

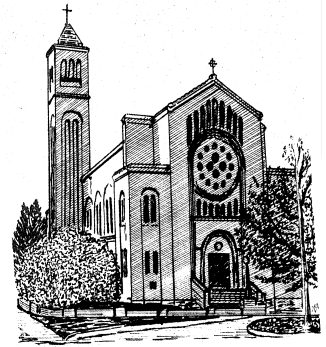


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

Solemnity of the
Epiphany of Our Lord
Year C -
2 Jan 2021

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
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St Christopher's &
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Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Friday, 8am-4pm

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 *Note new time

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9.30am
2.00-3.00pm Adoration
& Confessions

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 7.30am &
12.15pm

Saturday: 9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Thursday: 10.00am (9.30am
Adoration): Anointing Mass first
Thursday of the month.

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

Saturday: 5.15 - 5.45pm

Adoration

St Christopher's

Tuesday to Friday: 5.00-6.00pm

Rosary at the Cathedral

Mon-Fri 8am, Sat 11:40am, Sun
4:45pm

Baptisms

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Today's feast introduces us to three more figures in the Christmas story; mysterious figures, who in the Scriptures are described not as kings – as is common in many of our seasonal nativity plays – but as "learned", "wise" men (Matt 2:1).

In this season of our lives and human history, we are again reminded, that knowing, encountering and recognise Jesus, takes a very specific (and beautiful) kind of wisdom – the Wisdom (and gift) of faith! This is no hidden wisdom; earned or uncovered as the gnostics of the past would teach. Rather, it is a wisdom revealed to *all* people, indiscriminately, and yet not a wisdom as the world would have it defined.

The question on Herod's lips and too those of the 'Wise Men' in today's gospel, is one of where to *find* Jesus. This question is one which is impressed upon every human heart, up and down the ages. Where is God? Where do I *find* him?

God is not hidden however. Nor is he embroiled in some cruel, unwinnable game of Hide and Seek, delighting in our futile attempts to 'find' Him. Rather God comes so close that most of the time, we conveniently look right past him.

Consider the travelers who at first seek the Child in the place every human suspicion, would tell us he is found. The palace! Here they lose sight of the Wisdom of the Star which first invoked the search within their hearts. Temptation overcomes them. The temptation which portrays God as far removed from the reality of you and I. A God, unapproachable and removed, perched upon the regal heights of a capitious throne.

Yet, with the Wisdom of faith, they continue on their way, aware of falling prey to the lie which traps so many. Following the star once more they arrive in Bethlehem: and what do they find? Another temptation. A teenage mother crouched in a stable, surrounded by hay. A faithful, yet exhausted husband standing by, the young mum caressing the rose cheeks of the new born child.

The temptation now, is to reject the littleness of God, the long awaited Saviour. How little things have changed! To reject the intimacy, simplicity and closeness of the God who is born, is the trap we still accede to today.

But again, the same wisdom which cannot be taught, which surpasses the 'wisdom of the world' pesters the human heart. 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 of the gospel, perhaps the greatest wisdom of the searchers from the east, is the courage and persistence which epitomises their search. They continue, despite hurdles, temptation, and even mockery. And the truth neither disappoints nor deceives. They place their hope and destiny, not in their own plans or 'wisdom', but in that of the divine which beckons them on. This is the same Wisdom given to us. A Wisdom now *incarnate*, in Jesus.

When the Wise Men finally arrive, they 'rejoice exceedingly'. The joy of discovery won, at the cost of the search. Our own search, the 'search' of all peoples – confessed or not – is a search for the One whom the Magi found that holy night. It is a search for God. A search which is never in vain.

God can be found, and found close to you in the stable of your own life, and my own life.

Scripture calls them wise, and rightly so – for the world's wisdom and assumption only took the searches so far! The greater stretch of the journey was made in surrender to a beckoning love, which drew them and us into mystery. The mystery of a God who comes down from the riches of His divinity to those who, in love, relinquish themselves to the greatest love story. The wise men experienced this reality and allowed their hearts and lives, to be taken to a place that worldly wisdom could never take them.

Wishing you a Happy, Awakening Feast of the Epiphany, and a blessed and holy New Year!

With affection, Fr Trenton

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy

School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Minister

Miss Anh Tran

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Jan 3	Monday after the Epiphany <i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>
Jan 4	Tuesday after the Epiphany
Jan 5	Wednesday after the Epiphany
Jan 6	Thursday after the Epiphany
Jan 7	Friday after the Epiphany <i>Saint Raymond of Penyafort</i>
Jan 8	Saturday after the Epiphany

PARISH GROUPS

Legion of Mary

*Monday at 5.30pm
(Haydon Hall)*

St Vincent de Paul

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

*Wednesday at 7pm SPC
Parish Room (Feb-Dec)*

Christian Meditation

Saturday at 5pm 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*

Filipino Community

*First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC*

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

COVID CAPACITY— restrictions have further eased to 2sqm. Bookings are NOT required to attend Mass or the Sacraments.

- **Facemasks MUST be worn** in the Cathedral and St Peter's. Sanitiser is at all entrances.
- All **MUST use the Check-in CBR App**. Thank you for your ongoing care and understanding.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL JANUARY 4TH, 2022

PARISH EMAIL DATABASE – We now email the bulletin as well as parish happenings. If you would like to be added to our mailing list please let us know at cathedral@cq.org.au

LET US NOT BECOME COMPLACENT - Maintain social distancing at all times, particularly when forming the line for Communion. Please remain familiar with current protocols.

2022 COLUMBAN CALENDERS — now available at the Catholic bookshop.

Dear fellow parishioners

Your finance committee would like to give a brief report on what your very appreciated donations to the 2nd Collection for the maintenance of our Parish churches has enabled us to do.

