2 January 2022, Epiphany, Year C

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In our Prayers: Barry Carroll, Neville Caldow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,
For our Deceased: Family, friends, parishioners and community members.
Neville Popple, *(anniversary)*

January 8-9	Ariah Park 6 .00 p.m. Sat Mass
Mass	Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday
Liturgy	Ardlethan **9.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection

They Offered Him Gifts. For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

Holy Family Sunday

Last Sunday the Church celebrated the feast of Holy Family. Pope Francis in his message to parents he encouraged, *"In the Gospel, we see that even in the Holy Family things did not all go well: There were unexpected problems, anxiety, suffering. The Holy Family of holy cards does not exist," he said. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple and ask him why he worried them so, he tells them, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Mary and Joseph do not understand, the Pope said. "They need time to learn to know their son. That's the way it is with us as well: Each day, a family needs to learn how to listen to each other to understand each other, to walk together, to face conflicts and difficulties." ... In his letter to families, Pope Francis paid tribute to the strength and tenacity of couples as they face real difficulties together on the journey of life."*
https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/12/26/pope-francis-family-letter-242124

55th World Day of Peace, 1 January, 2022

The theme that Pope Francis chose is, **Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work: Tools for Building Lasting Peace.**
"I wish to propose three paths for building a lasting peace. First, dialogue between generations as the basis for the realization of shared projects. Second, education as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development. Finally, labour as a means for the full realization of human dignity. These are three indispensable elements for *"making possible the creation of a social covenant",* without which every project of peace turns out to be insubstantial. … May more and more men and women strive daily, with quiet humility and courage, to be artisans of peace. And may they be ever inspired and accompanied by the blessings of the God of peace! " **Pope Francis**
https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20211208-messaggio-55giornatamondiale-pace2022.html

Guiding Star

Matthew 2: 1-2

Like the wise ones who sought the Christ Child,
I have trekked for eons in the aimless dark
Moving by faith within my inner landscapes
Without a detailed map, and full of questions.
In spite of all that seems void and doubtful,
My seeking of you has never been halted.
When the searching path to you grows faint
You appear as my trusted Guiding Star,
A beacon of hope beckoning me onward,
Manifesting your presence in surprising ways.

I walk by the Guiding Star of faith.

Joyce Rupp, **Fragments of Your Ancient Name**, January 8

Christmas Crib

As we will celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus next Sunday it would be appropriate to pack up the crib this weekend. Thank you in anticipation to those who will be able to assist after Mass with this task.
Thank you for your preparation of the church and grounds for Christmas, especially, Andrina for the flowers. May God bless you.

"Follow the bright star of Jesus. Have courage,
because the light of Jesus can overcome the darkest darkness."
Pope Francis

Let us imitate the Magi: Looking Upwards, Setting Out, and freely offering our gifts.
Pope Francis

And suddenly you know: It's time to start something new and trust
the magic of beginnings.
Meister Eckhart

What does it mean to me that Jesus has been born into the world?

Roster: 9 January Leader: Reader:

Minister: ***Volunteers for all***