



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



PARISH BULLETIN: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR A, 4 JANUARY 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer
LEADER: Dear friends, on this day the Christ-child is revealed as the Saviour of the world. In peace let us pray for God's blessing on every nation on earth.
READER: For the members of the world's great faith communities, that their devout religious practice will inspire many to a life of care and compassion. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For all who dwell in Jesus' historic homeland, that by the grace of God they will choose to live side-by-side in safety and peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For the Eastern churches, that their cherished spiritual traditions will enrich the whole people of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For children with special needs, that they and their families will receive the support they need to lead truly fulfilling lives. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For families. May the joys, hopes, griefs and anxieties they experience strengthen the ties that bind them together. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For the sick within our families, friends and parish community and all who have asked for our prayers, may they be granted strength, comfort and healing. For those who have recently departed this life, and for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, may they be welcomed into the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary...**

LEADER: God of light, you revealed your glory to us in Mary's child. Help us shed the light of salvation on all we meet. We ask this through Christ, our newborn Lord newborn Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

God is all goodness and love. (2.1.1880)
Mary MacKillop opens Bay View House School for young ladies, Portland, Victoria, 1864.
Julian Tenison Woods ordained priest, Adelaide, 4.1.1857.



POPES INTENTION JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God.
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the world's great and powerful, that they will be champions of justice, not addicts of ambition.

We pray all whose homes are vulnerable to bushfire and extreme weather, that careful measures and community collaboration will keep them safe this summer.

We pray for rural dioceses and country parishes, including our own, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding creative ways to build a vibrant community and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith and hope.

We pray for our sick family members, friends and fellow parishioners. May the soothing presence of God's light grant them healing and solace.

Christine Cowell, Lorna Thornton
Clive Cottrell, Joyce Crotty
John Liston, Roma Brownlie
Jenny Chaplin, John Elliott
Peter & Joyce Reed
Glad Hurley, Jim Parkes
Marilyn Holdsworth, Jen Farrell
Patricia Guthrie, Mary Anne Dillon
Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell
Val Perkins, Kim Peisley
Heather Whitby, Peter Hopkins
Marlene Kennedy



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased
Marykuty Joseph (Mother of Fr Kose)
January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear
Tony Clear, Carmel Croker
Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch
Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman
Shirley Ladmore, Sr Janet Mead
Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley
Val Reid, Anthony Roberts
Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith
Lena Spoljaric, Alan Standen
Doris Thompson, Gary Thompson
Joan Twigg, Ruth Walker
Mary Williams



PARISH CALENDAR

MON
TUE
WED Mass Bombala TBA
St Raymond of Penyafort
THU
FRI
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am

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1. ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And
the mountains in reply, Echoing their
joyous strains. **[R]**

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?, Why
your joyous strains prolong? What the
Gladsome tidings be, Which inspire
your heavenly song? **[R]**

2. THE FIRST NOWELL

1. The first Nowell the angel did say, was
to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay, in fields where they lay keeping
their sheep, on a cold winter's night that
was so deep. **[R]**

**Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

2. They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east beyond them far; and
to the earth it gave great light, and so it
continued both day and night. **[R]**

3. MARY'S CHILD

1. Born in the night, Mary's Child, a
long way from your home; coming in
need, Mary's Child, born in a borrowed
room.

2. Clear shining light, Mary's Child,
your face lights up our way; light of the
world, Mary's Child, dawn on our
darkened day.

4. LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

1. Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.

2. With God as our Father
Brothers all are we, [We are family]
Let me walk with my brother [each
other] In perfect harmony.



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First Reading Is 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

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

- O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (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 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

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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 Acclamation Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

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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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.