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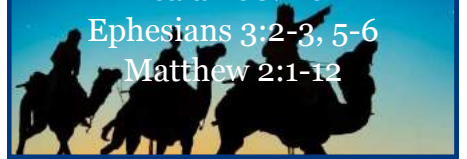


**6th January 2019**  
**Feast of the Epiphany**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



## “Small things start us in new ways of thinking”

– V.S. Naipaul, A Bend in the River

Happy Feast to you! We celebrate the feast of Epiphany this Sunday recalling the story of the eastern visitors to worship the infant Jesus. The infancy narratives in both the gospels of Luke and Matthew are to be seen as ‘identity cards’: they tell us about who Jesus is, before we hear about his ministry and life. But, they approach the question of identity using the forms of historical narrative rather than abstract theological categories. Jesus is revealed or manifested as the ‘anointed one’, he will be ‘ruler’ and ‘shepherd’ of Israel (Mt 2:6) ‘God with us’ (Mt 1:23). There are a few elements of the story of the Magi worth reflecting on such as, the star, the gifts of the Magi to Jesus, the King Herod, and the angel’s direction to take a different path after the visit. I wish that you pick up any one of these and spend some time to reflect on and grasp the message of God for you and your family in a personal way. Looking



through the lens of social justice, someone says, “In an age of globalization, the celebration of Epiphany takes on more importance than ever. The magi are not Jews, but they seek the Christ as do the Jewish people. Christ is a light for the whole world. Christ calls together the whole world and all its peoples. Christ calls for a healing of divisions and openness to learn from all people. Christ calls for a just world order – trade policies that respect the economic opportunities of all people especially the poor; environmental policies that respect the world that we all share together; spending policies that respond to human needs; investment in human needs rather than the weapons of war; a world that lives in an environmentally sustainable way and a greater equality in sharing the fruits of our work and our earth”. (Lectionary Reflections)

Saint Mother Teresa once visited a poor man in Melbourne, Australia. He was living in a basement room, which was in a terrible state of neglect. There was no light in the room. He did not seem to have a friend in the world. She started to clean and tidy the room. At first he protested, “Leave it alone. It is all right as it is.” But she went ahead anyway. As she cleaned, she chatted with him. Under a pile of rubbish she found an oil lamp covered with dust. She cleaned it and discovered that it was beautiful. And she said to him, “You have got a beautiful lamp here. How come you never lighted it?”



“Why should I light it? No one ever comes to see me.”

“Will you promise to light it if one of my sisters comes to see you?”

“Yes,” he replied. “If I hear a human voice, I will light the lamp.”

Two of Mother Teresa’s sisters began to visit him regularly. Things gradually improved for him. Every time the sisters came to visit him, he had the lamp lighted. Then one day he said to them: “Sisters, I will be able to manage myself from now on. Do me a favour. Tell the first sister who came to see me that the light she lit in my life is still burning.” The manifestation of God in this story is Saint Mother Teresa and the other sisters of the congregation.

The greatest challenge for us today is to be an instrument of His Epiphany in the post modern world...to be a star (leading humanity in ways of love, peace and justice), to be the magi (seeking and finding God in faith) to offer the greatest gift of a 'Quality life' and never to be the Herod of the gospel story. May Christ’s epiphany fill us with lights and epiphanies of new insight, new understanding and new orientation in the very midst of this world of transience- of instability, uncertainty and volatility!

Happy New Year!

**God’s blessings, Fr Vince**

Let us offer our prayers for Josephine Bruggeling as she receives the sacrament of Baptism this weekend!



If you are interested in pledging an item for the new church, please ring the office—96542260—to have a chat with Fr Vince, or send an email to stmads@yahoo.com.au Thank you for your generosity!

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1147  
**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1270  
**Loose** = \$ 885  
**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$2107  
**TOTAL** = \$ 4262 (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!**

**PARISH TEAM**  
**Parish Priest:**  
 Rev Vincent Savarimuthu  
**Parish Secretary:**  
 Lisa Echevarria  
**Sacramental Coordinator**  
 Sally Coppini  
**St Madeleine's Primary School**  
 Phone: 9654 6751  
 Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black  
**Marian College**  
 Phone: 9654 6700  
 Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

**PARISH SERVICES**

**Weekend Masses:**  
 Saturday 5.30pm  
 (Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)  
 Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm  
**Children's Liturgy**  
 10am Mass during School terms  
**Weekday Masses**  
 9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays  
**Playgroup** –Tue 9:00am  
 at St Joseph Centre during school terms  
**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays after the  
 9.15 am Mass  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.00pm  
**Baptisms:** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:20,  
 or during 10am Masses  
**Weddings:** By appointment

**PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**For the dearly departed**

Francesco & Filomena Corcoglioniti, Caterina Musso, Ivan Ceccato, James Leo Houston, Michael I Dunnion, Frenk Piperata, Domenico Piperata, Annino Piperata, Setna & Jim Mulvihill, Helena & Joseph Culligan and the deceased of the Mulvihill and Culligan families, Karen Draddy, Feliciana Sabellano, Pietro Ceccato, Jed Manning, the Ferraro family, Antonio Ceroli, AnnaMaria "Mary" Spina, the deceased of the Portelli and Buttigieg family, Aidan Bradley, Aldo Joseph Tallon, Rosa Trinsledi, Paul Spina, Giuseppe Vumbaca, Salvatore Murdocca, Maria Rosa Murdocca, Raffaele Murdocca



**For healing of the sick**

4-mo old Florence Smith, Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Trish Takahashi, Samuel Abella, Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Harper Grace, Margaret Collision, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Marlon Sabellano Aluminos, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppe Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel

**PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS**

**Welcomers Coordinator:** Amira Campo  
**Music Coordinator:** Alexandra Mifsud  
**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/Suzanne Kingston-Hunt  
**Adult Faith Formation:** Careyanne Moylan  
**Property Maintenance Manager:** Angelo Roia  
**Piety Stall:** Sandra Tabone  
**Altar Linen Coordinator:** Catherine Diekman  
**Parish Council Chair:** Patrick Tuttle  
**Finance Committee Chair:** Michael Parslow

<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	John Cice	Rosa & Tony Carlino	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	Jacqui Nisbet Trish Maidens	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Nuri Wardrop	Careyanne Moylan Adriana Kennedy	Lesley Gangemi Gael Carpani
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud	Olivia Easton	Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Frank & Ivanka Valencic		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Miranda Luca, arr'd by Mari Gregory		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Frances Sanders

<b>12/13 JANUARY</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Joseph Spina
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Vince Luca	Neil John	Phillys Hannah	Joe Touma
	<b>READERS</b>	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Dan Doyle Anthony Hooper		Simmy Cesamolo
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop	Tricia Spencer Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Trish Maidens	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>			Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Thomas Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Teresa Capaldi, arr'd by Rita Vumbaca		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Pat Brush

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship