

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

07 Jan 2018

St Brigid's
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

St Patrick's
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon Year B

To all who have joined us today. We hope that you feel 'at home' in our Parish Community. We are one Family.
We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and waterways, the Ngunnawal people,
and thank them for their continued hospitality.

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Priests

Fr Bernie Patterson
Fr Joshua Scott

Parish Secretary:

Ms Lorraine Vahland

Parish Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thu, 9 am-12 pm

MASS TIMES

Saturday

6.00pm St Brigid's

Sunday:

8:00 am St Patrick's

9:30 am St Brigid's

9.40am Children's Liturgy St Brigid's

10.00 am St Patrick's - German Mass

Weekday Masses:

Tues to Fri

9:00 am (St Brigid's)

12:30 pm (St Patrick's)

Saturday

9:00 am St Brigid's

Goodwin Homes: 1st Wed. 10.30 am

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:00 am St Brigid's

Friday: 12:00-12:30 pm St Patrick's

Pray the Rosary

Tues to Sat 8.35am St Brigid's

MEETINGS

Community of the Risen Lord

Charismatic Prayer Group

Friday 7.00 - 9.30pm St Brigid's Hall

Youth Ministry Fellowship and Activities

3rd Saturday 3.45 -5.30pm St Brigid's Hall,

For 13 to 20 year olds, further information

call 0481566050

Friday Prayer Group - Fortnightly

(call 6241 7042 for next date if needed)

10-11.30am Parish Office

Craft Group- Fortnightly

(call 6161 5797 for next date if needed)

