

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

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. R.

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. R.

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. R.

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. R.

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

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FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We follow the words of our patron, St John Vianney, who said "He is here".

We recognise Christ is in the Word, the Eucharist, and in us His people, with a special reverence for Him in the poor and marginalised.

We are called to make Christ present through our prayer and charity. We seek to grow in our spiritual lives and create a community

where everyone is welcome; the young and the old, together to experience the loving presence of God.

We believe He is here amongst us and we joyfully go out to make Him present to all.

06/07 January 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Let Us Pray:

Thank You, my God, for revealing Yourself to me in so many ways! You are always looking for occasions to let Yourself be seen so that my joy is complete. Praised be You, Lord! Amen.

Gifts of New Birth

Epiphany is a celebration of the adoration of magi from the East who sought and found Christ the newborn king.

The Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Also called astrologers, their worship of Jesus does not validate astrology, which assigns power over us to stars and planets; rather, it validates that Jesus was born to bring salvation to all, Gentiles as well as Jews. Their arrival at the manger demonstrates that Jesus was born for the sake of all who recognize that only God should have power over us. Jesus was born to free us from sin and all other forces that control us. The magi also demonstrate that gift-giving is a normal part of worship. Their gift of gold honored Jesus as king. Their gift of incense honored Jesus as God. And their gift of myrrh honored the gift that Jesus would eventually give to us: His death.

He was born to sacrifice his life for us. He took to the cross our sins, and then his resurrection destroyed the power of sin and the power of demons who tempt us to sin. The gifts of the magi become gifts that we all give to Jesus: Gold represents our righteousness, which Christ's kingship over our lives makes possible so that we become more and more saintly each day. Incense represents our prayers going up to God - prayers that involve giving God the gift of our trust. And myrrh is the gift of suffering for Christ: the sacrifices we make for the sake of His ongoing mission of transforming our world. The word "epiphany" means a moment of discovery, a revelation that changes our lives.

Did the magi have an epiphany about Jesus when they came into his presence? Did they realize that they were looking at the Savior of the world? Did they want this little baby to save them from their own sins? We can safely assume that they never forgot about their trip to Bethlehem. Surely they kept their ears open for news about him as the years went by. Probably they heard about the King of the Jews who was crucified. We know that they in fact became very saintly Christians; their relics still exist and have been venerated since very early times. What about you and me? Will we remember Jesus in some new way this year? Will our worship of Him transform us? Will the power of sin be defeated by our faith in Christ when we face temptations? Hopefully, we have been changed this Advent and Christmas Season by a new rebirth of Jesus into our lives and - through our lives - out into the world.

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**FOR YOUR DIARY
JANUARY**

07 Mon No Mass 08
 Tues No Mass
 09 Wed 9:00am Rosary
 No Mass
 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
 10 Thurs No Mass
 11 Fri No Mass
 12 Sat 9.30am Baptism - WICHURA
 4:30pm Reconciliation
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 5.00pm Mass (SJV)
 13 Sun 7:00am MASS (St Jude's)
 9:30am MASS (SJV)
 10.30am Baptism - HOLDSWORTH

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
6PM WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY**

NEED A LIFT OR CAN PROVIDE A LIFT TO MASS

Do you, or someone you know, need a lift to Mass? Please complete the "I Need A Lift To Mass" form and we will arrange transport for you.

If you are able to provide a lift to someone, please complete the "I Can Provide a Lift To Mass" and place it in the PPC Suggestion Box.



SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

We would like to form a team of Safeguarding Representatives, each responsible for one of the weekend Mass times:

Saturday 5pm at St John Vianney's
Sunday 7am at St Jude's
Sunday 9.30am at St John Vianney's

The task is not too onerous and full training and ongoing support is provided by the Archdiocese. If you regularly attend one of the above Mass times and feel you are being 'called' or are 'tapped on the shoulder' please consider the position prayerfully.

