

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH



The Epiphany of the Lord

3 January 2021

St Brigid's
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

St Patrick's
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

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MASS TIMES

Note: St Brigid's Church is open from 8am to sunset (8pm on Wed) every day.

Saturday

6:00pm St Brigid's

Sunday

8:00am St Patrick's

9:30am St Brigid's

Weekday Masses

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

Weekday 12:30pm Masses at Braddon suspended from 24 December to 4 January. Resume Tuesday 5 January 2021.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions at St Brigid's, Dickson

Saturdays

9:30am-10am

5:30-5:50pm (before Saturday evening Mass)

Confessions at St Thomas More's, Campbell

5pm **Wednesdays** before 5:30pm Mass-but not in school holidays

St Patrick's Braddon

Fridays 12 noon (except from 24 December to 4 January)



Detail from *Adoration of the Magi*, by 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 January 2 and 8.

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.

An Epiphany tradition: You may have seen markings and numbers on Church and other doors like +20 C M B 20+, this is a traditional house blessing on this great feast day of the Church when the Judeo faith was opening up to the whole world, liturgically celebrated today. The numbers are the year and C stands for Christus, M Mansionem and B Benedicat or in English “Christ bless this house”. It could also stand for the traditional names of the three wise men: Balthazar, Caspar and Melchior. One tradition says they were Kings of Arabia, India & Persia respectively. WYD pilgrims visited their relics in 2005 in Cologne Cathedral. We are handing out a prayer liturgy for interested parishioners to take home to place these markings on their doors with chalk. It mentions a priest or the Father of the home to do certain prayers- Fr Emil has “pre-blessed” the chalk and each household can appropriately decide who best fits the paternal role and say the prayers.

Message from Fr Joshua Scott

I wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who came to my farewell luncheon and made it a truly memorable occasion. Many thanks, too, to all who contributed to the farewell gift. I was deeply touched by your generosity and kindness.

As you may have heard, I have been assigned to South Tuggeranong parish and started there on January 1st.

I haven't had the time to thank personally all the people I wanted to, but know that you are all in my prayers. I wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year, and hope that our paths may cross again soon. God bless you,

Fr Josh Scott

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 2/3 JANUARY 2021

Saturday 6pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Edsel Sequeira, Shivani Pillay

Sunday 8am St Patrick's

Acolyte John Skene
Readers Carol Christopher, Vin Kane
Visitation Ashley Bawden
Altar St Boniface Committee

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Najib Raya
Readers Ken Maher, Elizabeth Baxter
Morning Tea No morning tea in January
No Visitation to Goodwin nursing home area until further notice

Counters Mary Boyle, Ros Wiley
Note: please contact Parish Office for new counting times etc.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK 9/10 JANUARY

Saturday 6pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Terry & Elaine Larkin

Sunday 8am St Patrick's

Acolyte Michael Kelly
Readers Therese Okwudike, Shenelle Egbert
Visitation Vin Kane
Altar Mary Boyle

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Ken Maher
Readers Fernando family
Counters Jim Maher, Damian Smith
Morning Tea No morning tea in January

CLEANING ROSTER (ST BRIGID'S)

1st & 4th weeks Fran/Dominica
2nd week MenAlive
3rd week Candy & Mario

Any volunteers most welcome to join the cleaning (vacuuming) roster- contact parish office or Fr Emil

Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid vaccines

The Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith has released a statement on the morality of using anti-Covid vaccines produced using cell lines derived from abortions. For details of the statement, see article in the Catholic Weekly <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-welcomes-cdf-statement-on-covid-vaccines/>

Meetings at St Brigid's Church or on Zoom

Community of the Risen Lord

Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday night meetings resume 8 January.

Next Divine Will Prayer Group meeting Sunday 3 January 2021 at 2pm in Dickson parish hall.

Welcome morning tea cuppa for Fr Andrew Lotton

Will be after the 9:30am Mass Dickson Sunday 3 January 2021. Thanks to those that came forward to organise this cuppa and brought something along.

Check In CBR App is Here

The parish now has the Check in Cbr QR Code. You can still use the Mass Register Sheets if you would prefer not to use the QR Code.

How does this work?

Download the *Check in Cbr App* from Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.

Register your details (required for the first time only).

Open the App, select 'check in now' and hover your smartphone over the QR Code.

Add in any additional people – those who are with you without their own device or app.



SHEPHERD'S CORNER

This Sunday we welcome Fr Andrew Lotton as the new Assistant Priest across Canberra Central and Campbell parishes. He like Fr Josh will be living in the Dickson presbytery but will not have responsibility to the Calvary hospital as chaplain. Fr Andrew is a priest of the Archdiocese of Perth but requested to spend time as a priest in this Archdiocese to be closer to his parents who are in need of care in their old age. Which is a blessing for our Archdiocese.

Fr Andrew is also a priest associated with the Neo Catechumenate Community one of the large flourishing ecclesial movements in the Catholic Church; it has two of its own seminaries in Australia in Perth and Sydney. It has two communities in Canberra that have a Saturday night Mass in St Jude's Weston and St Joseph's O'Connor. It has a spirituality centred on Catholic formation, like the RCIA program. The word Catechumen means "one under instruction". Neo means "new".

Many Catholics today were baptised as children and often never actually had "thorough" instruction in the Catholic faith and God's love. Hence movements like this have had deep impact. Well, Fr Andrew will let you know more himself! God's Blessing, Fr Em

Litany of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,

have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son

of the Eternal Father, *save us.* (after each line)

Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God,

Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament,

Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in the Agony,

Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging,

Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with

Thorns,

Blood of Christ poured out on the Cross,

Blood of Christ, price of our salvation,

Blood of Christ, without which there is no

forgiveness,

[...]

Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the

world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the

world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the

world,

Have mercy on us.

V. Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, in Thy Blood.

R. And made us, for our God, a kingdom.

Let us pray:

Almighty and eternal God, Thou hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by his blood. Grant, we beg of Thee, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

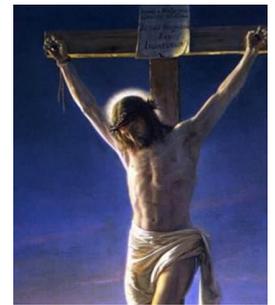
Please Pray for:



The Sick

Joe Abad, Leone Carse,
Mary Cummins, Brenda Curren, Maureen Dawes,
Joan Goodwin, Nadine Hartley,
Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Gloria Kennedy,
Henry Lee, Frank Mines.

The Faithful Departed
Colin Herringe



First Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6

A reading from the book of 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 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.**

Second Reading Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

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

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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