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God’s presence is revealed to us in diverse ways: we can read the book of God’s vast creation; we can search out the meaning of our dreams; we can learn from our own and others’ experience; and we can listen to the voice of our sacred scriptures. Being attentive to God’s presence has nothing to do with naïve dependence on our own judgment or on the judgement of others. It has more to do with a way of being in the world that involves openness to the unexpected and a critical and careful personal and communal dialogue between our life experience and our faith tradition. A deep awareness of our place in the Earth community teaches us humility. It also teaches respect for the whole of creation and for the power of the more-than-human to lead us beyond ourselves.

Epiphany is the feast of the wise ones or astrologers “from the East” who are led beyond themselves and their immediate location by the rising of a star. They form their own preliminary hypothesis and travel west to search out the meaning of this sign. They learn from the official interpreters of the Jewish scriptures, the “scribes of the people”. They then follow the star that leads them to the new born child, the incarnate Wisdom of God. The gospel does not stipulate how many wise ones or magi come to pay homage to the child. There is no indication in the story as to whether they are men or women or both. The three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh have been traditionally associated with three different characters, usually kings, of diverse nationality and colour. These strangers are the first to recognise “God-with-us” in the person of Jesus of Nazareth and to pay him homage. They also come to recognise, in a dream, the duplicity of King Herod. They have the good sense not to accede to Herod’s request to “bring him word” of the newborn king. Warned once again in a dream, they return home “by another road”.

The story-teller Matthew leaves room in the tableau for the insertion of the wise ones who will emerge through the ages. There is an invitation for us to enter into Matthew’s drama, to be the wise ones, to join with people of diverse cultures, to engage in our own search for Wisdom, to honour the birth and the life of every child and to follow the star that leads to truth and lasting peace. There is also an invitation to be wary of self-serving rulers who find their positions threatened by the different sort of power that is based on vulnerability and openness to new life. ***An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson***



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**‘WEEKEND MASS TIMES’**

 **Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

 **Sunday: 10am (Children’s Liturgy)**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.00am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm**

**Wednesday: 10am**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight - Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy**

**Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am**

**Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

 **‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **In remission until 31st January 2018**

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**The Epiphany of the Lord Year B**

 **January 7th 2018**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**Lord every nation on earth will adore you.**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 6th & 7th January   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  John Hickson |  Mark Hogan |
| Reader |  Dobbie Family |  Howard Young |
| Commentator |  Dobbie Family  |  John Power |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  ----------- |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica  |  Maureen Norman |
| Altar Servers | Abby Crampton & Olivia Dean | Annabelle Sturgess & Genevieve Mason-Elliott |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Marie Ambrose |  Group 4: The Dobbie Family |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 13th & 14th January  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Barry Madigan  |  Dave Shedden |
| Reader |  Carmel Butler |  Pat Spannagle |
| Commentator |  Shirley Kenny |  Cathy Purcell |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  ----------- |
| Musicians |  Maureen Norman |  Patricia & Monica  |
| Altar Servers | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham | Chloe Turnbull & Lily Webb |
| Church Care |  -------------------------------------- |

 Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy \**

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 **FEAST DAY**

**8th January: Baptism of the Lord**

**The year ahead is an opportunity to change the conversation, to focus instead on the global issues, the common human values and mutual interest between Church and society that converge in working together for the wellbeing of the family. (Fr. Tim Bartlett)**

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**WELCOME** to Fr. George Ogah who has commenced duties within our Parish. We hope he settles in well and are very happy to welcome him to our community. **BAPTISM TIMES FOR 2018** will be conducted on the 1st and 2nd
Saturdays of each month at 11am. If a Sunday ceremony is requested on these weekends mentioned during the 10am Mass, families need to be at the church at 9.45am. Please book your Baptisms early to avoid dissapointment. **LOST** Mother of Pearl rosary beads in a small black leather pouch, left in the church prior to Christmas. The word ‘Judith’ is engraved on the back of the crucifix. If found please leave at the parish house or phone 69471503. **MASS BOOKS & COLUMBAN CALENDARS** are still available for sale.  **MANY THANKS** to one of our faithful volunteers ~ John Power ~

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Peter Heffernan, John Kelly, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Marie Quinn, Brian Muir, Jack Sunners, Joseph & Maureen Hetherington, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Yvonne Harrison, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons. John Twomey, Sr. M. Brenda Twomey, Sr. M. Canice O’Sullivan, Sr. M. Celine McCormack, Bert & Teresa Butler, Anne Lawrance, Joan & Bob Liddell, Mary & William Claffey, Margaret Peel, Ruby Harmer,Alan & Angela Guthrie, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Hargreaves family, Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, James Kelly, Harry & Muriel Nancarrow, Harry & Pat Nancarrow, Christine Welsh, Allison Brady, Scott Payne, Ben Roddy, Paul & Nick Young, Robert Longford, Julie, Jack & Thelma Cobden, Jamie Nixon, Stan Kenny, Marzol family members, members of Young, Egan, Breward & Van de Brug families, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Hector, Annie & Kevin Turner, Jean Kelly, Margaret McMahon, Veronica Tiernan, Mollie Fuller, Joan Malone, Ken & Brian Gee & family members, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Marallo & Comai families, Celia Mullaly, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Timothy Blakeney, Madelin Fenn, Jan Salan, Chris Ballard, Maude Kelly, Norma Leyden, Reg Millgate, Lois Shallow, Helen Corbett, Frank, Eileen & Marie Malone, Edward, Marcy & Clem Malone, Frank Stanfield, John Callister, Joan Stockwell, Pauline Shedden, John Hourigan, Tom & Dorothy French.

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