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Phillip Hunt, Tyler Whitton, Rose-Marie Dickson, Margaret Ewers

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne-Marie Arthus, Russell Barton, Kevin Bourke, Floretina Brewer, Jim Clair, John Costello, Cecil Crew, John Cronin, Daphne Eddleston, Mary (Molly) Evrat, Camelo Fazio, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Dulcie Maher, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, Jennifer Lynas, Hilary Maloney, Jessie Massie, Fletcher McCormack, Sr Paula McGrath, Keith McGregor, Colin Moir, Doris O'Donnell, Brian O'Sullivan, Mark Purdon, Donna Pytko, George Reading, Millicent (Vera) Reed, Jean Rosenstengel, Joseph (Neil) Sheppard, Theodore Shepherd, Hubert Smith, Eric Steeden, Douglas Southern, John Wade, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey, Bill Spann, Maria Skubis, Luzdivina Lozano, Jean Hine.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jack and Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavrilla, Maureen Handcock, David Schilling, Leesa Scott, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Emma Walters, Natasha Skitmore, Stacie Stonier, Patrick Nofokifolau & Brian Prove.

To include a name in our 'Of Your Charity' list, the Privacy Act requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative. Names on the recently deceased, anniversaries and our sick parishioners. Lists are reviewed at the end of each month.

THANK YOU



We thank Fr David Willis for celebrating Mass with us over the past two weekends.

Our new priest Fr Baiyi Gong, officially takes up his position in the Manly Parish on Monday 8 January and will be leading us in the celebration of the Eucharist on the weekend of 13-14 January.

VOTIVE CANDLES AT MARY'S ALTAR

The light of the votive candle signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God and show our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even after we depart from the church.

Please do not extinguish any lit candles.



The plaque dedicated to Fr George has now been placed in the rose garden for everyone to view. Following is the wording...

**THIS GARDEN IS DEDICATED TO
FATHER GEORGE K JOSEPH**

PARISH PRIEST FOR MANLY AND GUMDALE 2022-2023

Fr George established this beautiful rose garden by his constant and tender caring, unwavering efforts, and profound nurturing of these plants. He also established strong, engaging and grateful parishioners using those same selfless qualities.

A gentle, compassionate and caring pastoral leader who talked the talk and very much walked the walk. He will leave this Parish with a much higher pastoral involvement, a stronger group of dedicated parishioners, stronger leadership teams and the highest level of volunteer seen for many decades.

He will be greatly missed.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
In recess for holidays.
Returns in February**

FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

Do you hold current First Aid Certification? If you do, please inform Zoe in the parish office.

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BUILDING COMMUNITY

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS

The PPC members are keen to continue building our parish community through organising a variety of Social Events including:

- Bus Trips,
- Movie Nights,
- BBQ's,
- Quiz Nights,
- Table 4 Eight Dinners
- and so on.



If you have any suggestions and/or would like to help organise any of these events please put a note in the PPC Suggestion Box. All ideas will be discussed at the next PPC Meeting.



For the Children

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Three Kings visit Jesus

The three wise men were not Jews. They came from lands far to the East and were astrologers who used the stars to guide them on their journeys. They also knew of the prophecies of an infant king to be born, a saviour. Through them, his arrival was announced to the world. Jesus, the saving Lord, has come not just for the Jews but for all people.

LET US PRAY

Like the three wise men, we are here today to worship you, Jesus. We do not have gold but we give you our love. We do not have frankincense, we give you our prayers. We do not have Myrrh, so we give you ourselves.



	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 06 Jan	Jane O	Gerardina R	Denise D	Mikaela A	Pam	DH	F
Sun 07 Jan	Helen C-B	Mark E	Anne S	Trish E	Donna	SN, PN	
Sat 13 Jan	Maureen B	Alison G	Denise D	Jen B	Anjoline	AG	G
Sun 14 Jan	Margaret P	Steve P	Sonia M	Margaret H	Emma	PN, SN	

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