Wednesday 12.30pm St Brigid's Hall

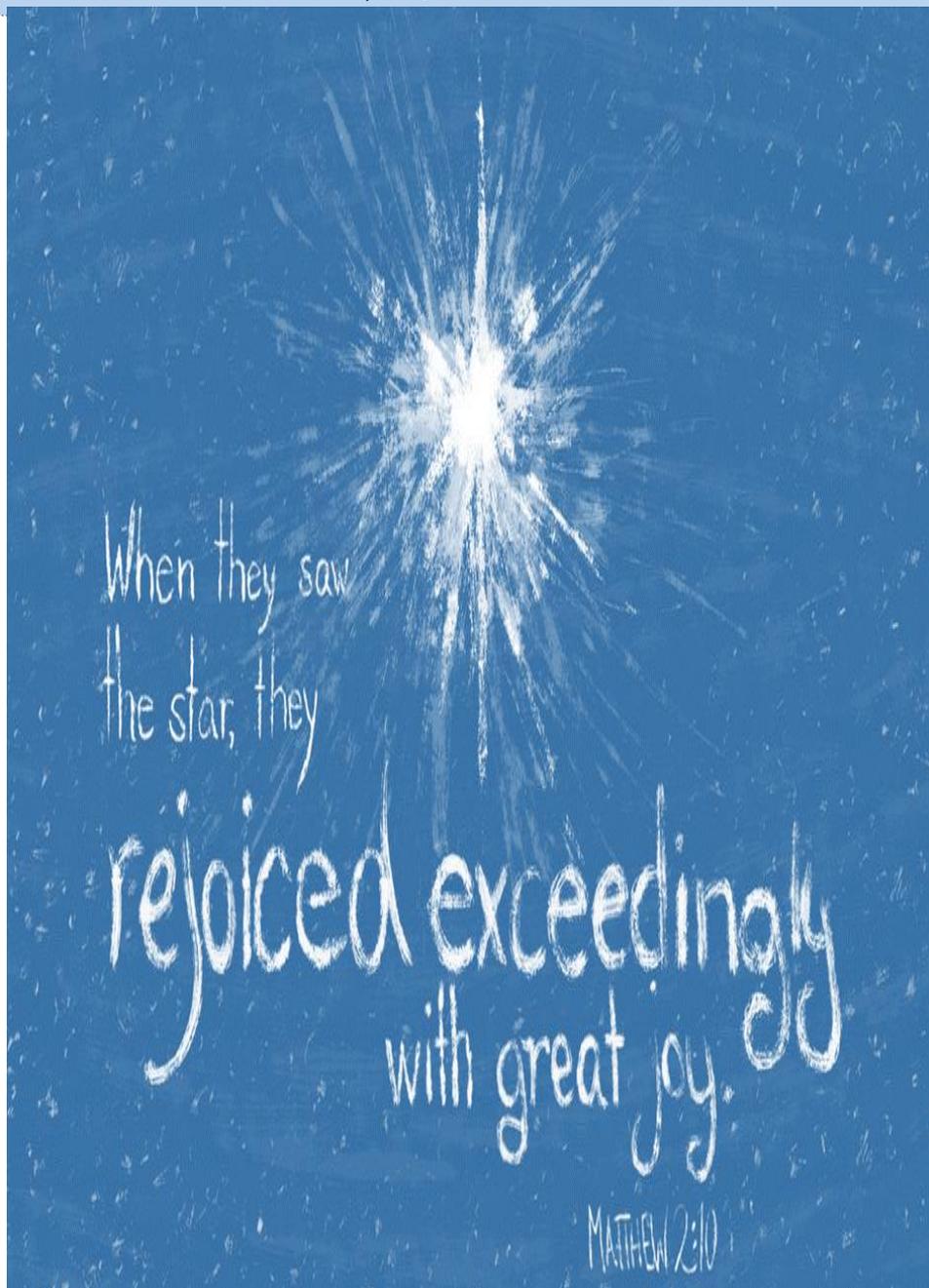
Holy Hour

Thursday 10.00am The Gathering Place

Catholic Radio

The Journey Catholic Radio Program Sun 1pm

On 1 Way FM 91.9 Canb or Rhema FM 94.3



Entrance Antiphon

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Communion Antiphon

The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

To be read as the Priest starts to consume the host

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who's visiting us today. Whether you're visiting Canberra, just having a look, or are searching out for a place to worship, we're delighted to have you here.

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 06/07 Jan

Saturday 6.00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Steve Hackett
Altar Servers Group 1 - Harry, Shenal
Readers Terry & Elaine Larkin
Offertory Sasha Vukoja, Eileen Wignall
Chalice Edsal Sequeira, Pam Cunningham

Sunday 8.00 am St Patrick's

Acolyte Ashley Bawden
Readers Pam Starr, Vin Kane
Offertory Nga Van, Ray Toohey
Chalice Chris Primmer, Frank Woods
Visitation Frank Woods
Altar Society

Sunday 9.30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Lorraine Vahland
Children's Liturgy In Recess until 11th Feb 2018
Readers Catherine Trinh, Ken Maher
Offertory Anne Prendergast, Ken Maher
Chalice David Johns, Paul Maher
Visitation Fran Pearson
Counting Mary Boyle, Ros Wiley
Morning Tea no morning tea in January
Altar Society Maureen Rogers, Barbara Spencer, Betty Tuohy

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK 13/14 Jan

Saturday 6.00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Paul Stewart
Altar Servers Group 2 Hycenth, Madhush, Emma
Readers Janet Munro, Edsal Sequeira
Offertory Mary Ryan, Ann Collins
Chalice Joanne Janakan, Bill Meani

Sunday 8.00 am St Patrick's

Acolyte John Skene
Readers Ray Toohey, Mary Boyle
Offertory Vin Kane, Ros Wiley
Chalice Vin Kane, Ashley Bawden
Visitation Vin Kane
Altar Society Audrey Healy

Sunday 9.30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Domenica Rossi
Children's Liturgy In Recess until 11th Feb 2018
Readers Judith Hurditch, Carmel Blake
Offertory Lorraine Vahland, Damian Smith
Chalice Carmel Blake, Ken Maher
Visitation Edsal Sequeira
Counting John Skene, Jim Maher
Morning Tea no morning tea in January
Altar Society Maureen Rogers, Barbara Spencer, Betty Tuohy

Please Pray for:



Brenda Curren, Helen Hordern, Pat Kaneally, Josephine Kinnidy, Frank Mines, Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Tony Patterson, Peter Peters, Maria Pizzano, David Rumble, Charles Ryan, Gail Sach, Ellalene (Lin) Seymour, Pat Sforcina, Nicola Sheehan, Brian Shoebridge, Marie Spencer, Ted Whiley

Please notify the Office when sick parishioners have recovered.



