

CATHOLIC PARISH OF APPECROSS

# St Benedict's Church Newsletter



ISSUE 2

8 JANUARY 2017

### Dates to Diarise

26 JAN—AUSTRALIA DAY— MASS @ 9AM

7 FEB—MASS OF HEALING @ 9AM FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA

9 FEB—LITURGY MEETING @ 7.30PM

16 FEB—PPC MEETING @ 7.30AM

18/19 FEB—SACRAMENTAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

### Have you thought? – Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewish-ness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.

Help the three wise men find their way to Bethlehem - watch out for King Herod!



**PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
Nellie Przybylski

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michelle Lyra, Ida Brophy, Antoinette Sader, John Pickworth, Nancy Storer, Marion van Kessel, all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.  
*Please remember all our ill and sick parishioners in your prayers. Thank you*



Draw yourself offering a gift to Jesus



### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

#### 17-20 Jan CATHOLIC SUPER PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR

CatholicSuper will be running three Pre-retirement Seminars as follows, Tuesday, 17 January, 9am-1pm, Corpus Christi College, Bateman; Wednesday, 18 January, 9am-1pm Sacred Heart College, Sorrento and Thursday, 19 January 9am-1pm CEWA Office, Room G7, Leederville. Non-members, friends and family all welcome.

### WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

*Please fill-in a Membership Form which is available from the turn stand in the foyer of the Church and post or hand-in to the Parish Office. Thank you*

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## MASS TIMES

Wed/Fri: 7.00am  
 Tues/Thurs: 9.00am  
 Sat: 7.30am  
 Sat Vigil: 6.00pm  
 Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

**If Public Holiday falls on Wed/  
 Fri, Mass will be celebrated at  
 7.30am**

### Reconciliation:

Sat: 11am—12noon  
 4.30pm—5.30pm

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon: 7.30am—6pm  
 Tues/Thurs: 9.30am—6pm  
 Wed/Fri: 7.30am—6pm  
 Sat: 8am—12noon

### Rosary Groups:

For the Sick: Mon-7pm  
 For Priests & Vocations: Sat-8am  
 Cenacle: Thurs-9.30am

### Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows:  
 Holidays

### Baptisms:

Sundays at 11.30am.

### Marriages:

By appointment



## The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, 8 Jan 2017

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** *Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12*

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

### FIRST READING: *Is 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 your 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, R. see v.11*

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### SECOND READING—*Eph 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 that 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 - *Mt 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL—*Mt 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**

### COMMUNION

**ANTIPHON:** *Cf. Mt 2:2*

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTERS—14/15 JANUARY 2017

	<u>SAT: 6PM</u>	<u>SUN: 7.30AM</u>	<u>SUN: 9.30AM</u>	<u>SUN: 6PM</u>
ACOLYTE	P. SEQUEIRA	M. KILROE	D. RIGG	R. PAUL
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COUNTERS	H. OVERMAN	P. STEPHENS	A. BANKS, J. TAN	M. GALAVAN, K. GRATTAM
PILGRIM STATUE	T & M LYONS			

### Readings for next week 2nd SUNDAY OF ORDI- NARY TIME, YR A

1st Reading: *Is 49:3, 5-6*

2nd Reading: *1 Cor 1:1-3*

Gospel: *Jn 1:29-34*