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## Epiphany of the Lord

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Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



### **“There's nothing better when something comes and hits you and you think 'YES'!” – J.K. Rowling**

*A little girl and her mother were looking at the Nativity scene. The mother was explaining that the Wise Men were presenting their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the newborn King. The little girl looked in great adoration at the babe in the manger, and then turning to her mother, thoughtfully asked, "Why didn't they bring Him a bed?" - Msgr. Arthur Tonne - Jokes Priests Can Tell*

Today, we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, conventionally called the feast of three kings. Epiphany means ‘manifestation’: the revelation of Jesus to the entire world. The epiphany is an ‘aha’ moment for the three wise men, Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior as the Italian tradition would hold from the sixth century... The feast sits in well with our situation enlightening us to behold the epiphanies of our day- to-day life.

#### **Everyday Epiphanies**

You are busy conducting the business of your own little Jerusalem. In the middle of the latest deal, you hear a voice — maybe that of a client or a mentor, maybe that voice only you can hear in the depth of your heart — asking if this is the right thing to do, challenging your perception of what is fair and just, pointing to the cost others will pay and the hurt others will endure because of your decision.



#### **Behold, the magi in your midst, seeking the newborn King of the Jews . . .**



You have committed all your time and energy and resources to advancing your career, to getting into the right school and graduating, to winning a championship. But at some point, you sense a certain emptiness, an isolation — maybe life is more than money, more than an impressive resume, more than trophies. You seek a deeper purpose to what you do; you want your life to mean something more.

#### **See his star rising in the East, and come . . .**

Your ability to anticipate trends, to manage people and resources, to persuade buyers and investors, has made you a great deal of money. Your skill at healing, at counselling, at teaching has rightly earned you the respect and trust of patients, students and clients. Your perseverance, your fearlessness, your dependability have won for you the confidence and admiration of co-workers and bosses.

#### **Open your treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh and offer them to the Child of Bethlehem . . .**



In our everyday epiphanies, God is manifested in the queries of the “magi” who come into our lives searching for Jesus, in the “stars” we follow that lead us to lives of compassion and generosity, in the gifts of ourselves that we put to the service of our families, church and community. Life is filled with all kinds of “epiphanies”: the realization of God’s call to justice and reconciliation in our world; the wisdom of the “stars” that lead us to finding Christ in our own Bethlehems and Jerusalems; the “gifts” we give and receive that bring the compassion of Christ into our homes and hearts. The understanding and support of family and friends, the forgiveness we extend and receive, the meaning we come to know in giving and serving those in need, are all “epiphanies” of God’s presence in our own Bethlehems. In the new year before us, may our hearts and spirits behold these many epiphanies in which we re-discover the love of “Emmanuel” — God in our midst. (A Connections Sampler).

**God’s blessings, Fr. Vince**

Let us continue to pray for our application to build our long-awaited church. May the Lord bless our dreams and plans.



The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **3rd February at 4:30-5:30pm** at the St Joseph Centre. To book, please call the parish office on 96542260. Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.



**PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**For the recently deceased**  
Fr Brian Rooney, Blake Tickell, Lolita Farmer

**For the dearly departed**  
Patrick Mooney, Norma Sattler, Colin Sattler, Annamaria Boffo, Andre Arthur Van Roie, Paul Spina, Martin Mileto, Giuseppi Mileto, Pietro Ceccato, deceased members of the Ferraro family, Jed Manning, Pablito Corpuz, Theresa & Liam Hughes, Michelle Vaccarella, Giuseppe Vumbaca, Salvatore Murdocca, Maria-Rosa & Raeffele Murdocca, Marcello Pellizzon, and deceased members of the Turcato family

**For healing of the sick**  
Ivan Ceccato, Violet Hobbs, Dan Doyle, Tony Virgona, Karen Bligh, Elizabeth Graby, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Teresa Masiello, Johann, Joe Gelonesi, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, Harriett Rogers, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Rosanna Ceroli, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.



Preparations for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for children who have received their First Communion and are in Year 5 or higher, will begin on **20th February**. If you would like to receive notifications about the program, please email your name to [stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)



**RCIA sessions to resume on 8th February at 7pm.**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**  
1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1155.30  
2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$ 1435 Loose = \$ 946.15  
Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$1935  
TOTAL = \$ 4316.15 (target = \$5577)  
If you donate to the parish and have recently **changed your credit card**, please phone the parish office on 96542260.  
Thank you for your generosity!

	5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm	
<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	John Cice	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Lesley & Rick Gangemi
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Deb Rankin Trish Maidens	Margaret Foley Gael Carpani
	<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Tricia Spencer Michael Parslow	Marian Piper CareyAnne Moylan	Tereza Barisic Pauline McAlary
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud	Olivia Easton	Christian Maait	Tiago Gregory Elizabeth Cauchi
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Lance	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark & Matt	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(9 Jan) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	<b>13/14 JANUARY</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins
<b>ACOLYTE</b>		Vince Luca	Neil John	Phillys Hannah	Joe Touma
<b>READERS</b>		Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Youth Group
<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b>		Colleen Dunlop Maria Aiossa	Tricia Spencer Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Roslyn Earl	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>		Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Thomas Barker
<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Pat & Bev	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
<b>COUNTERS</b>		(16 Jan) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
<b>FLOWERS</b>		Ann Langham, arr by Mari Gregory & Maureen Meryment		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Peg Grogan

**PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS**

**Welcomers Coordinator:** Amira Campo  
**Music Coordinators:** Barbara Mathias and Joan Sattler  
**Junior Ministers Coordinator:** Maree McNeil  
**Children's Liturgy Coordinator:** Deb Rankin  
**Baptism Preparation:** Angelique Easton

**RCIA Coordinator:** Steve Fry  
**Playgroup Coordinator:** Grainne Barker  
**SRE Coordinator:** Maureen Jones  
**Friendship Group:** Jenny Puleo  
**Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:** Peter Balnaves

**Property Maintenance Manager:** Angelo Roia  
**Piety Stall:** Sandra Tabone  
**Altar Linen Coordinator:** Pat Brush  
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**Finance Committee Chair:** Michael Parslow