- Full external Painting of SCC
- Clean & Wax of marble Tiles at SCC
- New Tap Machines at both SCC & SPC (this has enabled parishioners and visitors an additional method of donation)
- Cleaning of external Brick work of SCC
- Roof Repairs at SCC
- Parish Room refurbishment at SPC
- Painting and recarpeting of SPC parish hall.
- Cont'ing major realignments of doors and refurbishment of original brass hinges at SCC.
- A full Capex Report for SCC and SPC commissioned to give the committee some formal advise of expected Capital Expenditure required in the coming years at these properties.

In the coming year, we will begin implementing some of the recommendations for works required after advice on the above report. Our first improvement will be the installation of Security cameras at SCC.

We would like to sincerely thank all those Parishioners who have made the above possible through your very generous, regular contributions and hope that you can continue to contribute. We also encourage Parishioners to consider a regular contribution to the second collection so that we can continue to maintain and improve all of the properties within our Parish.

Kathryn Ruston (Chair), Wanda Kaucz and Peter Carrigy-Ryan

POPE FRANCIS

"God made us capable of dreaming, so that we could embrace the beauty of life. The works of mercy are the most beautiful works in life. They go right to the heart of our great dreams. If you are dreaming about real glory, not the glory of this passing world but the glory of God, this is the path to follow" (*Homily*, 22 Nov 2020).

LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM - concrete steps towards achieving sustainability in the spirit of 'integral ecology' as spoken of in Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical. Visit: laudatosiactionplatform.org/ and care4ourcommonhome.org/home. You are invited to join on the platform.

OTHER NEWS



Giving and Receiving— safer ways to make an offering. **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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers);
or Donation (by parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

You can also Download the QKR! App. "QKR at Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish"—A New, Easier way to donate!

A purpose-built secure parish app to contribute to the 1st & 2nd Collection. Include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. For step by step Qkr! instructions, visit cg catholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/ **Thank you for your generosity**

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP — ATTENTION: Daily Mass Book 2022 - please check : If you are missing pages 64–91 please return to the Catholic Bookshop to exchange it for a new book.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE — Visit our website: womenstask-forceacg.wordpress.com/

VINNIES VOLUNTEERS DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS REQUEST — Hours: Minimum 4 hours/ day (20 hours/holidays); Volunteer Period: 01/12/21 – 31/01/22 (negotiable); Info: 0407 905 217, or volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au. vinnies.org.au/shops.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The Universal Church has embarked on a similar journey we've experienced in our Plenary Council. You are invited to make a submission via an online portal, now open. Make a 250 word submission at catholic.org.au/synodalchurch. The diocesan consultation phase has been extended to the 15th August 2022. Dates and resources catholic.org.au/synodalchurch. We will also make a submission as a parish community.

World Meeting of Families 22-26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. The Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. In our Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn it is envisaged that celebrations will happen in three locations: one in Canberra, one in the Eastern Deanery and one in the Western Deanery. For more local information contact lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869.

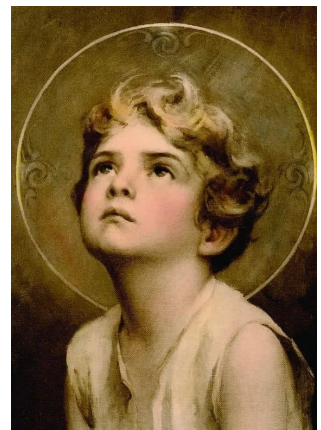
The Holy Name of Jesus — January 3

The Holy Name of *Jesus* means Saviour; and had been shown in a dream to Joseph together with its meaning and to Our Lady at the annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel. Devotion to the Holy Name is deeply rooted in Sacred Scripture. January has traditionally been dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The name of *Jesus* is the name of *gladness*, a name of *hope* and a name of *love*.

The Name of gladness, because if the remembrance of past transgressions afflicts us, this name comforts us, reminding us that the Son of God became man for this purpose, to make himself our Savior.

The Name of hope, because he that prays to the Eternal Father in the name of Jesus may hope for every grace he asks for: If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it you.

The Name of love. For the name of Jesus brings to our remembrance all the sufferings which Jesus has endured for us in his life and at his death. — Excerpted from St. Alphonsus de Liguori, *The Incarnation Birth and Infancy of Jesus Christ*



We pray for...

Those who are ill: Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Baby Antoni Feliks, Fr Laurie Blake, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter Gannon.

Anniversaries of death: 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

Recently Deceased: Georgia Hurley, Malachi Hurley, David Kibbey, Giuseppina Morosin, Denis Gilmour, Fr. Brendan Shannon, Francis-ka Setiowati Silasudjana, Fr. Stan Barry CM, Sr M Andre Guthrie, Kerry Allan, Rodrigo De Guzman, William Wright, Cristina M M Santos, Yolly Lucas Reyes, Fay Murray, Carter & Andre Harrison-Saunders, Neville Dodds, Agostino Luongo, Joy Sweeny, Wilfredo Riosa (Fr. Anthony Riosa's father) Michael Williams, Christopher Richards, Pamela Manning.



Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
Gospel Acclamation: We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.
Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

First Reading

Is 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.

Second Reading

Eph 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 Reading

Mt 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			Lectors	
Mass	1/2 Jan	8/9 Jan		
5.00pm (SCC)	Leann Galloway Ruth Meadows	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman		
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Wanda Kaucz	Wanda Kaucz Felicity de Fombelle		
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Zoe Zavone	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Lynn Chan Gloria Osborne	Ruth Meadows		
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Jacqui Ramesh	Cecily Matthews Jacqueline Hipwell		
5.00pm (SCC)	Liz Porra Kevin Woods	Lynette Yap		