



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR C, 5 JANUARY 2025



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, today we rejoice in the revelation of God's saving grace for all humankind. With confidence and peace we place the hopes of the world in God's loving hands.

READER: For those who care for our natural world. May they reveal the glory of creation to us and inspire us to cherish and protect it. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the tens of millions of displaced and famished people of Sudan. May this terrible humanitarian catastrophe be brought to a merciful end. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the Eastern Christian churches celebrating Epiphany today. May they enrich the whole Body of Christ with their time-honoured traditions of faith and worship. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful of Australia's country dioceses, especially those that are most remote and under-resourced. May their grass-roots ministry strengthen the solidarity of local communities. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For emergency and essential service workers on duty through the summer holidays. May they keep themselves and the whole community safe. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of the parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May they rejoice in the fullness of life promised to them as faithful followers of Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary...**

LEADER: God of unfailing mercy, your Son has led us out of the shadow of death into your glorious light. Help us live always as children of the light. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION JANUARY

For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



We pray for artists of every kind, that their creative works will offer us fresh insight into the truth and beauty and goodness of God.

We pray for children who are hospitalised at this time. May they receive fine medical, nursing and pastoral care and be comforted by the loving support of family.

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes, their spirits bold, that they may discover inventive ways to build bridges of faith, keeping the Gospel's message alive with every step.



We pray for our sick family members, friends and fellow parishioners. May the soothing presence of God's light grant them healing and solace.

John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Joanne Jamieson, Amy Talbot, Sr Margaret Maloney, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Joyce Reed, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Chris Cuttle, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Jen Farrell, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Heather Whitby, John Elliott, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Danielle Hurley.



PARISH CALENDAR

TUE St Raymond of Penyafort
SAT LW&HC Delegate 6pm
SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am



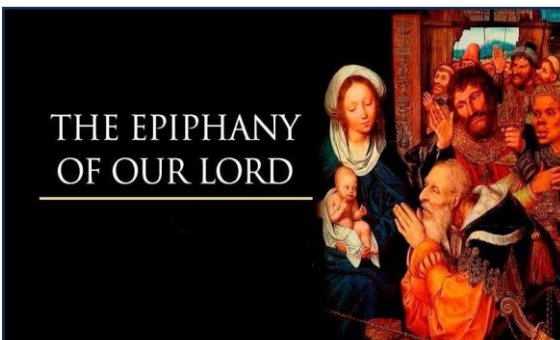
REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear
Tony Clear, Carmel Croker
Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch
Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman
Shirley Ladmore, Sr Janet Mead
Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley
Val Reid, Anthony Roberts
Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith
Lena Spoljaric, Doris Thompson
Gary Thompson, Joan Twigg
Ruth Walker, Mary Williams



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



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

The Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord commemorates when Jesus Christ was revealed as the Messiah. The Gospel of Matthew recounts that three wise men from the East visited our saviour after his birth and

acknowledged him with gifts representing kingship, priesthood, and death. The Feast of the Epiphany highlights key themes in the story of Jesus and the visit of the Magi. These themes help us understand the importance of Jesus' birth and His mission for all people.



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



Have good courage for God is so very good to us all. (6.1.1870)

READINGS

FIRST READING: PROPHET ISAIAH

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

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 sea coasts 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. (R.)

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW:

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said, 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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1. O Come All Ye Faithful

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, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above! Glory to God, in the highest:

2. Come to the Water *Frank Andersen*

Refrain: Come to the water! You who are thirsty! Though you have nothing, I bid you come! And be filled with the goodness I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live.

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill The emptiness deep in your heart? Listen to My word and you will enjoy Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**
2. Just as the heavens are high above earth; My ways and thoughts beyond you! Call me your Father and know I am near! I will be Father to you! **R**

3. Our Supper Invitation *Fr Kevin Bates*

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine. Take of my life and live, branch of my vine. Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill. Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.
2. Take up your burden now, walk 'til you fin, Just what the journey means; walk while there's time. Food for the journey will answer your need. Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.
3. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine. Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine. Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill. Share with your people, that love has its will.

4. Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world the Lord is com, 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
2. Joy to the world the savior reigns, Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy the fullness of God.

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.