

Goulburn Mission

Crookwell Parish

The Epiphany 5/6 Jan.2019 Yr C

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading: Is 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

R Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Right: 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

Left: 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

Right: 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.

Left: 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 (response)

Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

Communion Antiphon: We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Prayer of Commissioning: take the body of our Lord to those
who cannot be with us, assuring them of our love and prayer
and reminding them that through your ministry they are united
with us in this celebration of the Eucharist

PARISH OFFICE: Closed Christmas- 16.1.19 (emails will be checked)

St. Marys social group morning tea RSL coffee shop 10.30am
Wednesday 9th January, 2019. All Welcome.

Congratulations:

to Bryan and Dorothy Kennedy married 60 years 3rd January.

VOCATION PRAYER:

God of all creation, through Baptism you gift us with new life.
You call each of us to live that life in a unique way, so that we may truly
become the witnesses of your love. Bless all those you call: all single and
married people all priests and deacons, all sisters and brothers
May we all become builders of your kingdom and sacraments of your
love. As we live out the mission of Jesus Christ through living out
baptismal call We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

ROSTERS		9.00am
Acolytes:	6.1.19	Volunteer
	13.1.19	?
Readers:	6.1.19	Rachell Naughton, Sue Reedy
		Helen McCormack, Anne Cleary
Offertory	6.1.19	Noel Plumb Family
	13.1.19	Venetta Smith
Altar Servers	6.1.19	Eliza & Chloe Kemp
	13.1.19	
Cleaners:	January	Mona, Geraldine, Francis
Counters	6.1.19	Tom & Perry McCormack
	13.1.19	Norma Jameson, Cheryl Anderson, Pat O'Keefe

Gospel Reflection:

In the story of the Epiphany, when the wise men come from the east to search for the new-born king of the Jews, the very idea of foreigners coming to celebrate a Jewish messiah is itself a disturbing feature. What have these easterners to do with Jewish affairs! What do they know of the mystery of God and religion! How dare they encroach on such sacred territory! Yet they come, and they are received with grace by Mary and Joseph.

Their coming has not only disturbed Jewish ideas of religion, but the local political scene is unhinged as well. Herod, the great herod, is deeply upset at the idea of a child who might succeed him, usurp his dynasty. So he makes plans to protect his interests and to see off the newcomer. He has not amassed his power and fortune to see it taken from him by some stranger.

Meanwhile, the wise men offer their gifts. The gold is symbolic of the wealth of new understanding that Jesus will bring to human life. The incense speaks of a holy way of living that has come into the world in Jesus Christ. Myrrh tells of the suffering involved in any attempt to change the way life is. It foretells the cross. In our lives today this feast of the Epiphany is not just another feast, not just the end of the Christmas story. It carries message and a challenge to us now. The wise men from the east are the outsiders. They are the strangers. They are not familiar people. They are not what we expected. But they are here In our story. What are we going to do about them? Will we accept the gifts they bring and allow ourselves to be changed by them?


