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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

4 January 2026



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
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17



Liturgy Jottings

Epiphany and Ourselves

It is easy to regard the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord as a past event, a cultural festival and as a liturgical presentation. The Feast is rich with symbolism, curious in its origins and its personages and deeply theological in the mysteries of Christmas, Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord. But where do we fit with it other than in Christmas pageants? We may ask the questions: "What are the Magi (the wise men) to us today? How can we relate to the incarnation of the Lord? What are the demands on us? The Magi fulfil the prophecies of Old that all nations will acknowledge the power and reign of God. We are in the mix of the nations and its people to recognise God with us and that he has become flesh and bone like us. The incarnation teaches God lives with us and Christ's divinity teaches us we have that spark of divine life within us. Every Christian is to be a wise person in their time and space. Every Christian is to be a light to the world, and to follow the star and the cross of Christ to eternal life.

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Looking at the Readings

The Prophet Isaiah, most quoted in this Advent Christmas season, presents one of the major themes of the Epiphany mystery: Light "Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come." With this light we are able to see around us and see the glory of the Lord.

St Paul, in the second reading, shared another aspect of the mystery: Apostles and pagans now share the same grace and inheritance.

Matthew in the gospel for this feast relies on the Prophet Micah (5:1) who recognised Bethlehem where the shepherd leader will come and on Isaiah that from the East everyone will come bearing gifts of gold and incense (Is 60:6). While the scriptures are fulfilled, the people of the present age come to experience the saving presence of God here and now.

Epiphany Symbols

The Star: Gives light and guidance. Christmas lights remind us of the Light of Christ. The Star on top of the Christmas tree brings God's creation and Christ's salvation into our hearts and minds.

Three Gifts: Gold a gift from a king to the King; Incense is burnt to honour God. The gift of incense is given to honour the divinity of Christ; Myrrh is an ointment for anointing the dead. It reminds us of Christ's humanity and our mortality.

The House: The star stopped over the house where the wise men entered. It was not a stable. Epiphany is a time to bless houses. The house, a family home, is the place of safety, growth and love.

Quote of the Saints

It concerns the salvation of all humanity that the Infancy of the Mediator between God and human beings was now being made known to the whole world, even while it was still confined to this meagre little village. He had chosen the nation of Israel and—from that nation—one family, in particular, as the one from which to take up the nature of all humanity. Still, he did not want the beginnings of his appearance to remain hidden within the confines of his mother's house. Instead, he wanted to be acknowledged right away by all, since he had seen fit to be born for all. *Pope St Leo I, sermon 31 on 6 January 441*

On the Lighter Side

As well as a major Feast Day, epiphanies can happen at any time. "I never made any one of my discoveries through the process of rational thinking." Albert Einstein



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Majella Moffatt, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Noreen Gallardo, Shane Boyd, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Joseph Bowman (50yrs)

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Sunday 11 January 8.30am

Commentator – B Elliott

Lector – P Jenner

Special Minister – M Elliott

Sunday 18 January 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – J Stockdale

Sunday 25 January 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – K McGlade

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1180.35

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

PARISH SECRETARY

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PRINCIPALS

St Augustine's College -Tim Campbell – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary - Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN INDIA

Father will be away on leave from 2 February to 5 March. There will be no Saturday Masses during this time. Tuesday Masses will be a Liturgy. Fr Michael Grace will be celebrating the weekend Masses during this time.

ANointing MASS

There will be no Anointing Mass in January or in February while Fr Uday is away.

NEW YEAR

We wish all parishioners, teachers, staff, students and families a happy, safe and enjoyable break for the New Year. Office hours will be limited over the school and public holidays so please contact the office with any bulletin notices or anniversary names well in advance.

GLUTEN FREE

Please note that gluten free hosts are available to parishioners who are gluten intolerant. Please see the sacristans Annette or Marg or Fr before Mass. For further queries contact Mary at the parish office 5852 1026.

CHILDRENS DRAWING ACTIVITIES

We have available some clipboards with pictures and pencils for colouring in for the younger members of the church. These are located in the gathering space in the church. Please offer to our younger parishioners.

SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS

'Suggestions and Ideas' forms and envelopes (and a box to submit them in) are available at the back of the church for any ideas or suggestions you may have about the Parish. We welcome any suggestions and ideas that will continue to strengthen our Parish.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Did you know St Augustine's College installed a defibrillator. It is located on the corner of the south western end of the Church side door entry facing the asphalt to the church and can be accessed in the event of an emergency when CPR is potentially required. We thank the school for their support of the parish and community.

The code for use is C3620.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 4th January - 8.30am Mass

Sun 4th January - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 6th January - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 8th January - No Mass

Sat 10th January - 6pm Mass

Sun 11th January - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 13th January - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 15th January - No Mass

Sun 18th January - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 20th January - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

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VISIT OUR PIETY STORE!

Have you visited our Parish Piety Store recently? We offer a lovely range of religious items including rosaries, medals, prayer cards, candles, and gifts for all occasions. Every purchase helps support our parish and faith community. We're always looking to add new items—if there's something you'd like to see in the Piety Store, please let us know! Your suggestions are most welcome. Thank you for your continued support.

MASS OFFERINGS

The concept of a Mass offering goes back to the early Church; it is a gift given to a priest as a sign of gratitude for him including a particular intention during a Mass. The intention might be for a sick friend, the repose of the soul of a loved one, or indeed, any need. In the early Church a 'Mass offering' was not money, but an offering of farm produce as a sign of thanks and a way of uniting the fruits of one's labour to the Mass.

An offering is giving a part of ourselves. Of course, we unite our hearts to the offering of every Mass. The notion of the Mass offering to support the priest to live is integral. Traditionally the Mass offering was an amount which would allow the priest to live for that day. Now most clergy receive a stipend from the parish or diocese. Where the church is poor, priests rely on this support to enable their ministry of the Word of God and the sacraments.

YOUTH PODCAST: CATCH THE FLAME:

Sandhurst Youth Ministry has launched a podcast for young people to explore faith, share real stories, and journey together in discovering what it means to follow Jesus today. Now streaming on Spotify and Apple Podcast: Catch the Flame: A Sandhurst Catholic Youth Podcast. Like and Follow on Facebook and Instagram: Sandhurst Youth Ministry.

CATHOLICARE VICTORIA

Your Diocesan social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria (CCV) is the Catholic Church's mission in action. CCV delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential and overcome life's challenges. CCV is committed to building thriving communities, where everyone belongs. CCV focuses on real life issues and offers practical support for all members of the community. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support, financial and material aid and a variety of courses to strengthen relationships and wellbeing. Our office locations are in Bendigo, Shepparton and Wangaratta. Some of our services are provided remotely while other services are location specific. If CCV cannot provide the support service, a referral can be made. For information or support, please call 1800 123 228 or visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annette Ryan 0408 502 858.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence.

-Saint Francis de Sales

Breaking Open the Word

GOSPEL Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

We have come from the East to worship the King.

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.**

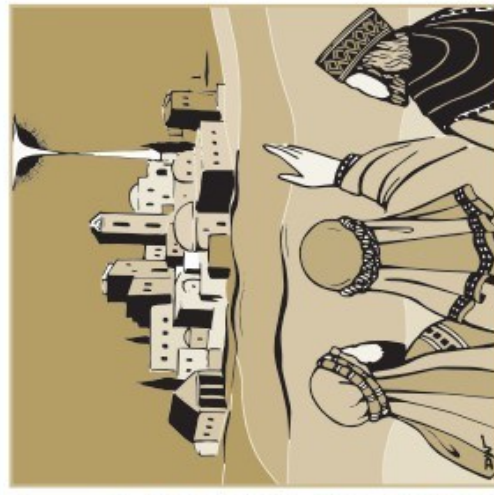
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THE SAVING WORD

4 JANUARY 2026



Isa 60:1-6

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

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 Ps 71:1-2, 7-13 R.v.11

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, / to a king's son your justice, / that he may judge your people in justice / and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

2. 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.**

3. 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.**

4. 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.**

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

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 that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 2:2

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

Fr Michael Trainor