

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Reflection

As I come to my prayer today, perhaps for a few moments I let this Christmastide replay in my mind's eye. What do I notice? Where did I feel closest to God? Where did I feel most challenged? What were the joys? Maybe there were also moments of regret? Eventually, I turn to the text, and read through it slowly, noticing where my attention is drawn.

Perhaps I go with the wise men to Bethlehem and witness their amazement as the star halts over a stable. Surely this wasn't what they were expecting to find? Wasn't it meant to be 'royal robes, a messiah enthroned with elegance'? What on earth would Herod want with a child born in a place like this? I follow them into the stable. What do I notice now as they as they fall to their knees before Jesus, offering him their precious gifts? I pause and ponder. What do I bring to lay at his feet in homage? How do I feel?

As I watch the wise men begin their journey home by a different way, I realise that they have been changed by their encounter. They now know that they will meet the Lord again, hidden in 'endless disguise' in people they might previously have 'ignored or criticised'. Again, I pause and ponder.

What has touched my heart as, once again, I have witnessed Jesus's coming into this world through the eyes of those who were there? I pray, using my own words, for the strength and courage to use the gifts and skills that I have been given to help everyone I meet see that God, our Emmanuel, is truly with us.

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EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE

Si prostrarono e lo adorarono

I Magi d'oriente mi hanno sempre affascinato. Fin da piccoli li immaginavo in groppa ai loro cammelli con il naso in sù, verso il cielo, lasciandosi guidare dalla stella per arrivare fino a Bethlemme. A volte ho pensato che forse siano rimasti un po' delusi: tanta strada, tanti sacrifici, tanto tempo per vedere un neonato in una stalla? Si aspettavano un re, e si trovano davanti a un bimbo povero adagiato nella mangiatoia. Ma i Magi non fanno una piega, si inginocchiano, lo adorano e gli offrono i loro doni.

Contemplando questa scena evangelica con un po' di attenzione, possiamo intuire che l'Epifania è una festa dal sapore missionario. L'arrivo dei magi alla grotta di Betlemme spalanca l'annuncio della buona notizia per tutti i popoli della terra.

L'evangelista Matteo, fin dalle prime pagine del suo racconto, chiarisce che Gesù è nato per tutti, nessuno escluso. Anzi: sembra quasi che i più vicini, quelli che - teoricamente - avevano tutte le carte in regola per riconoscere il messia, in realtà non si accorgono di nulla. La loro unica preoccupazione è quella di conservare il potere, il privilegio e il dominio. E, purtroppo, lo fanno nella maniera più terribile: uccidendo una schiera di bambini innocenti. Mentre i magi d'oriente, stranieri e pagani, si mettono in cammino seguendo una stella per adorare il Re dei Giudei. Matteo presenta abilmente il contrasto tra le tenebre che avvolgono i capi dei giudei e la luce che guida e accompagna i magi venuti dai confini della terra. Sembra quasi che il cammino iniziato con Abramo trovi nei magi il suo più luminoso compimento.

Quel bimbo avvolto in fasce è la terra promessa per tutti i pellegrini e cercatori di verità e libertà. Quel bimbo depresso nel legno della mangiatoia è la luce che illumina e accompagna tutti coloro che caricano il peso del legno della croce. Quel bimbo nato profugo sotto la dominazione straniera è la speranza di tutti i rifugiati, perseguitati e oppressi della storia.

Don Roberto Seregini, 5 January 2023, <http://www.lachiesa.it>

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to 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 that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage **Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (60:6-1)

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Resp: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God give your judgement to the king, to the 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 coasts shall bring him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seda 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 pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R/**

Entrance: O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
 Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.

Chorus:
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choir of angels, sing in exultation.
 O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
 Glory to God, glory in the highest.



Offertory: WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

We three kings of Orient are
 Bearing gifts we traverse afar
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 Following yonder star.

Chorus:
**O— star of wonder, star of night
 Star with royal beauty bright
 Westward leading, still proceeding
 Guide us to thy perfect light.**

Frankincense to offer have
 Incense owns a Deity nigh
 Pray'r and praising, all men raising
 Worship Him, God most High. (chorus)

Communion: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell Born is the King of Israel.

When they looked up they 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. (Ref)

And by the light of that same star
 Three wise men came from country far
 To seek for a King was their intent
 And to follow the star wherever it went. (Ref)

Then entered in those wise men three
 Full reverently upon their knee
 And offered there in His presence
 Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. (Ref)

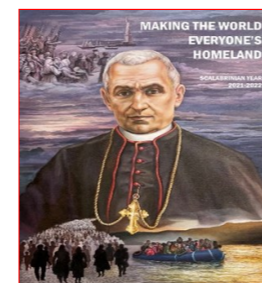


Final: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
 sweetly singing o'er the plain
 and the mountains in reply
 echoing their joyous strain.

Refrain:
**Gloria in excelsis Deo
 Gloria in excelsis Deo**

Come to Bethlehem and see
 Him whose birth the angels sing
 Come adore on bended knee
 Christ the Lord the New Born King!



Prayer to Saint John Baptist Scalabrini
O Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, missionary of the Word of God, minister of the Eucharist and of the Church, man of charity and communion, most loving son of Mary, apostle of the catechism, and father to the migrants. We rely on your intercession to receive God's blessings on ourselves and our beloved ones, on those who face migration and on all humankind. May the Holy Trinity, through your intercession, grant us the grace ... (pause for your intention) that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen.

