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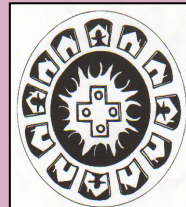
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heart of our faith*

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - Year B

Sunday 3 January 2021



*Readings for
this week:*

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 55:1-11
Act 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11



Liturgical Jottings Movable Feasts

Epiphany, the 12th day of Christmas was celebrated on 6th January. In most western countries it is moved to the nearest Sunday. Hence it becomes another movable feast with Easter and another ten feasts in our liturgical Calendar. This feast may occur as early as 2nd January (2022) and as late as the 8th (2017, 2023). While the feast is not published in the Tables of Movable Feasts in missals and lectionaries we do find it listed in the table in the Australian and New Zealand Ordo. Ironically on this day the Epiphany Proclamation is sung or said announcing most of the movable feasts for the year.

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Looking at the Readings

The Mystery of the Epiphany of the Lord has many layers of meaning for us. An obvious mystery is the identity of the wise men. Who are they? From where do they come? To where do they go? How many are there? What are their nationalities and their names? What do the gifts mean? What star did they follow? Various traditions have supplied some theories concerning kingship, number, names and meaning of the gifts. Old Testament prophecies supply insights. Isaiah and the Responsorial Psalm speak of Kings from the East on camels bearing gifts of gold and frankincense.

Epiphany also reveals the insights into the mystery of the coming of Christ. He brings light to the peoples everywhere: to come and see God's action and presence in their lives. Also celebrating the Epiphany gives us hope and assurance to be sharers in the promises of Christ Jesus (Second Reading).

Quote for the Day

What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this child be truly God? Do you become foolish, O Wise Men? Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise. *St Bernard of Clairvaux*

Pope Francis on the Epiphany

In the Gospel (Mt 2:1-12), we heard the Magi begin by stating the reason why they have come: "We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him" Worship is the end and goal of their journey. Let us ask ourselves this question: Do we find time for worship in our daily schedules and do we make room for worship in our communities? It is up to us, as a Church, to put into practice the words we prayed in today's Psalm: "All the peoples on earth will worship you, O Lord". In worshipping, we too will discover, like the Magi, the meaning of our journey. And like the Magi, we too will experience "a great joy". *Pope Francis Homily 6 January 2020*

Prayer for the Day

God, who by a star guided the wise men to the worship of your Son, we pray you to lead to yourself the wise and great of every land that unto you every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity. Amen. *Opening Prayer from the Church in Jerusalem Liturgy*

On the Lighter Side

"People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas."



Recently Deceased: Bernadette Sexton,
Ray Quirk, Brett Lowe.

Anniversaries: Bishop Joseph Grech (10th Anniv),
Lesley-Ann & Greg Girod, Jose Fernandes Rebolo,
Adrian McKenzie.

Readers, Commentators and Ushers

For the month of January if you intend
to be at mass please consider
volunteering to be the
reader or commentator—come a little
earlier and see Father when you get to
the church.

Also we need helpers as
usher/greeters—helping people with
the QR system or completing the
attendance form as they come into the
church. If you can help please come
about twenty minutes earlier.

If you are able to help with
sanitising after mass, please see the
sacristans after mass.

Thank you all.

*We wish all our parishioners and
families a Happy, Holy and safe
New Year. May the blessings of
our Lord Jesus Christ be yours
throughout 2021.*

Masses

It is currently not necessary to book for
weekend and weekday Mass.

But, but, but . . .

We must record your name & number:

- We have a QR Code that can be used with your smart phone as you come into the church.
- Or you can complete the attendance form with your name and contact number.

**Face masks are again required to be worn
whilst inside the church.**

Thank you for your assistance.

Catholic Women's League

**Mass to Celebrate 90 years of CWL in Shepparton
Thursday 21st January 9.15am**

Members and families, old and new, are invited to mass
to give thanks for 90 years of the Catholic Women's
League in Shepparton.

This will be an opportunity for members,
past and present, to get together and
reminisce.

For enquiries phone Hazel on 0400 214989.



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NEW PARISH PROGRAM 'TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM'

St. Brendan's Parish will be beginning a weekly Adult Faith Education program in 2021, where we will provide an opportunity for ongoing faith formation for all parishioners. Led by a local Theology teacher, we will explore what the Catholic faith teaches and why. Each week, we will unpack the teachings of the Church in a clear and approachable way.

The sessions will run on Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, beginning on **February 2, 2021.**

All are welcome! For more information, please
contact Hayden on 0438 071 630.

Parish Office — New Hours

The Parish office will officially re-open this Monday 4th January, 2021.