



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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The Epiphany of the Lord Year C

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tue, Thu & Fri: 10am-2pm

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 11am, 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Saturday: 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.45am-10.10am

and 5.30pm—5.50pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday 9.45am -10.15am

ADORATION, ROSARY & NOVENA

Wednesday 6.40pm

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS,

Contact the Parish Office preferably by email

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Priest/Office

TONY'S CAFE

Take away meals only

Tuesdays: 12.30pm—1.30pm

Thursdays: 3pm—5.30pm

VENUE HIRE

Contact the Parish Office

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OUR SICK: Vivien, Philomena Liew, John Leonard, Claire & Bryan Rashad
(Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested).

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES:

PLEASE RING/EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE PARISH NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL OR WOULD LIKE A SICK, DECEASED OR ANNIVERSARY OF A FAMILY MEMBER MENTIONED IN OUR NEWSLETTER



*May the Lord bless you
with love and peace
and make your
Epiphany celebration
a joyous one!*

Happy Epiphany Sunday

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority. For further information on Safeguarding please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Today's Readings

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Office Closure (24 Dec.—24 Jan.)

The Parish Office is closed from
24 December to 24 January (inclusive).
For urgent enquiries please ring the Parish
Office 9401 6336. Messages will be checked
frequently. Thank You

Tony's Cafe

Tony's Café is in recess at the moment
and will reopen on Tuesday 1st February.
All volunteers should enjoy
a well-earned rest.

Sunday School

Sunday School will resume in February.
Sunday School caters for all children, providing
Sacramental preparation and a well rounded
general religious education.

Liturgy Roster—January 1-2

Sat. 6pm—J D'Souza

Sun. 9am—E Moraes & 11am—J Wong

Sun. 5pm—E Sebastian

A Child, A Star, A Hope

The one thing that Christmas trees and Christmas cribs have in common is a star or an Angel on top whose light shines down upon all that is beneath. Whether Christmas star or Angel, its light illumines what otherwise would remain in shadow. It reveals delights and gifts, warmth and hope; but most especially it reveals a child who would be the light of the world.

Whether it was by the light from heaven glorifying the shepherds, or the light in the heavens guiding the Magi, both the lowly and the mighty were led to 'the Light', under which all people could find illumination. In the manger, among the animals, the baby Jesus would open the eyes of shepherd and magi alike, for they hoped for the gift of this light, who would shine for all.

Christmas is the living memory of the greatest gift we have ever been given: that of the Christ-child, Emmanuel, who is "God-with-us". He is the great gift of hope at Christmas: the gift of a God who is with us, who loves us and binds us together in all that is worth living for - and who remains with us, through thick and thin.

The old and wizened men of Jesus' nativity - Zechariah, husband of Elizabeth, and Simeon, the prophet in the temple - both learned to see by His light. For Zechariah, Jesus was God's dawning light for those caught up in the shadows of death, and a guide for our feet on the way to peace. For Simeon, Jesus was the revealing light of salvation to all the nations and the hope of glory for God's people.

May Jesus, child of God, son of Mary, and light to the nations, illumine the darkened regions of the world, and the shadowy places of the human heart. May we look to His light and find hope for our families, and for ourselves. May the light of Christmas - the light of Jesus - spread out its rays to bring reconciliation between enemies, to light up bridges over troubled waters; to reveal new ways towards renewed friendships.

A child; a light; a hope.

May these be yours this Christmas

Archbishop Peter Comensoli



Goodbye 2021

Today on 1st January and we stand on the threshold of a “New Year” and a “New Beginning. ”Here we are in a month named after the Roman god Janus, an appropriate personification of the start of the New Year. The one special thing about the god Janus is he is two-faced. He has a face looking to the past and a face looking to the future at the same time. That is why the god Janus became the symbol of New Year’s where, just as we are today, we look at the past and give thanks for that. We look to the future and gather our hopes for that.



So, today as we get rid of an old year and look forward to a new one, we all try to be a little like Janus. This is indeed a time to reflect and think about what the past year that has just ended has brought and what the new year lying right ahead of us could bring. So, the beginning of a new year provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the special gift of time:

We recall the events of the previous year and express our gratitude to God for all the good things that have happened, all the while being aware that there have also been sad and painful experiences and perhaps sinful realities for which we feel sorry, and also the missed opportunities for which we regret. It is a time to reflect, to stop and analyse, to take stock of our priorities, values, pursuits, and goals. Through soul searching questions we find that a review of the past year naturally leads to setting goals and resolutions for the new year.

But most of all we joyfully celebrate the promise of a new set of months with new opportunities and happiness, and we try to be hopeful in spite of uncertainties and unknown threats lying ahead. Today therefore, is a day to pray for God's blessings upon each one of us as we proceed in the new year with fresh resolutions. Yes, it is God's blessing we all need on this first day of the new year. In the First Reading of today, we have an example of Levitical blessing, which Moses instructs his brother Aron:

“The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!”

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



The Solemnity of the Mother of God is celebrated on the first day of each year. The life of Jesus begins with Mary. Therefore, it is appropriate that we begin the New Year with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. She is our own Mother too.

