth will a - dore you.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: "WHAT CHILD IS THIS"

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?



Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.



2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. (*Refrain*)

3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, King, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him. (*Refrain*)



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**Date Claimer: Sacraments of Initiation of Children:
Parent Information Night**

7pm Thursday 22nd February at Christ the King Church.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may live daily in the spirit of the Prayer of the Church)

CHRISTMAS TIME

SUN, 7 JAN The EPIPHANY of the LORD - *Solemnity*
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

MON, 8 JAN The Baptism of the Lord - *Feast*
Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or
Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

TUE, 9 JAN 1 Sam 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

WED, 10 JAN 1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

THU, 11 JAN 1 Sam 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

FRI, 12 JAN 1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12

SAT, 13 JAN St Hilary, bishop, doctor of the church
- *Optional Memorial*
1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 14 JAN 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
1 Sam 3:3-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday	8.30 am	St Joseph's – Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Thursday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Christ the King – Mass
Saturday	8.00 am	St Joseph's – Prayer of the Church

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	6.00 pm	St Joseph's
Sunday	8.00 am	St Joseph's
	9.30 am	Christ the King
	6.00 pm	Christ the King

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 5.00 pm – 5.30 pm St Joseph's

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated by appointment on the following Sunday's of the month

2nd Sunday	11.00 am	St Joseph's
4th Sunday	11.00 am	Christ the King

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of all our sick.

May those who have died recently rest in peace: Mary Pat Ogilvy, Br Tom Davison ofm, Folkert Melgert, Juana Gracia Lopez

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Dawn Gillespie, Valma Cowie, Noni Darch, Mary Durrington, Evelyn Dangerfield, Bridget Carmody, Pat Fitz-Walter, Maurice Bauer, Matthew O'Dea, Larry Gillespie, Bill McMullan, Peg Armstrong, Allan Randall, Joyce Faulkner, Therese Do, Flo Maher, Patricia Daley, Edwin Webb, May French, Bryan Simon, Enid Esdale, Mary Campbell, Ernie Thorpe

We remember in prayer: Helen Dunoon, Pam Graham, Esma Taylor

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