



The Epiphany of the Lord



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR B, 7 JANUARY 2024



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: (R) Lord, hear our prayer

FATHER/LEADER: Dear friends, today we give thanks for the revelation of God's saving love for all. Let us pray for the entire world to see the light of Christ.

READER: For or all sincere seekers of wisdom and truth. May the Spirit of God guide them in their search and lead them on paths of peace. **(R)** For Christian believers. May they never cease to find new depths in the divine mystery into which they have been baptised. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the members of the Eastern Churches, both Catholic and Orthodox. May they bless the Churches of the West with their deep faith in the Spirit of God. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the frail aged and all who are vulnerable to Covid infection or the extremes of summer heat. May they stay safe and strong. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the staff and volunteers of all emergency services, that their dedication to the safety of the community through the summer holidays will be effective and appreciated. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For families enjoying holidays by the beach or in the bush. May they delight in the beauty of nature and become champions of creation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and all those who have asked for our prayers. For those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East. We pray **Hail Mary...**

FATHER/LEADER: God of everlasting light, you have revealed the mystery of your love in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Draw us ever more deeply into your work of redemption. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION JANUARY

For the gift of diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

We pray for those attracted by extremist groups to meet their need for identity and certainty, that they will not succumb to an ideology of resentment and be provoked to violence.

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes struggling with limited resources, that they will find creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel.



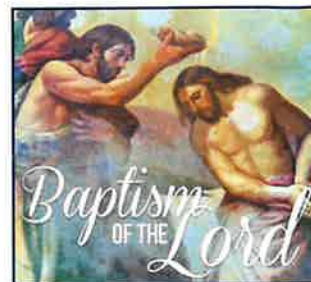
We pray for all who are sick, may the healing love of God strengthen their bodies, minds and spirits:

Donna Nash, Sally-Ann Thompson, Jane Nash, Keith & Barbara Brownlie, Wendy White, Barry Reed, Jim Parkes, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, John & Anna Vincent, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Val Perkins, Natalie Lestone, Jen Farrell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Peter Hopkins, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Baptism of the Lord



Wed: No Mass Bombala

Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

David Girvan

January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear

Tony Clear, Carmel Croker

Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch

Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman

Shirley Ladmore, Sr Janet Mead rsm

Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley

Val Reid, Anthony Roberts

Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith

Doris Thompson, Gary Thompson

Joan Twigg, Ruth Walker

Mary Williams



*"We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death."*

AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of mankind; to whom be glory forever. AMEN



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

On the first day of January we celebrated the naming of Jesus; He was called Jesus, as the angel had told His mother, Mary.

Jesus is given another name as He is baptised the Beloved.

"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

READINGS

FIRST READING: FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

1. 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.)*

2. 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.)*

3. The kings of Tarshish and the seacoasts 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.)*

4. 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

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

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

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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 starchild 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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1. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the new-born king, Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled", Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With angelic host proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem", Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the new-born king"

2. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings, Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth, Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the new-born king"

2. Mary's Child Born in the Night

1. Born in the night, Mary's Child, a long way from your home; coming in need, Mary's Child, born in a borrowed room.

2. Clear shining light, Mary's Child, your face lights up our way; light of the world, Mary's Child, dawn on our darkened day.

3. Truth of our life, Mary's Child, you tell us God is good; prove it is true, Mary's Child, go to your cross of wood.

3. O Come All Ye Faithful *Various*

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him Born the King of Angels: O come, let us adore Him, (x3) Christ the Lord.

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above! Glory to God, in the highest: O come, let us adore Him, (x3) Christ the Lord.

4. Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.