The Living Word

The Epiphany of the Lord

6 January 2019

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 Dianne Bergant CSA

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

PASTORAL TEAM

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS:

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

OCEAN GROVE:

Sunday 9:00am

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

OCEAN GROVE:

Tue & Thu 9:15am

QUEENSCLIFF:

Wed & Fri 9:15am

GEELONG:

St. John of God Hospital Thu 11:30am

MASS TIMES IN THE GEELONG REGION http://geelongdeanery.cam.org.au

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS BY APPOINTMENT

A big THANK YOU to all our volunteers who gave generously of their time and energy working at our three churches to ensure that our celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were welcoming, safe, and joy-filled.

We pray that all parishioners and visitors will enjoy a blessed Christmas season and good health, peace and prosperity in the New Year.

- Fr Darien, Sr Nola and Daniella

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries 6th January to 12th January:
Susan Brockwell, Vera Welsh, Joshua Bennett, Patricia Tedoldi, Eileen Butler, Peter O'Sullivan, Marie McInerney, Elizabeth Moore, Patricia Veronica Dickinson, Leon Righetti, Les McCormack, Andrew Farrugia, Frank Heweston, Madge Topp, Kon Zurawel, Alice Monahan, Mary Edward.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Mavourneen Ray, Jeanne Ross, Sharon & Gary Kingsbury, Ross Gilham, Lorna Taylor, Peter & Maris Williams, John Poulios, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mary Jo Robinson, Laurance Hodgkinson, Belinda Monterosso, Joan Glen, Steve Retallick, Adam Wilde, Declan Shine, Cheryl Leonard, Arnie Bench, Nell Fraigneux, Willow Hanan, Mary Pace, Josh Walsh, Rev Deacon Allan Ansell, Denise Johnston, Lorraine Lang, Ian Briggs, Jill Hamblin, Bob & Kay Freyne, Vera Pollard, Susan Gibson.

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your obligation on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COMMENTATORS (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM), WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

BARWON HEADS: 12th January 6:00pm:

(C) W. Beckwith (L) L. Mithen (SM) M. Rossiter

(W) G & L Frances

OCEAN GROVE: 13th January 9:00am:

(C) F. Nelson (L) J. Lally (SM) P. Callan, F. Romeo (W) D & B O'Meara

SPECIAL MINISTER TO HOMESTEAD: Week 2, 13th Jan

A. Walker, P. McLachlan

QUEENSCLIFF: 13th January 11:00am:

(C) S. Hurley (L) K. Franciz (SM) M. Brasher (W) MC. Hoare

COUNTERS: Monday 7th January 10:00am:

J. Calnin, D. Arthur, R & N Bianco

** NEWS & EVENTS **

The Parish office will re-open from 10am on Monday 7th January 2019

2019 Columban Calendars are now on sale: \$9.00 each.

Calling all musicians! Do you play a musical instrument? Would you like to share your talent with our community? There is no age barrier, so if you are learning to play the piano, guitar, etc, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish office.

Thanksgiving program envelopes will be available at all Mass centres this weekend. Please collect yours if you've not had the chance to already.

After school care program will be going ahead in 2019 for grades 3-6 state school students receiving sacraments within our Parish. Any further queries, please contact Lyne Horner on 5251 5819.

Knights of the Southern Cross "Wally Higgins Memorial Scholarship Raffle." Tickets available at each Mass centre this weekend and every weekend till the first weekend in February.

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IT'S A FLETCHERS THING

After the annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church has no more ancient custom than celebrating the memorial of the Nativity of the Lord and of his first manifestations, and this takes place in **CHRISTMAS TIME**. Christmas Time runs from First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Nativity of the Lord up to and including the Sunday after Epiphany or after 6 January.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 7th January – Feria of CHRISTMAS TIME Parish Office open from 10:00am

Tuesday 8th January – Feria of CHRISTMAS TIME 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 9th January – Feria of CHRISTMAS TIME 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 10th January – Feria of CHRISTMAS TIME 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 11th January – Feria of CHRISTMAS TIME 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 12th January – Feria of CHRISTMAS TIME 6:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

> Sunday 13th January – Feast The BAPTISM of the LORD

9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove 11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

PARISH VISION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Holy Trinity Parish is your family committed to praying and growing together, as we build on the gifts of our past, the living of our present and our hopes for the future.

Lord Jesus, we are nourished by prayer, the Word and sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

We recognize and trust in each other's spiritual gifts.

We will strive to be a visible sign of God's love for the world.

Holy Spirit, baptized in your name, we accept the challenge to live as Jesus did. We will celebrate our lives and gifts in service to others, welcoming all people and sharing our talents and resources.

As a parish we will endeavour to make present the Kingdom of God, here and now.

AMEN.



t Raymond of Penyafort was a Spanish born priest who became the master general of the Dominicans in 1238. He was involved in writing Church law and started a school that taught missionaries the language and culture of the people to be evangelised in Northern Africa and Spain. His compassion helped many people to return to God through Reconcilliation. He is the patron saint of lawyers and canonists.



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