



# WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

The Epiphany of the Lord / Year C – 2nd January 2022

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Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

Parish Secretary: Tuesday—Thursday Stella Leone  
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## MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday: 9th 8.30am, 10.30am & 5pm

Wednesday & Friday : **No Masses**

**NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASS  
AS OF 19TH NOV 2021**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** The Baptism of the Lord:

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 103:1-2; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**RECONCILIATION:** See notice in the body of this bulletin

**BAPTISMS:** Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

## ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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## PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Contact Margaret O'Donnell at [DoncasterRE@cam.org.au](mailto:DoncasterRE@cam.org.au)

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

Wednesdays at 9.45 am until Christmas recess.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

## CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP:

First Friday of the month from 7pm-9pm

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

Once a month (as advertised) from 7pm—9.30pm

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE:

Third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in Church meeting room

## ST GREGORY'S TENNIS CLUB:

Membership enquiries:  
Gianna Alessio (President) 0438 410 506

## Please pray for:

Those who are **sick** at this time including Roy Dos Santos, Judith Morton, Benito Pegorin, Pat McLeod, Joe Dimech, Lilia Go, Ralph Caparello, Anna Girardi, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Tony Ryan, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Antoinette Tanzimat, Iris Henson Chan, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Rina Sacco, Wang Wei Qiao, Chen Shao Jioa, Bernie Keating, Rob & Tilly Rukavina, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Nieva Bothe.

Those who died recently, and for the repose of the soul of Linda Bodey and for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

## Words from Fr Charles:

### New Year – Mary Mother of God / The Epiphany:

Two thousand and twenty two! On current plans (before Christmas), as the New Year ticks over I expect to be relaxing in Canberra at my brother's place. I have quite a few friends as well as my brother's quite extensive family in Canberra, none of whom I have seen in quite some years: I shall have to be careful not to run myself ragged with visiting. What I hope to do will be to take time to relax, to step away from 'thinking' and allow the Holy Spirit a bit of space to fill me. I am not one for 'New Year's Resolutions' – I never have been. If anything I do the opposite of making resolutions: I try to just give thanks and praise for the graces that fill my life, allowing space for God's guidance. I imagine that I do resolve will play with my granddaughter (a lot). Whatever I do, I hope I can make space in the day for God's will to dawn in me.

This weekend sees us celebrate Mary as Mother of God and the Feast of the Epiphany. Amidst all the New Year celebrations it is vital that we make time for these important moments of insight.

Mary didn't just bear a child named of Jesus – she bore the only begotten Son of God and so is in a very real and important sense God's mother, she brought and brings God close to us, she shows us the ideal of faith and the power that faith brings: power to ask for God's action and be answered.

And the Feast of the Epiphany – three wise men coming from the east bringing gifts for Jesus. They journey, they meet Herod, they follow a star, they find Jesus. But ... that is all peripheral: what is key is the change in them: they return by a different path: they are changed forever now they know Jesus and know that he is the Christ.

Let us allow ourselves to follow Mary's lead, to follow the Wise Men: let us be changed forever and become each day more fully disciples who go and make disciples.

**Covid-19:** Please be careful amidst all the gatherings and graces of seeing in New Year. We are responsible for each other, to care as Jesus cares.

May you have a New Year that opens your hearts to the freshness of the breath of the Holy Spirit.

God bless,

*Father Charles*

*St Gregory's is committed to growing a Child Safety Culture with Love*

**THIS WEEK**

**Sat New Year's Day 10.00am** *Natalie De Silva, Queenie Wood*  
**Sun 8.30am** Terry Morton, Philip Dunlop  
**Sun 10.30am** Paul Williams, Rita Williams

**LECTORS**

*Natalie De Silva, Queenie Wood*  
 Terry Morton, Philip Dunlop  
 Paul Williams, Rita Williams

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

*Margaret O'Donnell*  
 Ray & Kay Lewis  
 Robert Ruklavina, Pierre Tanzimat

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** (Sat 8 Jan) Dinah Sardana, Yvonne Tan**FLOWERS:** (Fri 7 Jan) Connie Amalfi**8/9 JAN WEEKEND**

**Sat 6.00pm** Frances Cannizzo, Erica Yeo  
**Sun 8.30am** Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis  
**Sun 10.30am** Brian Tyedin, Jenny Tyedin  
**Sun 5.00pm** Viviana Pereira, Brenda Fearon

**LECTORS**

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 Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis  
 Brian Tyedin, Jenny Tyedin  
 Viviana Pereira, Brenda Fearon

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Margaret Kenshole, Lorna Philip  
 Brian Setter, Tony Nimmo  
 Maggie Yong, Dai Sim  
 Judy Ablaza, Mary Tonti-Filippini Francis Yim, Alfred Lee (Ctrs)

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:****FLOWERS:** (Fri 14 Jan) Geraldina Donato and Mary Piccoli**FACE MASKS: Please adhere to the current government directives**

**COVID safe Confessions:** Fr Charles will be away for the New Year's weekend. You may approach the visiting priest and request the sacrament but it is up to him to decide.

**Facebook:** Fr Charles won't be here so there will be no live-streaming on the New Year's Weekend (unless Fr Charles can rope someone in to assist).

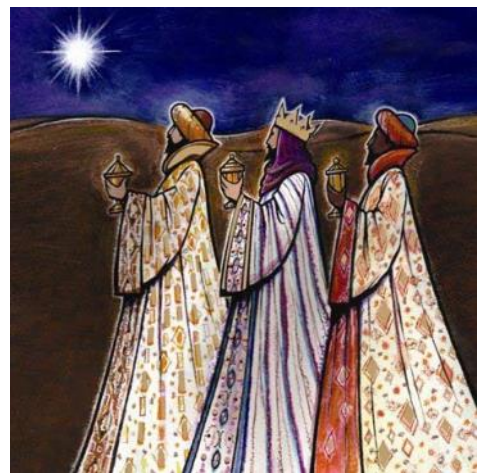
**Weekday Mass times in the coming week:** No weekday Masses at St Kevin's or St Greg's until the week of 10<sup>th</sup> January (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at St Kevin's will be the first). St Clement of Rome or St Peter and Paul or Our Lady of the Pines may well have weekday Masses.

**Masses next Sunday:** as per the normal Mass schedule (6:00 pm Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>; 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>).

**Statue of Our Lady:** We are opening so ... the Statue of Our Lady is much loved and is kept safely at the home of Shirley Mullens but you now can make arrangements for it to start travelling. Contact the office to make arrangements. Offer a prayer of thanks and praise each day.

**Friends Not Joining Yet?** Do you have a friend who hasn't come back to Mass yet? Perhaps spend a little time with them to see if you can help them re-join the community in person – not forcing, merely offering to journey with them.

**Advent/Christmas Prayer Books:** There are still plenty of them. If you haven't already taken one, please take one. They are a terrific aid to prayer and reflection during the Christmas season.



God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening.

So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the "star" that God is using to call you. Its closer than you may think.

**Christmas Offering Envelopes:** are in the Stewardship sets and on the seats for those who are not in our Envelope Program. The Christmas offering directly supports the clergy as follows: 5% to the Archbishop, 12.5% to support priests in poorer parishes, 12.5% to support the retired and sick priests, the remainder supports the lease and running expenses of the priest's car, plus the running and hospitality of the presbytery and finally your parish priest, who thanks you very much.

