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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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The Pastor's Pen....

Happy New Year! May God accompany us during this year and may the intercession of Mary and Joseph call down upon us the Lord's blessing as we seek to discern and live God's will. Liturgically speaking we are still in Christmas Time, celebrating and honouring the birth among us of Jesus, the incarnate light of God given to us. This weekend Solemnity of Epiphany is about this light being graciously offered by God to all peoples and nations. May we come to see in Christ's light and may we influence others to do the same in the year that lies before us all.

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is somewhat different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They came from the East and journeyed to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers, today we might say that they were early astronomers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search and that of all people of good will for Jesus, the True Light of God.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.



The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies", including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. Today, as always, God continues to manifest and show forth God's truth, grace and light, if only we will welcome it and discern its meaning for us. May all peoples and nations come to adore the Christ who manifests the divine light which overcomes all of our darkness.

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.

Christmas Blessings: to our Eritrean and Ethiopian friends from the Ge'ez Rite of the Catholic Church who celebrate Christmas today on the Epiphany. May the light of Christ shine in your hearts and your lives always. You are always most welcome as part of our parish community. Happy Christmas!

Rest In Peace: long time Graceville parishioner Kathleen Grealy passed away at her home at the age of 98 on 21st December 2023. Kath's Funeral Mass was celebrated last Thursday 4th January at Christ the King Church Graceville. The parish community offers prayers and sympathy to Kath's children Damien, Marcus, Frances and Paul and to her 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. *Lord, look kindly on Your servant Kath, whom you have embraced in eternal life. She has been a guide to us in our lives. As she served You faithfully throughout her life, give her the fullness of peace and joy.*

In God's Care: the Funeral Mass for John Geary will be held at Christ the King Church at 10am on Monday 8th January. John was raised at Graceville in the 1940's / 1950's and attended Christ the King School. His funeral will be held at his childhood parish church which meant so much to him and the Geary family. *Eternal rest grant unto John, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

No Mass Wednesday: Please note there will be NO Wednesday morning Mass in the Parish this week. The Normal Thursday 9am Mass (St Joseph's) and Friday 9.30am Mass (Christ the King) will be celebrated.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 9.00 am St Joseph's - Mass
Friday 9.30 am Christ the King - Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5.30 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 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm St Joseph's

Other times by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sundays of the month

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

All enquiries to the Parish Office

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may pray daily the Liturgical 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*
(*Conclusion of Christmas Time*)
Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; 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 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

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Margaret Bailey, Carolyn Brooks, Gerry Brooks, Joan Burgin, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Bridie Carr, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finnimore, Neil Flynn, Nash Giles, Patrice Gillepsie, Gregory Gould, Pam Harding, Margaret Hawser, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Una Hill, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Bevan Johnson, Fran Johnson, Charles Keating, Shelly Kelly, Annie Little, Fr Frank Lourigan, Nino Malissa, Monique Maltet, Neil McCormack, Phil Middleton, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Donald Mortiss, Tri Nguyen, Richard Niland, Val O'Brien, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Rita O'Keefe, Emma Parer, Genevieve Parer, Jennifer Parer, Shelly Parer, Glenda Penna, Clive Punter, Dawn Punter, Mary Spandler, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Thao Trinh, Sue Venderley, Rebecca Wallace, Nick Willemsen.

We remember and pray for all our parishioners living in aged care.

We pray for all who are suffering due to conflict, natural disaster and ill health.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Kathleen Grealy, John Geary, Michael Treacy, Mary Conway, Jim Vievers

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Tekle Tesfazghi, Dawn Gillespie, Joseph Gabauer, Noni Darch, Lois Kerwick, Concetta Bambino, Patricia Fitz-Walter, Bridget Carmody, Valma Cowie, Evelyn Dangerfield, Elsie May Trenear, Eva Rose McCormack, Peg Armstrong, Peter Pitot, Matthew O'Dea, Bill McMullan, Allan Randall, Flo Maher, Maurice Bauer, Enid Esdale, Joyce Faulkner, Sr Philomena Lyons olsh, Therese Do, Brian Hauff, Mary Campbell, Bob Kirsopp, Ernie Thorpe, Rudy Della Piana, Neil Stafford, Maria Hoang, Chau Nguyen, Phuong Nguyen, Peter Nguyen

We, the community of Corinda Graceville Catholic Parish, acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which our parish stands, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples.

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 THE GIFTS:

"YOUR LIGHT WILL COME, JERUSALEM"

Refrain: Your light will come, Jerusalem;
for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord,
and all nations will walk in your light,
alleluia, alleluia.

1. Christ is the light of the world,
a light dispelling the darkness.
May we, his body, reflect that holy light.
2. His light is mercy and peace,
a peace surpassing all telling.
May we, his body, be instruments of peace.
3. His light is justice and truth,
and love which casts out all hatred.
May we, his body, prepare the reign of God.



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Bishop Tim Norton SVD has a message for you: Happy New Year! On 1st January 1967 - the feast of Mary, Mother of God - Pope Paul VI instituted the World Day of Peace. While some say it is futile to pray for peace as various groups in the world are involved in mortal combat, we Christians are of the opposite view.

As Pope Francis did on 1st January this year, we pray fervently that 'swords may be turned into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks' (Isaiah 2,4). It is indeed a fine new year's resolution to work for peace wherever we can – in our families, our workplaces, our neighbourhoods. Happy peace-filled New Year!

Parish Calendars: Please pick up a copy of the 2024 Parish Calendar - available at the doors of the churches or from the parish office.

St Vincent De Paul: the first SVdP meeting for 2024 will be held at 8.30am on Friday 12th January at the parish office. The SVdP always welcomes new members to help in their good works. Please come to a meeting or contact ctksj4075@svdpqld.org.au

Australia Day Mass: will be celebrated at 9.30am on Friday 26th January at Christ the King Church Graceville.

MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!

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