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ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14 & 15 January 2023		
1ST READING Isaiah 49:3, 5-6	2ND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-3	GOSPEL John 1:29-34
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy
Readers	Helen Bennett, Moira Najdecki	Maria Mendoza, Josephus Bumaat
Offertory	BA Daly	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Maria & John Michas	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith, Amir	
Mt View		Jindalee

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 7 & 8 January 2023		
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Julie Douglas, Christopher Ruzario
Offertory	Bennett family	Young family
Eucharistic Ministers	Caroline Evans	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Claudine Smith, Louise Gaudry, Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Brad Hogno	
Mt View		Jindalee

Together with so many around the world, the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn mourns the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Joseph Ratzinger (1927-2022).

He is remembered as a towering Catholic theologian and professor, a close collaborator of St (Pope) John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI (2005 – 2013), and for his resignation in 2013.

For Australians, we will recall with affection his hosting as Pope of World Youth Day in Sydney (2008).

On his election as Pope and especially his eloquent Encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est" (2005), God is Love, indicated a tone that stressed simply the love, hope and joy of our encounter with Jesus.

St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledges the **Ngunnawal People**, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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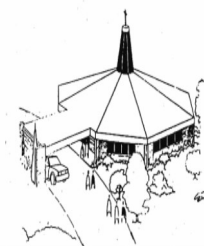
Fr Baiju Thomas, MGL (Mission Centre Director)

Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director,

Belle Joseph (Secretary, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am—1pm)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)

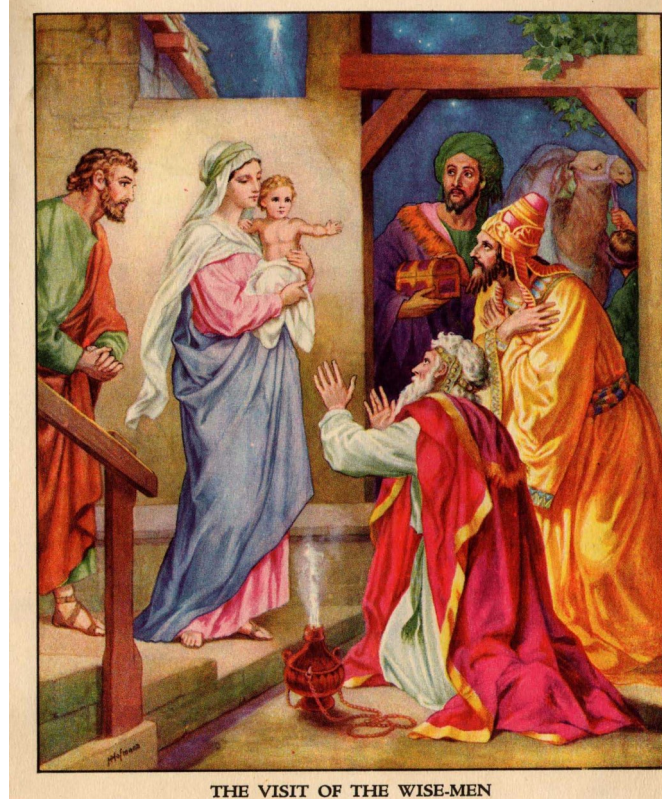
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)



The Epiphany of the Lord 7 & 8 January 2023

God's Word: The Epiphany of the Lord

In his popular 1927 work *Journey of the Magi*, T.S. Eliot ponders today's feast. Just a few months before publishing the poem Eliot had embraced a deeper living of his own Christian faith and was received into the Anglican church. His poem presents much more than the romantic journey of camels carrying kings bearing gifts for the Christ child. Eliot considers the Epiphany event as a birth and a death: just as every death is a birth, so too birth often feels like death as we are weaned from familiar securities and drawn into maturity. We find ourselves 'no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation' surrounded by people (even family and friends from whom we now feel alien) who are still striving for and grasping at their false gods. For the Magi, encountering the child Jesus was life-changing just as a real encounter with Jesus Christ is transforming for us too. The Magi entered the house as searchers following a star, but on seeing and recognising Jesus they fell to their knees and worshipped. Now they were no longer simply seekers but pilgrims, people of faith who had been touched by Christ and who were therefore unafraid to travel 'by a different way.'



THE VISIT OF THE WISE-MEN

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is in recess at St Benedict's over the summer holiday period in January. Normal Adoration hours will resume on the first Monday of February 2023.

Isaiah 60:1-6

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 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13

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.

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.

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Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.

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 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

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 Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 2:2

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

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Appeals

Sound system upgrade

The parish is looking to up-date the sound system in the church, with a projected cost of \$25,000. So far we have raised \$17,000, so we need a further \$8000. Contributions to the project will be gratefully received. You can deposit your donation directly into the parish bank account. Details below:

Account Name	BSB	Acc No
Catholic Missions	062.784	100008854

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish

Recently deceased: Gemma Di Placido, Verica Fairman, Peter Bird.

Anniversaries: Margaret Burnell, Tom Daly, Margaret Davis, Thomas Erpei, Domenico Italiano, Andrea Italiano, Anna Maria Italiano, Maree Jenkins, Sarah Maitland, William Malone, Marion Murphy, Ivo Webb, Anne Witt, George Wyer, Fr Charles Donnelly, Fr Thomas Gray, Fr Patrick Hanrahan, Fr William A. Fitzpatrick.

Our Sick: Jindalee & Mt View residents, Julia Brown, Mitchell White, Germaphi, Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Mark Ransom, Pamela Brown, Anne Rosewarne; Monica Boyton, Mary Smith, Ben Melbourne, Colin Paley, Janice Paley, Gert Fletcher, Caroline Evans, Anna Pace, Daniel Collins, Barbara Parsons, Edwina Gundelach.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9am - 1pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9am; 6pm (Charismatic Mass)
Fourth Sunday of the Month: 6pm (Youth Mass)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday: 5.30pm; Wednesday: 12.30pm; Thursday: 5.30pm; Friday: 5.30pm (Healing Mass); Saturday 8.00am

RECONCILIATION:

Friday following Healing Mass from. 6.15pm-7pm
Saturday: 5pm-5.30pm or by appointment

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Saturday: 7.30am 3rd Friday Padre Pio:5pm
BAPTISMS: During weekend Masses or by appointment. See parish website for booking information.
WEDDINGS: by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

During the 5.30pm Mass on first Fridays
10.30am at Jindalee 1st Thursday of the month
10.30am at Mt View 3rd Thursday of the month

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

In recess until 1st Monday of February 2023

Monday & Tuesday: 6am-10pm
Wednesday & Thursday: 1pm-10pm; Friday 6am to Saturday 8am

Urgent hours that need to be filled:
Monday 3-4pm, Tuesday 3-4pm, Friday 12-1pm

Hearing Loop is located in the right center rows of the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to make the best use of this facility.

EMPOWER NIGHT will recommence early Feb 2023 at the new time of 7pm till 9pm Tues nights. It's a Charismatic night of Lay preaching and healing in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The night is a chance for those attending training to use their skills and gifts. Everyone is very welcome to come worship and soak in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

LEGION OF MARY meetings are held every Monday 6:30pm at St Benedict's Parish Centre. New members are welcome. Please contact Theresa Rees: 0402 271 531, for more details.

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