Year B The EPIPHANY of the LORD



Monday 8th January Sunday 14th January

Monday 8th: No Mass Tuesday 9th: 5pm Mass

Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 10th: 9am Mass Thursday 11th: 9am Mass Friday 12th: 9am Mass Saturday 13th: 6pm Mass Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm Sunday 14th: 9am Mass

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays after Mass

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK 13/14 JANUARY

Cleaning

15-20 R & K Ison

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer: B Oerder Commentator: M Bridges

Reader: P Nolan

Eucharistic Ministers M Weatherall

Computer Screen K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer D May Commentator . L Page

Reader: B Basevi

Eucharistic Ministers K Corbin, L Stevens

Computer Screen T Priest....

MORNING TEA:

N Beatty

Our Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging

The Parish of St Bernard's extends a warm WELCOME to all visitors as we gather in celebration during this holiday season. We are delighted to share the joy of the holidays with you. May this season be a time of reflection, gratitude and connection as we come together in fellowship and the spirit of love and unity.

May you travel safely as you return to your homes refreshed after your time on the Coast



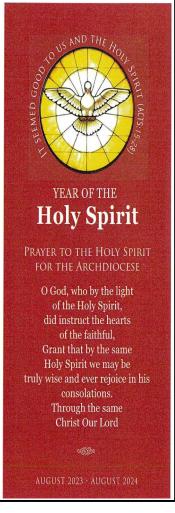
The Parish thanks all those who made the Christmas celebrations prayerful and joyful

Your continued support of the parish in the many ministries and roles during 2023 is much appreciated.

May you continue to be blessed during 2024

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

Resume in February 2024 For emergency and anointing of the sick call Fr Loi on 0450 699 363



Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support

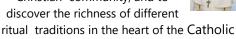


of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on 6239 9813 or email tribunal@cg.org.au

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY **INTENTIONS 2024**

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



REMEMBERING THE SICK - We pray for those of our families and friends who have asked for our prayers together with those in hospital and nursing homes and all those effected by conflicts throughout our world.

Church.

We pray for the recently deceased in the

Parish Community: : Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphett, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick)Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall,



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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

to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Judaea during the reign of King Herod, Stars east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' have come to do him homage.' When King 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 '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 went forward and halted over the place 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to vou Lord Jesus Christ

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and Seekers after some wise men came to Jerusalem from the Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child 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 appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 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 homage.' Having listened to what the king humane life, then the Church teaches that the had to say, they set out. And there in front Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of them was the star they had seen rising; it of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. where the child was. The sight of the star But, such persons do not savour the fullness filled them with delight, and going into the of Truth as we do with the privilege of having house they saw the child with his mother the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is Mary, and falling to their knees they did 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,

adore

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him.



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LITURGY OF THE WORD The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you. Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. has come, the glory of the Lord is rising Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the 4. For he shall save the poor when they Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light will have pity on the weak and save the and kings to your dawning brightness. lives of the poor. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are (R.) Lord, every nation on earth will 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.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13. R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore vou.

king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and Jesus, through the gospel. your poor in right judgement. 2. In his days justice shall flourish and R. Thanks be to God

peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds

- 3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of all nations shall serve him.
- cry and the needy who are helpless. He

adore vou.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the **Ephesians**

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

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 1. O God, give your judgement to the parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ

The Word of the Lord