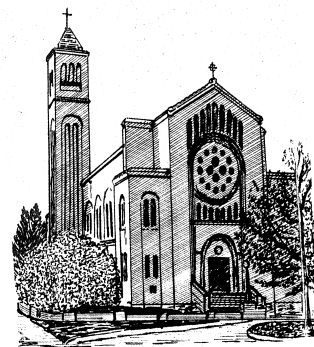


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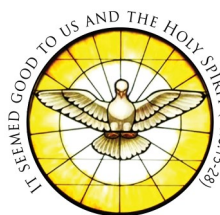


Epiphany of the Lord,
Year B
7 January 2024

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YEAR OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
August 2023– 2024

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

Cnr Canberra Ave & Furneaux Street, Forrest (Manuka) ACT

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (livestreamed),
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 7.30am &
12.15pm

Saturday & Public Holidays:
9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Reconciliation

St Christopher's

Wednesday: 11.30am-12.00noon

Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Adoration

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 5.00-6.00pm

Rosary at the Cathedral

Mon–Fri 8am, Sat 11:40am, Sun
4:45pm

Baptisms

St Christopher's:

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's:

3rd Sunday: 10:30am

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Many characters make up the Nativity, the greatest being Jesus Himself. On this feast of the Epiphany we are introduced to three more - those whom Matthew calls the 'Wise Men from the East'. The scriptures describe them not as kings - as in later tradition - but as "learned" and "wise" (Matt 2:1).

In the wake of Christmas – we are reminded that to know, encounter and recognise Jesus, takes a very specific (and beautiful) kind of Wisdom – the Wisdom of faith! Not a hidden wisdom, but one revealed to all people; and yet not a wisdom as the world would define it.

The question asked by Herod and the Wise Men was one of where to find Jesus, this King! This same question rings out in a troubled, un-believing world today. This King is not hidden however, nor does He play some malicious game of Hide and Seek, delighted by our thwarted attempts to 'find' Him. Rather, He comes so close that we often glance right past Him.

The Wise men first go to the place the world tells us a King would be. The palace! Here they lose sight of the Wisdom of the Star which first invoked the search deep within them. Instead temptation greets them; the one which portrays God as far removed from the world of you and I. A God who is unapproachable and removed, perched upon the regal heights of his captious throne. With the Wisdom of faith however, they continue on their way, aware of falling prey to this dangerous lie.

Following the star once more they arrive in Bethlehem: and what do they find? The opposite! A teenage mother crouched in a stable, surrounded by hay. A faithful husband, Joseph is standing by. The young mum caresses the rose cheeks of the baby, carefully bound by His loving new parents. After Jerusalem, the temptation comes to reject the littleness of the King who is born. To reject the vulnerability and simplicity of the God who is born into our midst. But again, the same Wisdom which cannot be taught – that defies the 'wisdom of the world' – triumphs in the hearts of those who search.

The two great temptations of our lives, are to see God as either, so grand that he is unapproachable. Or to be fooled, by the God who is so close that He goes unnoticed.

For all the beauty and depth of this Gospel, perhaps the greatest wisdom of the visitors from the east is the courage and persistence which epitomises their search. They continue, despite hurdles, temptation, and even mockery. And in the end, they are rewarded.

Relying not on their own strength, but upon the Wisdom which leads them. The same Wisdom given to us. Wisdom who has now become incarnate. And when they arrive, they can not but 'rejoice exceedingly'. The joy of discovery purchased at the price of the search.

Friends, our own search, the 'search' of all peoples, whether individuals know it or not, is a search for the One whom the Wise men found that holy night. It is a search for God. And the search is never in vain. God can be found; and found close to you in the stable of your own life.

Scriptures calls them wise, and rightly so, for worldly reason and logic only took the Magi so far! The other part of the way was by mystery; not something impossible to understand, but the mystery of a God who comes down from the riches of His divinity to be exposed and vulnerable to the world. To you and I. This is the genuine Mystery of Love! The wise men knew this... and allowed their hearts and lives, to be taken to a place that worldly wisdom could never take them. Happy Feast of the Epiphany! And a Happy and Holy New Year!

