



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

The Epiphany of the
Lord
Year B -
3 Jan 2021

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Vicar General: Fr Tony Percy VG
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
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Masses at St Christopher's
will be offered with a maxi-
mum of 260 people present
until further notice

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Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm
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Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (livestreamed),
5.30pm

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

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

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 later tradition does- 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. God is not hidden however, nor does He play some malicious game of Hide and Seek, delighted by our thwarted attempts to 'find' Him. No! Rather God comes so close that we often simply 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' which claims it is not possible - 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.

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, silent 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 taken them.

Happy Feast of the Epiphany! And a Happy and Holy New Year!

Fr Trenton

PARISH NEWS

**PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE OR REPOSITION
'SIT HERE' SIGNS ON THE PEWS.**

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Thursday Evenings 6pm. Contact office . Resumes January 28th.

School of Religion

Watch this space for 2021 Sacramental program dates.

Youth Minister

Chiara Catanzariti

Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 4 Jan Weekday of Christmas
Time
Tue 5 Jan Weekday of Christmas
Time
Wed 6 Jan Weekday of Christmas
Time
Thu 7 Jan Weekday of Christmas
Time
Fri 8 Jan Weekday of Christmas
Time
Sat 9 Jan Weekday of Christmas
Time

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and
combatting social injustice in our
community

Adventurers Youth Group

(primary school age)
Sundays, 8.45am SPC—
Resumes, February 2021

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.

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 2021!*

LETS KEEP EACHOTHER SAFE—if you are coughing or have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.

DISRUPTIONS TO CATHEDRAL ENTRY: Repair work continues this week on the bell tower and roofs. Thank you for your continuing patience. Please follow signs when entering and exiting.

DOWNLOAD THE CHECK IN CBR APP: To assist with COVID-19 compliance and data collection requirements, we have introduced the “Check In Cbr” App. The App is free, download onto your smartphone and register, then simply scan the QR code located in the church entrance each time you enter. All data is secure, it saves time and you don’t have to touch the pen! Please note on WEEKEND MASSES you must still MANUAL SIGNING IN, ensure numbers are not exceeded.

YOUTH MINISTRY WRAP UP, 2020—leaflets which recount the wonderful year we’ve had in Youth and Young Adult Ministry, are located in Church entrances. As a parish we thank Chiara Catanzariti for her incredible leadership, dedication and passion in this area. Let us continue to keep our young people in prayer.

REQUEST FOR COVID MARSHALLS FOR WEEKEND MASSES — Thank you to those who have offered assistance. The parish office is seeking volunteers who can ensure the correct sign-in procedure is followed at Masses. This would require arriving 30 minutes early and inspecting each sign in. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office with your details either by phoning 6239 9846 or email cathedral@cg.org.au.

VOLUNTEERS - Garden group-Saint Peter Chanel’s’ are calling for volunteers. Contact: Mick Roche (0400 066 408).

NEW APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS: *PATRIS CORDE* - In *Patris corde*, the Pope describes St Joseph’s qualities as a true husband and father, in whom “Jesus saw the tender love of God”. http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

CAROLS AT THE CATHEDRAL SERVICE —The annual Carols at the Cathedral has, over the years, become a highlight on the Archdiocesan Calendar. Unfortunately, this year the annual Carols service was not open to the public, but was recorded. Please see the link below to watch the 2020 Carols Service.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07qNRZaV_mM

COLUMBAN CALANDERS- available for purchase at the Catholic bookshop.



OTHER NEWS

Mass live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. The congregation will be filmed during the livestreaming. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

Parish Collections: Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to please consider recommencing your weekly financial contributions. While much has been put to a sudden halt, parish cost have continued to rise. Please consider direct debit and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, 260 people are permitted in the Cathedral at any one time.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry (including children) . Records are destroyed after 28 days.
- Communion is received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 2sqm p/p rule.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. Every 2nd pew is closed. *NB:* Families can sit together.
- Please use hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates are in use, but money/envelopes can be deposited at collection points.
- Please DO NOT return bulletins, but keep or dispose of appropriately. **Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.** Blue squares and yellow markers on the tiles indicate these distances. Thank you for your commitment in keeping everyone safe.

St Vinnies request for Christmas Holiday volunteers— Are you looking for an opportunity to help people in need? Vinnies shops need short-term volunteers to help us during our busiest time of year . Min. 4 hours/day; volunteer period 21 Dec-2 Feb. If you are interested, please call 0407 905 217, email volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au or drop into your local Vinnies. You can find your nearest Vinnies shop by visiting www.vinnies.org.au/shops

Catholic Book Shop—Thank you for your support of the Canberra Catholic Bookshop in 2020. The Bookshop will be closed through to January 11th; when we will return to usual business hours, Monday to Friday 9:30am – 5pm; Saturday 9am to 1pm. Wishing you and your families much joy and happiness over the Christmas Season and New Year. *David, Katie, Anne & Elizabeth*

Engaged Encounter Retreat—20-21 Feb 2021. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au.

Men's Cursillo Weekend—25 Mar 2021. A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer led by an experienced local volunteer team. A three-day retreat starts on the evening of Thu 25 Mar in the relaxed monastery grounds of St Clements in Galong. Contact Geoff (chantel1997@hotmail.com, 0451 013 772).

New ways of Giving

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information: www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact Parish office 6239 9846.

Safe Church Transport - *A Transport Service that Provides a Companion.* Do you or someone close to you wish to attend church but don't have the means or a companion to make it happen? **CareTaxi** is your answer. Your fulfilment is our blessing! Holy Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, sightseeing, school trip and more; our qualified and caring drivers can assist you. Visit www.caretaxi.com.au, call +61 451 734 334 or email services@caretaxi.com.au.



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A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear Lord, I believe in the presence of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharistic celebration of the Last Supper. Since I cannot receive You Sacramentally, I embrace You Spiritually into my heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. My Lord and my God. Amen.

We pray for...

Those who are ill: Katarina Imsinovic, Clarrie Pickard, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Frank Boyle, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Melania Widjaja, Edhie Rahardja, Danny Yuwono

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: Rudy & Maria Rajic, Alexis Saaghy, Curtis Holland (USA), Lino Farronato, Gerald Byrnes, EPrain Barbery, Muriel Morgan, Dominic McKeown, Leena Lemley, Lou Westende, Shirley Cummings (nee Deane), Brian F Savage, Joan Ophel, John Kovacic, Geraldine Lawler, Barbara Develin.

Readings of the Day – The Epiphany of the Lord —Year B



Cathedral QR code

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: *Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and 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

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.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

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Lectors				
Mass	2/3 Jan 2021	9/10 Jan 2021		
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin Scott Pobihun	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone		
6.00pm (SPC)	Geraldene Ford Mike Nash	Wanda Kaucz Felicity de Fombelle		
8.00am (SCC)	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	Assigned Liza Quinn		
9.30am (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Colliss Parrett	Scott Pobihun Lynn Chan		
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Gabrielle Wright	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman		
5.30pm (SCC)	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	Gabrielle Wright Theresa Ngozi Okwudike		

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