

CATHOLIC PARISH OF APPLECROSS

# St Benedict's Church

## Newsletter



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7 JANUARY 2018

### Gospel Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

2018

26 Jan—Australia Day—Mass @ 7.30am—CHURCH CLOSED AFTER MASS

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

11 FEB— 7.30AM PARISH MORNING TEA

**HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION**  
**EVERY FRIDAY MORNING**  
**@ 7.30AM**

#### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

##### OFFICERS:

Karl Brown, Marina Ciccarelli, Frances Meyerkort, Alana Coffey, Ondine Komnick, Rodney Dowling



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michelle Lyra, Ida Brophy, Antoinette Sader, Anne Karlsson, 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*

#### 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

### BENEDICTCARE GROUP

During the month of January, please contact the Parish office if in need of help or assistance.

## The Epiphany of the Lord, 7 January 2018

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** *Lk 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  
*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

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

**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  
*We have come from the East to worship the king*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON—Cf. Mt 2:2**  
 We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

## PARISH NOTICES

**AUSTRALIA DAY MASS**  
 Mass will be at 7.30am, all welcome.

**THE CHURCH & CHAPEL WILL BE LOCKED AFTER THE MASS.**

**MASS OF THE ANOINTING—Tuesday, 6 FEB**

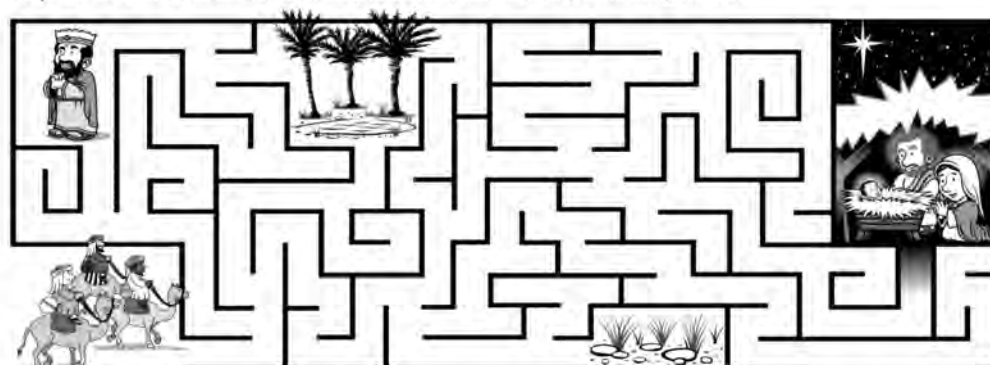
At the 9am Mass. All are welcome. If you need transport, please contact the Office. Morning tea follows the Mass.

**7.30AM PARISH MORNING TEA—11 FEBRUARY**  
 All welcome to come along and join in a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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



## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTERS—13/14 JANUARY 2018

	<u>SAT: 6PM</u>	<u>SUN: 7.30AM</u>	<u>SUN: 9.30AM</u>	<u>SUN: 6PM</u>
ACOLYTE	S. CARRICK	N. THOMAS	M. TARANTO	M. WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	M & S FOWLER		K & L BARNES M. DA SILVA	M & S ELHAJ B. GOMES
COLLECTORS	S. DONOVAN A VARNAKU- LASINGHAM	J. GALVIN	M. SANDFORD E. FEW	P. BELVISO K. JEFFERIES
COMMENTATORS	S. CHEN	E. MUENCHOW	P. CICCARELLI	M. CINANNI
READERS	S. SALDANHA E. O'CONNOR	J. HERON S. HOBDAY	N. PARKER T. BOLAND	C. COSTIN D. CLAYDON
EMOCH	S & G CLAY C. MORRIS Y. GARBIN M. HILL	J. LEE B. LILLIS	G. WAKE J. PHILLIPS D. RIGG M. BUNN L. HANDCOCK	W. DORAY K. BOWNES B. KERMAN J. NORTON L. OEJI
ALTAR SOCIETY	J GARDNER	MRS D ALLEN		
COUNTERS	H. OAKLEY	J. TAN	A. BANKS	
PILGRIM STATUE	T & M LYONS			

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### 23-25 Feb LENTEN RETREAT

Lent is a time traditionally devoted to spiritual purification and refinement in preparation for Easter, including by means of the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This retreat will help participants to embrace Lent prayerfully, and with an openness to the graces it offers. Presenter Fr David Barry OSB at New Norcia. Friday 23 February to Sunday 25 February. Cost \$250 to cover the course expenses and two nights full board at the Monastery Guesthouse. Booking: newnor.wa.edu.au.

### Readings for next week **2ND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME, YR B**

1st Reading: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19  
 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20  
 Gospel: Jn 1:35-42