



**Holy Family
St. Joachim's
St. Anne's**

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD AND FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is



different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Happy New Year 2026

This New Year may our hearts be filled with thanksgiving for all the gifts we have received from God and with God as our leader, may we be prepared to live another year under His Guidance.



A WORD OF THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered during our 2025 Advent Season, our Children's Christmas Carols & the Choirs for all other Masses,—We are grateful to the cleaners, decorations committee, music & IT, our readers, greeters, Altar servers and Sacristans and performing any other ministries during these Masses. We wouldn't have done it without your help. Greatly appreciated.

GOD BLESS YOU.



OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed up to **5th January 2026**. We will try to attend to all emergencies. Please email or call the office and leave a message.

We are very grateful to all the parishioners for your continued support and donations.

THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

If you are able to send your thanksgiving offerings via direct debit to:

St. Annes Church (CDF)

BSB Number: 083 347, Account No: 64340 4615.

As reference please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and/or your full name.

Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through the QR code Or the below link

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj6iAAD>



Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & please follow the prompts.

“Child Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility”

Welcome to St Anne’s Parish, where we foster the well being and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, Please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Chelsea Borg, Ida Perry, Stanley Fernandez, Constance Anderson, Jean McGregor, Jacqueline Ware, Allyson Joel, Frank Bartosy, Siyumi, Eliza Wilmot, John McCready, Yeng Omo, Myra Buyco, Patricia Upton, Alex, Barbara Bennett, Jay Sulton, Cheryl, Kerry Marshall, Frances Kinna.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Lenny Rebello, Joyce D’Souza, Teresita Gallego** and for all those who have died recently deceased.
Rest in Peace. Amen.



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-YEAR A The Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading: Is 60: 1 - 6
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on the earth will adore you.
2nd Reading: Eph 3: 2 - 3, 5-6
Gospel: Mt 2: 1- 12

READINGS FOR SUNDAY-Year A 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 49: 3, 5 - 6
Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:1 - 3
Gospel: Jn 1: 29 - 34

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A The Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Is 42: 1 - 4, 6-7
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.
2nd Reading: Act 10: 34 - 38
Gospel: Mt 3: 13 - 17



READINGS FOR SUNDAY-Year A 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 8: 23 - 9: 3
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and salvation.
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1: 10 - 13, 17
Gospel: Mt 4: 12- 23

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am Mass
Saturday 5:20 pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:30 pm Reconciliation (other times by appointment only)
6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am Mass
3rd Sunday 10:30am Filipino Mass (at Holy Family Hall)

THANK YOU NOTE

We thank all the parishioners for their love, support and generosity showed towards their thanksgiving offering to St Anne’s Church in 2025. Greatly appreciated.



Please visit the website for updated Mass times