Today's special feast affirms that the Blessed Virgin Mary is truly the Mother of God, and it shows the importance of her role in the mystery of our salvation. This title for Mary as the “Mother of God” was a controversial title, for ‘how could there be a mother for God?’

This Catholic Dogma finds its origin from the passage found in the Gospel of Luke. After the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary, she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Upon her arrival, Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, referred to Mary as “the Mother of God.”

In 431 A.D, the Council of Ephesus affirmed that Mary is truly the Mother of God because “according to the flesh” she gave birth to Jesus, who was truly God from the first moment of His conception. Twenty years later the Council of Chalcedon re-affirmed that the Motherhood of Mary was a truthful dogma and an official doctrine of the Holy Catholic Church. Her Motherhood began when the eternal God entered human history. The Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Word, took on a human nature in the womb of Mary. This also affirms that Mary’s Son is truly God, as well as being truly Human.

May the Mother of God and Our Mother. Pray for us.

Christmas Dinner

Many thanks to all the people who prayed for, donated to or helped at the hall this year during our 29th Christmas Dinner.

Although the meal was takeaway, a lot of work was done to make sure that more than 250 meals were prepared and delivered on time.

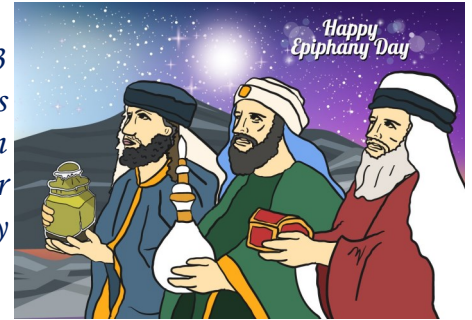
A full report will follow soon, but it is worth noting the comment of one recipient, who said "I couldn't have had a nicer meal if I went to the best restaurant in town."
Great work everyone. Gwen.



Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Year C Sunday 2 Jan. 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus,

Today we remember the day, when Baby Jesus was visited by 3 Kings with gifts, guided by a star. But the focus point of today is neither the kings nor their gifts nor the star, rather the fact that, on this day Baby Jesus revealed the Truth of Himself to the wider world. Therefore this feast has the name "Epiphany". Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "to make known" or "to reveal."



Epiphany has theological significance, because the 3 kings, to whom He revealed Himself, were non Jews Earlier He had revealed Himself to the shepherds, who were Jews. This revelation to the non Jewish kings indicates that Jesus came for all people, for all nations and for all races. It indicates that God's work of salvation is not limited to the Jews or to a few. We are all included in His salvific plan.

In this regard in today's First Reading we heard Isaiah predicting "The glory of God would be seen, not only upon the Jewish nation, but also upon the Gentiles." This prediction comes true with the 3 kings and all of us coming to know Jesus, as our God. Isaiah had predicted also that "They shall bring gifts".

The names of the three Kings were: Theokeno (Melchior), Mensor (Casper), Seir (Balthasar).

Theokeno: (Oldest) also known as Melchior, well suited name meaning 'Gentle approach'. King of Arabia; From Media. White beard, white hair. Carried gift of gold or Myrrh? Bright Yellow. Baptised by St. Thomas, Baptism Name Leo.

Mensor: (Youngest) also known as Caspar, well suited name meaning 'He is won by love'. Chaldean; King of Sheba. Brownish skin-tone; brown hair, brown beard, green cloak, gold crown, green jewels. Carried Gift of Frankincense or Gold? Baptised by St. Thomas, Baptism Name Leander.

Seir: Also known as Balthasar, well suited name meaning 'He accomplishes the Will of God whole heartedly'. King of Tars and Egypt. Dark brown skin-tone, black beard, purple cloak, Carried Myrrh or Frankincense? Baptism of Desire.

Their journey to Bethlehem was 700+ hours (journey time only). They should have taken 60 days but accomplished it 33 days. Often travelled day and night. And good speed. Sometimes they sat on camels, otherwise walked beside the camels, praying, and singing as they went. They were composing songs as they went, and one intoning and others repeating after. In the quiet night their voice producing a very touching effect. Their hearts filled with joy and devotion. Their songs were something like "Over the hills we make our way, to visit the newborn king and our homage to pay"

The kings spoke of their vision of the star and all that happened during their journey. Their words were so simple and childlike. They always said "We have seen the star, rather than I have". We have come to adore the King of kings. And they with tenderest tears prayed fervently to Child Jesus offered themselves together with all they were and all they valued on earth. They begged the Child to take their hearts, their souls, their actions, their thoughts. They, entreated Child Jesus to enlighten them and bestow on them all the virtues and to grant the whole world peace, joy and love...

This feast also gives us hope that if those kings in ancient times could find Jesus, then anyone can. Think of how many barriers they had to cross to get to Jesus. There was a culture barrier, a distance barrier, conveyance barrier, a language barrier, a racial barrier, a religious barrier and a hostile king and indifferent religious leaders. It wasn't easy for them to get to Jesus, but they did get to Him. If they could reach him, then anyone can.