





# Sunday 8th January 2023

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Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

#### **Reconciliation Times**

Saturday: 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening Mass

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Saturday: 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

### **Reconciliation Times**

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#### **Mass Times**

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass 10.30am

**Reconciliation Times** 

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

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# We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of January that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Fr Chris Barnett, Clare Watson, Grace Van Oosterom, Mary Ind, Laurie Rainsbury, Con Frisby, Ray Jose, Martin Pittle, Arthur Ongarello, Wendy Gallagher, Tony Mercuri

Alan Leahy, Pat Glennen, Ellen Mithen, Francis Mc Laughlin, Tadeusz Chadzyuski, Maria de Bartlolo, Yvonne Grant, Valerie Hughes, Rodney Bottrell, Loreto Valeri, Kath Glennen, Mary Campbell Allison Cooper Renata Croce, Charles Watson, Trevor Corcoran

Benny Fernandez, Joshua Cooper, John Matthew Herrin, Ron Clarke, John Jeeson, Josefa Isla, Michael Cody, Ailsa Pike, Anita Fahey, Bernie Buckingham, Edward Dillon, Patricia Taylor, Peter Muschorp, Bernard Monagle, Joe Hoskins, Ray Dickson, Ivan Mejac, Norman Evans, Mary Short, Lorna O'Meara, Emily Harfod, Margaret Lawler, Rabbassa-Sandanam, Doris O'Sullivan, Archibald Gleeson, Leila Richard, Francis Rigg, Edna Monagle, Restituto Lim, Daniel Rodgers, Peg Fereday, Tess Rayner, Peter Kilanowski, Vera Patmore, Andrew Roberts, Kevin O'Bryan, Cornelius Daly, Elizabeth Kavanagh, Melissa Hermans, Jacqueline Eaves, Mavis Walley & Gus, Ross Howell, Yvonne Pereira, Grace Van Oosterom, Pietro Chiodo, Mary Mastroianni, Rose Gormley, Gabriel & Josephine Silvapulli, Aurea Rodriquez, Stan Case, Fr Peter Brennan, SJ, E Nesson, George Barnett, Annie May, Jim Johnson, Brenda Perry, Ron Sharpe, Angela Mohorko, Carmela Cirillo, Cecilia Gunawardana, Tim Branagan, Casilda Teves

# The Epiphany of the Lord

# 8 January 2023

## 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 of 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.

