

# WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH — 8 JANUARY 2023



*"The Love of Christ must come before all else." (Rule of St Benedict)*

## WEEKLY SERVICES

### Mass Times:

Mon: Communion - Service @7am (after the service, the church will be closed)

Wed/Fri: 7am

Tues/Thurs: 9am

Sat: 7.30am & Vigil 6pm

Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6pm

**HOLY HOUR (STARTS WITH MASS)  
FRIDAYS @7AM**



### Reconciliation:

Sat: 4.30PM - 5.30PM

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday: 9.30am—5pm

Friday: 8am—5pm

### Rosary Groups:

Tue: 9.30am, Wed/Fri: 7.30am

Cenacle: Thurs: 9.30am

### Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: Meetings on Thursdays @1pm (in recess until Feb 2023)

### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Fr Albert Lynch Room @1pm

**Baptisms:** BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**Marriages:** BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR A REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Stars and Seekers after Truth

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.

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◆ 14 JANUARY — YOUTH MASS @6PM

◆ 26 JANUARY — AUSTRALIA DAY MASS @9AM



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

Myrtle Nimmo, Sr Carla, Beryl Kerman, Truus Botman, Patrick Thomas, Ng Chai Hong, Beatrice Leong, Helen Overman, Shalini Saldanha, Ng Choon Bee, Nick Odorisio, Michelle O'Brien, Gerald Logan, Liesel Beukes, and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*

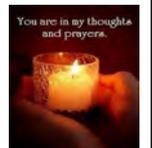


### PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

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### ANNIVERSARIES:

John Andrew, Michelle Lyra, Beryl Odorisio, Ida (Betty) Brophy, Antoinette Sader, Anne Karlsson, John Pickworth, Nancy Storer, Marion Van Kessel, and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank You.*



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10; 2nd: 1Cor 1:1-3; Gospel: Jn 1:29-34.

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

**Entrance Antiphon** 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.*

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

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) 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:** 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.*

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.

**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.*

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.

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Mt 2:2

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 14 & 15 JANUARY 2023

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	MIKE KILROE	DENIS RIGG	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	IHINOLEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH		CHARMAINE VOGLER MICHAEL SARAVANAN LETICIA AVERY	OLIVER & JACOB WONG VALERIE & RAPHAEL WIBAWANTA
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COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	FRANK GERICEVICH	MARGARET SANDFORD	JOE CINANNI CHRIS JOSEPH
READERS	YOUTH MASS	SALLY HOBDDAY JACQUE HERON	GUILIA HARRIS ANUSHIA SUPPIAH	MAISIE CINANNI JACKIE WONG
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	MONICA ANDERSON	LILI ORIFICI JUDY PHILIPS	BRIAN KERMAN DONNA ARTINGSTALL
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY:</b> JOSEPHINE YUSTIRA			<b>PILGRIM STATUE:</b> RASHANTHI WANIGASEKERA	
<b>COUNTERS:</b> HELEN OAKLEY, JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS, BERNADETTE O'BRIEN, JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI & CONNIE BOVE			<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> -	