



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

69 North Street, Hadfield 3046

*St Thomas More Parish is committed to the safety,
wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*

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THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues: 9.00am

Thur: 9.00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 4.30pm

Sun: 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.20pm

BAPTISM

1st Saturday of the month at 10am at Corpus Christi

2nd Saturday of the month at 10am at STM

For bookings contact Claudia on 0414 308 019

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

As requested

WEDDINGS

Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gino Cipriani (Funeral 5 Jan 2022 at 10.30am)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Danielle Speranza, Amabile Cuschieri, Concetta Taglieri, Angela Persico, Paul Micallef

Solemnity of The EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Epiphany can be looked on as a symbol for our pilgrimage through life to Christ. The feast invites us to see ourselves in the Magi – a people on a journey to Christ. Today's Gospel also tells us the story of the encounter of the Magi with the evil King Herod. This encounter demonstrates three reactions to Jesus' birth,

- Hatred: a group of people headed by Herod planned to destroy Jesus;
- Indifference: another group, composed of priests and scribes, ignored Jesus;
- Adoration: the members of a third group – shepherds and the magi – adored Jesus and offered themselves to Him.



A very big thank you to Jonah Caruana for making the beautiful new baptismal font. Jonah is very gifted and has completed many projects for the Church. I am very grateful to him for his time, talents and faithful service to the Church. *Fr Giang*

The Epiphany of the Lord — 2 January 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

60:1-6

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

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

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

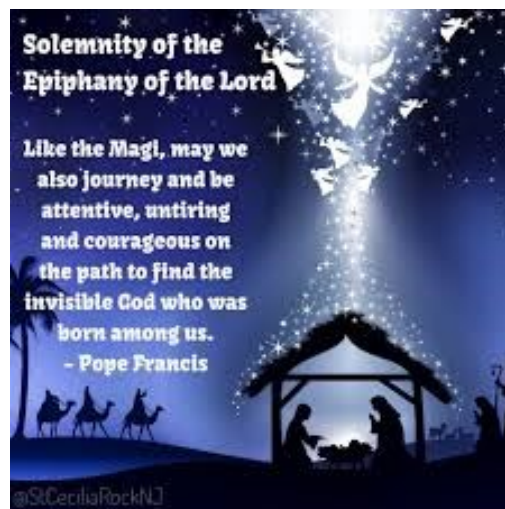
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

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.

LIFE MESSAGE....Let us make sure that we belong to the third group who adored Jesus and offered themselves to Him.



- a) Let us worship Jesus at Mass, every day if we can, with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration. Let us offer God our very selves, promising Him that we will use His blessings to do good for our fellow men.
- b) Let us plot a better path for our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, words and actions, evil habits, and selfish behaviour.
- c) Let us become the star, leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Him. We can remove or lessen the darkness of the evil around us by being, if not like stars, at least like candles, radiating Jesus' love by selfless service, unconditional forgiveness, and compassionate care.

AS THE DAWN BREAKS ON A NEW YEAR....

"THE LORD BLESS YOU
AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS
FACE SHINE ON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD TURN HIS
FACE TOWARD YOU
AND GIVE YOU PEACE."

NUM. 6:24-26

Let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, colour or creed.

THE YEAR AHEAD....

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making our path easy,
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from us,
But by taking fear from our heart;
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,
and by making us anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.

- Author Unknown;