

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH



The Epiphany of the Lord



8 January 2023

St Brigid's
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

St Patrick's
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

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Parish Office Hours

Wed 9:30am-4.00pm,
Fri 1.00-4.00pm

Saturday

6:00pm St Brigid's

Sunday

8:00am St Patrick's

9:30am St Brigid's

10:00am German Mass, St Patrick's

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00am (St Brigid's)

Tuesday to Friday: 12:30pm (St Patrick's)

Goodwin Village Ainslie

Nursing Home: next Mass Tues 21st Feb

10.30am ILUs: next Mass 24 January

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Brigid's Dickson

Saturday

9:30am-10:00am

5:30-5:50pm (before Vigil Mass)

St Patrick's, Braddon: Friday 12.00 noon

Pray the Rosary

Tuesday to Saturday 8:35am

St Brigid's Church



Detail from *Adoration of the Magi*
Gentile da Fabriano (1423)

Entrance Antiphon

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

Communion Antiphon

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

Epiphany

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning “to reveal.” It commemorates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, but also his baptism in the River Jordan and his miracle at the Wedding of Cana. All of these events are revelations of Christ to the whole of mankind. The Council of Tours in 567 AD named 25 December as the feast of Christmas and 6 January as the feast of the Epiphany. However, a number of years ago, the celebration of the Epiphany was moved to the Sunday which falls between the 2nd and 8th of January.

The three gifts that the Magi brought for the child Jesus have traditionally been considered symbols. The gold represents the kingship of Christ, the frankincense symbolises his divine nature, and the myrrh (a herb used for burial) foreshadows his death.



The Star of Bethlehem, Edward Burne-Jones (c.1885-1890)

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCES OF OCEANIA

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is a member of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania, along with the Bishops Conferences of the Pacific, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea – Solomon Islands.

The bishops of the Federation gather for an Assembly every four years. The last Assembly was held in Port Moresby; the next Assembly will be held in Suva in February 2023.

The Assembly next February will primarily focus on care for the oceans, which is an important part of caring for our common home, as set forth by Pope Francis in *Laudato si'*. Another important focus of the Assembly will be finalising the continental (Oceania region) response to the Synod of Bishops 'Document for the Continental Stage' – for more info see <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/XVI-Ordinary-General-Assembly-of-the-Synod-of-Bishops>.

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 7/8 JANUARY

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Mairead Thomas, Paul Carroll

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Marc Adorni-Brasseci
Readers Shenelle Egbert, Lindy Dugard
Altar Barbara Anderson

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Ken Maher
Readers Marion Lowery, Judith Hurditch
Counters Judith Hurditch, John Skene (Mon)

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK 14/15 JANUARY

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Eileen Wignall, Elaine Larkin

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Ashley Bawden
Readers Ray Toohey, Mary Boyle
Altar Ros Wiley

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Catherine Bandle
Readers Ken Maher, Henry Lee
Counters Margaret McGee, Ken Maher (Mon)
Morning Tea Gabrielle & Paul Messina



Planned Giving

Thanks again to those giving electronically. We will have the collection box in front of the altar like before lockdown, so please feel free to bring your envelopes. The Dickson church is now open during the day and the tap machines on if you would like to make a donation that way also.

Account details for EFT contributions to collections

First Collection (for priests)

Central Presbytery Fund

BSB: 062 786

Account Number: 000029248

Please include the name of the parish in the reference field and your surname e.g. 'CANBERRA CENTRAL BLOGGS' or just 'CENTRAL BLOGGS'.

Second Collection (for parish)

Canberra Central Parish

BSB: 062-786

Account Number: 000013150

Please include your Planned Giving number in the reference field (if you have one): e.g. 'BROWN EN-V111'.

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Step 1: Download Qkr! on your Android phone or iPhone. Go to *app store* & type in search area Qkr.

Step 2: Register Select your country of residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register.

Step 3: Find your Parish Our parish will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10 km of the parish, or search for our parish by name (Canberra Central Parish).

Step 4: Register your debit card When first accessing our parish, you will be prompted to add a profile. This allows you to make orders and payments.

Please Pray for:



The Sick

Brenda Currer, Joan Goodwin, Nadine Hartley, Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Mary O'Hanlon, Theresa Okwudike, Alphonsa Bankobsky, Vin Kane, Dave Senior

Recently Deceased

Fiona Moore

Regular Parish Groups/Meetings

Charismatic Prayer Group

Resumes Friday 13 January 2023.

Eucharistic Adoration: Twelve Hours for the Lord

Resumes Wednesday 25th January. Weekly Adoration in Dickson church. From 25 Jan we will continue Wednesdays from 8:00am to 8:30pm, with Benediction at 8:20pm. For enquiries to help on the roster pls see Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au. **Please Note:** Adoration continues in January also each Saturday 9.30-10.00am.

Living in God's Divine Will Prayer Group – Monthly

Next meeting- will recommence again in the new year in February. There will be another Zoom meeting with theologian Fr Joseph Iannuzzi on 15th January 11am Zoom ID & passcode tba. For more info contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au

Legion of Mary

Resumes in February 2023. For more information contact Sherree on 0407 610 526.

Craft Group

The Parish Craft Group will resume in February 2023.



Courtesy of Australia Needs Fatima



First Reading Isaiah 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 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.

Responsorial 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.**

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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 the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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.