Baptism

Daniel Harvey Faulks

IN RECESS

Children's Liturgy until 11th February 2018 at 9.40am
Craft Group until 7th February at 12.30pm

PARISH MINISTRIES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair, Bill Meani
Barbara Anderson, Ann Collins, Liz Conway, Ursula Gottlob, Remy Humphries, Shahandra Martino, Brian O'Donoghue, Fr Bernard Patterson, Dominica Rossi, Sr Genny Ryan, John Skene, Fr Joshua Scott Ray Toohey, Lorraine Vahland

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Paul Maher, Lincoln Gonzales
Advisors: Bill Meani, Lorraine Vahland

PARISH LITURGY GROUP

- LITURGY PLANNING GROUP
Cindy Li, Anne Derrick, Genny Ryan osu,
- SUNDAY POWERPOINT SLIDE ARRANGEMENT
Doreen Tan, Carmel Blake
- SUNDAY POWERPOINT OPERATOR
Wk 1: Henry Lee
Wk 2: Rosie Zielinski
Wk 3: Ryan Pranantyo
Wk 4: Manjula Angammana
- MUSICIANS
Wk 1: Tony Johns
Wk 2: Maureen Dawes
Wk 3: Kevin Tee
Wk 4: Tony Johns
Wk 5 Music: Risen Lord Community
- 3rd Wk 6pm Saturday/8:30am Sunday Mass
Karina Widjaja & Jimmy Kartadinata, Sr Genny Ryan osu

CHILDRENS LITURGY LEADERS

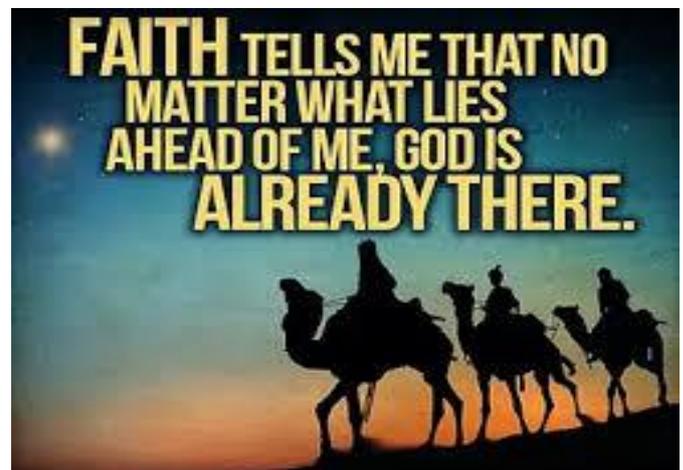
Wk 1: Rachele Ralime
Wk 2: Catherine Trinh
Wk 3: Christine Kearney
Wk 4: Rashmi Angammana
Wk 5: Sr Genny Ryan

ROSTER CO-ORDINATOR

Ros Wiley

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Assisting people in need and combating social injustice in our community St Vincent de Paul representatives are:
St Brigids - Ken Maher, Lorraine Vahland



The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote,

"O Father, may that Holy Star,
Grow every year more bright,
And send its glorious beams afar,
To fill the world with light."

NOTICES

9 – 11 Feb **Seeking the Mind of Christ** Parishioners are invited to a living encounter and a life transforming experience with the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit from the 9th to the 11th February 2018.
9 February - St Monica's Church: Evatt from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.
10 February - St Brigid's Church: Dickson from 10.00am to 5.00pm.
11 February - St Brigid's Church: Dickson from 10.30am to 5.30pm.
Conducted by Brother Lalith Perera, Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Father Ken Barker with support from Fr Bernie Patterson and Loi Viv Vicente. Lunch will be available at a nominal price or BYO. A crèche will also be available for children. Contact: Shan 0412 310364; Karen 0402 160401; Sean 0448 510237.

The Australian Catholic University Watson will run a 4 week Short Course in Theology which will be held on Monday evenings: 26 Feb, 5 Mar, 19 Mar and 26 Mar. Time 6 - 8 pm (Refreshments from 6 pm, lecture starts at 6.30 pm).

The topic this semester is **"The Passion of Jesus"**.

This is an opportunity to understand the heart of the Gospels: How do each of the Gospels understand the Passion of Jesus? Why was Jesus tried and crucified? What is the meaning of Jesus' suffering? Why did Jesus die?