Saint John Baptist Scalabrini. Pray for us!



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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY / SABATO 7th January 2023 THE EPIPHANY of the LORD Year "A" VIGIL	<i>Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.</i> 		6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Adrian DIAZ-CRISTANCHO Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 8th January 2023 The EPIPHANY of the LORD Year "A"	<i>Ti adoreranno, Signore, tutti i popoli della terra.</i> 	8.30am John & Moya PERRETT 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am 11.00am Rosa VIGLIAROLO	Baptism Celebration for Xavier Lucas COUTTS & Wedding Celebration for Natasha TODESCO & Sean MITCHELL Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 9th January 2023 Is 42:1-4, 6-7: Mt 3;13-17: The Baptism of the Lord	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord will bless his people with peace..</i>		9.15am Gaetano & Carmelina CAFARELLA	
Tuesday/Martedì 10th January 2023 Heb 2:5-12: Mk 1:21-28:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>You gave your Son authority over all your creation..</i>		9.15am 6.00pm Mass for the soul of Maria Teresa CARIDI (1yr Anniversary)	
Wednesday /Mercoledì 11th January 2023 Heb 2:14-18: Mk 1:29-39:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord remembers His covenant for ever.</i>		9.15am 11.00am Rosary & Funeral Mass for Giuseppina ESPOSITO	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of Giuseppina ESPOSITO</i> <i>May she rest in peace</i> 
Thursday Giovedì 12th January 2023 Heb 3:7-14: Mk 1:40-45	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.</i>		9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 13th January 2023 Heb 4:1-5, 11: Mk 2:1-12:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Do not forget the works of the Lord!</i>		9.15am 10.30am Funeral Mass for Maria Rosa VIGLIAROLO	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of Maria Rosa VIGLIAROLO</i> <i>May she rest in peace</i> 

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Liturgy of the word 14th & 15th January 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading	J. Smith	G. Piantella	Choir member	
Responsorial Psalm	J. Smith	G. Piantella	Choir member	
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir member	



PLEASE NOTE!
Due to Advent and Christmas celebrations
HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY
will resume on Friday
20th January 2023 at 6.00pm
St. Brigid's Church
All welcome!

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY
SUNDAY 12th February 2023
FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID of Kildare
"Our Patron Saint" The parish, together with the Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese Communities will come together to celebrate this very special feast with only **ONE combined Mass at 10.30am** with Procession.

PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 12 FEBBRAIO 2023 FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA "Nostra Patrona" Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle 10.30am con Processione e S. Messa. Notate! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.

Remembering Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



A memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be celebrated by Archbishop Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral On Sunday 29th January 2023 at 6.30pm & Prayer service and Holy Hour of Divine Mercy in memory of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI at St Brigid's Church, Fitzroy North On Friday 20th January 2023 at 6:30pm

All are welcome!

FAREWELL TO SR. TESSILA MC

We take this opportunity to thank her for her help and immense contribution to our parish community and the involvement of the sacramental program. We wish her all the very best and may God bless her in her new mission

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection \$540.00
2 Collection \$260.00 *Thank You!*
Envelopes \$74.00

Moving with the times - Online Giving:



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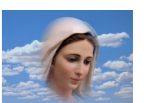
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Canto Finale SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO

Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te.

Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.

Quando qualcuno ti dice: "Nulla mai cambierà" lotta per un mondo nuovo, otta per la verità. **Rit.**
Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. **Rit.**



Canto D'Ingresso

OSANNA AL FIGLIO DI DAVID

Osanna al figlio di David, Osanna al Redentor!
Apritevi, o porte eterne, avanzi il re della Gloria; Nei cieli e sulla terra Eterno è il suo poter. **Rit.:**

O monti, stillate dolcezza: Il re d'amor si avvicina; Si dona pane vivo, Ed offre pace al cuor. **Rit.:**
O luce e splendor del Padre, Illumina le menti Accogli i nostri cuori, O Cristo Redentor!
Rit.:



Canto D'Offertorio

VIENI, O SIGNORE

Vieni, o Signore, la terra ti attende. Alleluia, alleluia!

O Sole che spunti da oriente, splendore di eterna bellezza, porta la luce nel mondo e la gioia. **Rit.**
O Re della terra e dei popoli, che guidi con forza e dolcezza porta la pace nel mondo e la vita. **Rit.**

All'uomo che piange tristezza E geme nell'ombra di morte, porta la tua speranza e l'amore. **Rit**



Canto Di Comunione

DIO S'È FATTO COME NOI

Dio s'è fatto come noi, per farci come lui.

Vieni, Gesù, resta con noi! Resta con noi!
Vieni dal grembo d'una donna, la Vergine Maria. **Rit.**

Tutta la storia lo aspettava: il nostro Salvatore. **Rit.**
Egli era un uomo come noi e ci ha chiamato amici. **Rit.**

Egi ci ha dato la sua vita, insieme a questo pane. **Rit.**
Noi, che mangiamo questo pane, saremo tutti amici. **Rit.**

Noi, che crediamo nel suo amore, Vedremo la sua gloria. **Rit.**