

YEAR C THE EPIPHANY of the LORD



Monday 6th January
Sunday 12th January

Monday 6th: No Mass
Tuesday 7th: 5 pm Mass
 Adoration 4pm
Wednesday 8th: 9am Mass with
 Anointing of the Sick
Thursday 9th: 9am Mass
Friday 10th: 9am Mass
Saturday 11th: 5pm Mass
 Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm
Sunday 12th: 9am Mass
Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays

ROSTERS Next Week
11/12 JANUARY
Cleaning
 13-11 D & L May
5.00PM MASS
 Welcomer: P Jobs
 Commentator S
 Ebejer
 Reader:
 M Weatherall
 Eucharistic Ministers : J Wain
 Computer Screen
 M O'Neill
9.00 AM MASS:
 Welcomer L May
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 Computer Screen ..
 D May..
MORNING TEA:
 N Beatty
COUNTERS
 T Priest/J Whiteford

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 Office will be closed until Wednesday 22nd January as we are taking a break. For any queries, please call Fr Rex on 0407 068 413

The Parish thanks all those who continued to support the Parish in the many ministries and roles during 2024 and is much appreciated. May you continue to be blessed during 2025

Fr Rex is looking after the Parish for the next few months. We welcome him to St Bernard's and hope he enjoys his time here with us.

MASSES IN AGED CARE RESUME 2025 For emergencies and anointing of the sick call
 Fr Rex on
 0407 068 413

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
 may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.
 May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
 To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

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

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.



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

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre

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ACC Name:
 St Bernard's Operating
BSB: 062-786 **Bank Acc:**
 00012939 **Ref:** Family Name

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*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Stars and Seekers after Truth

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 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 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. © *Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com*

Wishing you all a Joyous and Blessed New Year



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 5 Jan 2025

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 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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 parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

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