Fr Trenton



NOTICES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Jan 8 Baptism of the Lord
Tues Jan 9 1st Week in Ord. Time
Wed Jan 10 1st Week in Ord. Time
Thu. Jan 11 1st Week in Ord. Time
Fri. Jan 12 1st Week in Ord. Time
Sat. Jan 13 1st Week in Ord. Time
Sun Jan 14 2nd SUNDAY in Ord. Time
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PARISH GROUPS

St Vincent de Paul

Good Shepherd Prayer Group
Wednesday at 7pm SPC
Parish Room (Feb-Dec)

Christian Meditation
Saturday at 4:30pm SPC

Other Communities

Spanish Community
First Sunday of the month at
11.30am SPC

African Community
Second Sunday of the month at
11.45am SPC **begins Feb.**

Filipino Community
First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC

**For details of any of the
above, contact the Parish
Office.**

A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May we keep Christ at the centre of our lives this coming year. Wishing you a safe and joyful start to 2024!

PARISH OFFICE– please note, the Parish Office will be closed from December 22 to January 7. Normal office hours will resume Monday 8 of January, 2024.

2024 Columban Calendars \$10 each available in the Catholic Bookshop.

The Feast of the Epiphany – Chalking the Doors

The traditional markings of “CMB” refer to the names of the three Wise Men who visited the Holy Family at the Nativity: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar who gave the infant Jesus gold, frankincense and myrrh. “CMB” is also an abbreviation of the Latin *Christus mansionem benedicat* – “May Christ bless this home.”

The numbers preceding and following symbolize the year, with crosses in between. Here is a shorter order of blessing you can do at home:

Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

Leader: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All: Our Father.

Leader: Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The lintel of the front doors is marked with the blessed chalk:

20 + C + M + B + 24

We pray: God of mercy, fill our home with the light and love of Christ that it may be place of hospitality and welcome. May Christ be our shelter when we are at home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



NOTICES

Giving and Receiving— Direct debit and QKR options are available, as well as TapnGo machines **Thank you sincerely for your generosity.** If you are able, perhaps consider donating to 1st and 2nd collection via direct debit . **The First collection: contributes to clergy of the Archdiocese.** If you make an offering through direct debit, please include that you are a parishioner of the Cathedral Parish.

BSB: 062-786 Account Name: CATHEDRAL
Bank Account: 000029248 Reference: FORREST & SURNAME

The Second collection: contributes to parish mission and maintenance. If you would like to give and are not currently registered for Planned Giving, please deposit into the following bank account:

BSB: 062786 Account Name: St Christopher's Cathedral
Bank Account: 000015080 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
or Donation (parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

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Loreto Ex Students' Reunion— in Canberra Saturday, **16 March 2024**
For further details: loreto.canberra@gmail.com

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Year of the Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
Of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts
Of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in His
consolations.
Through the same
Christ our Lord

Amen.

AUGUST 2023— AUGUST 2024

We pray for...

Those to be married : Joshua Gaspari & Gianna Sigado

Those who are ill: Sonja Vocisano, Margaret "Peggy" Byrnes, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin Conlan, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

Anniversaries of death: Julian Borg, Georgia Hurley, Mary Walshe, Silvio Cadona, Sylvia Crossin, Eleanora Gaider, Sheila Semecky, Reginald Gallagher, Des Black, Kathleen Kelly, Margaret Lyons, Vernon Davies, Margaret Mumford, Allen Blundell, John Stephens, Elizabeth, Bill, Hannah & Phoebe Allan, Arthur Burt, Helen Burt, Margaret Burnell, Josef Charles Stefaniak, Rhys Summergreene, Margaret Riley, Julian Radjam

Recently Deceased: Geraldine Conlan, Neville Reece, Zander Balmaceda, Kevin Wellspring (Father or Fr Julian Wellspring), Cathy Cleary, Jeanette Marie Evans, Frank Fulop, Tim Davies, Jerina Junakovic, Sr M Barbara Fogarty, rsj, Don Debus, Raymond Anthony, Kevin Bray, Colin Dwyer, Anita Ong-Siong Sy, Mgr Rob Egar, Rosa Mustapic,

The Epiphany of the Lord —Year B — 6/7 January



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

Responsorial: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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

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

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, through 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 around: 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.

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 Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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.

READERS ROSTER JANUARY

Mass	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
	6/7 Jan	13/14 Jan	6/7 Jan	13/14 Jan
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Crystal Lavien Dorilyn Desuyo		
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Dione Smith	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Raphael Molu Tarinya Hannedege	Damien Balachandran Wanda Kaucz		
11.00am (SCC)	Jacqui Ramesh Jacqueline Hipwell	Samantha Hazlett Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman
5.00pm (SCC)	Solange Pereira Kevin Woods	Rebekah O'Meagher Lynette Yap		

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