Topics include:

Mon 26 Feb: Introduction to the Passion Narratives, and the Passion Narrative in the Gospel of John

Mon 5 Mar: Passion Narrative in the Gospel of Luke

Mon 19 Mar: Passion Narrative in the Gospel of Mark

Mon 26 Mar: Passion Narrative in the Gospel of Matthew

Fees - \$50 attendance only. \$100 for those requiring a Certificate of Attendance For more information, please visit:

<http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses>

Registration is essential by 23 February.



Saints, Memorials and Feasts of the Week

13 Jan Optional Memorial Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of The Church

Born in Poitiers (France) about 315. Died there on This day in 368. A married man with a family, he Became a Christian and was elected bishop of his native city. Called the "Athanasius of the West" because of his strenuous defence of the divinity of Christ against the Arians, for which he was exiled by the emperor.

Remembered for his gentle, courteous and friendly nature, and for his contribution to the Western understanding of the Trinity



How Canberra Central Parish St Brigid and St Patrick Churches Weekly Collections are distributed:



First collection is sent to the Archdiocese for the **ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS**

Second collection is kept by the Parish for **OUR PARISH PASTORAL WORKS AND EXPENSES**

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord.

Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to all humankind. Epiphany is traditionally and actually on January 6, but a number of years ago it was moved to the Sunday which falls between January 2 and 8.

Of course, our readings on this solemnity all refer to the Epiphany as we know it — the time that the divinity of Jesus was revealed, made manifest, to the entire world, not just Israel and the Jewish people. The world is represented by the three magi — the wise men as most of us know them. They came from the east and were, like most of us, Gentiles.

In the First Reading from Isaiah the prophet speaks of what will happen centuries later after the birth of Christ. There are two strong references to the story of the Magi with which we are so familiar. Isaiah declares, "Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." We often speak of the Light of Christ, and often He is portrayed in art sort of glowing or with a light on His face. In addition, we have the light of the star which led the Magi to Him so they could worship Him. The images we have of them are influenced by Isaiah, when he says, "Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord."

Therefore, today we celebrate receiving God's light. But there is more to it than that. The First Reading opens with "Rise up in splendor...Your light has come." We are to do more than just receive the light. We are to share it and reflect it. In our terms it is as if the Lord said "Rise and shine; your light has come." That is what we mean when we say we are called. We are called to be disciples and to be the Light of Christ for those around us.

In his letter to the Ephesians, our Second Reading, Saint Paul speaks of the revelations which this day represents. Paul points out that it had been revealed to us; a revelation is an epiphany. What is revealed? Exactly what Isaiah speaks of in the fact that Christ and His Divinity are revealed to the whole world. And what is the key to this revelation? The fact that "the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

Paul also says in relation to the divinity of the Lord, "the mystery was made known to me by revelation." We need to appreciate that what we translate as "mystery" is from the Greek word used by Paul *mysterion*. For us a mystery may represent something dark or obscure or incomprehensible. However, that is not the meaning of *mysterion*. It is more accurately translated as a now-open secret, something originally hidden, but now revealed by God.

There are certain passages in Holy Scripture almost universally known, and certainly well known to even a lukewarm Christian. The story of the Magi, the wise men or the three kings, falls into that category. As Matthew shares it in today's Gospel, they were "magi from the east." At no time does Matthew tell us there were three of them nor does he indicate that they are kings. Most likely, according to scholars, they were astronomers or astrologers, thus their knowledge of and fascination with the star which led them. Who they were and how many of them there were is not important. What is important is that they represent all of us, and their actions suggest to us how we need to respond to Jesus Christ and what He is and represents.

Holy Scripture is filled with subtleties we sometimes miss. Matthew tells us that "on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother." Joseph is evidently not present, and there is a reason for that. He was not, as we know, the true father to Jesus. They presented gifts to Jesus, not to His mother or His parents. When we give to Jesus today, we do not do it directly, but to the Lord's people through the parish and other charities.

Finally these visitors worshipped the Lord ("They prostrated themselves and did him homage."). We, too, need to worship the Lord; we, too, need to acknowledge His holiness and His kingship. Worshipping is more important than the gifts, but we are reminded in this Gospel that both are significant.

1st Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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 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.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

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

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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.**

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

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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 anyone in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

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