

‘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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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / A

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## QUEST FOR TRUTH

Truth, like greatness, can come to us in a variety of ways. Some search for it and others have it thrust upon them. What brought the wise men from afar on such a journey of great adventure, risk and discovery? They were indeed people seeking the truth, and even more importantly, they were open to the new and unexpected ways in which that truth came to them. As they brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the vision of that great prophet Isaiah is fulfilled. He knew that the call that Israel had received was one destined to be shared by all humanity, united in its worship of the living God. As a reward for their tireless quest for the truth, the wise men receive the gift of knowledge and understanding. It is not so with Herod. The truth is most unwelcome and is thrust upon him. The message of the astrologers from the East is decidedly unsettling for Herod: if this child is the newborn king of the Jews what will be Herod's status in the future?

Paul too has travelled, searched and wrestled with the truth that God wishes to be proclaimed to the world. It is a message that has the power to both liberate and discomfort. Gentiles who accept Jesus now share the same promises and inheritance as the people of Israel. They are part of the same body. Jewish Christians had to deal with the fact that what had been their exclusive privilege was now extended to the Gentiles and that this too was part of God's plan to be graciously accepted.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Isa 60:1-6

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

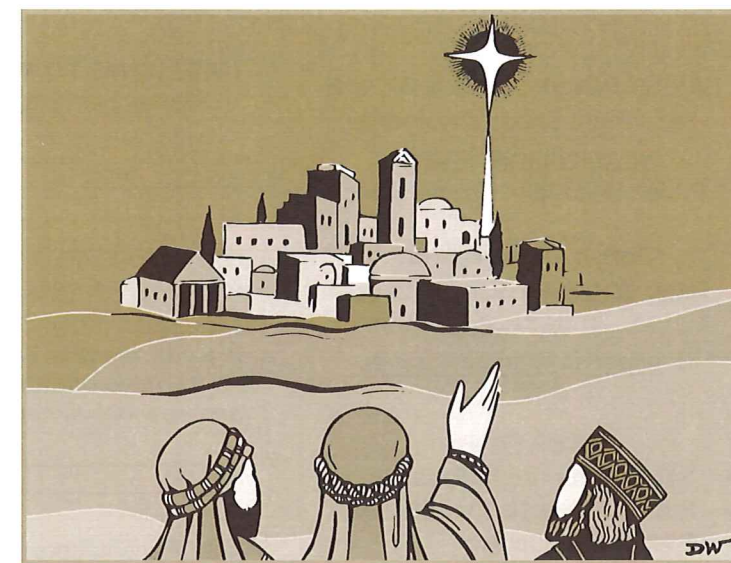
**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

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.**



## SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

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!

## 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.





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**MASS TIMES**

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

**The EPIPHANY of the Lord YR A**

**08 Sun:** The Epiphany of the Lord

**09 Mon:** No Mass

**10 Tues:** Weekday Mass O/T

**11 Wed:** Weekday Mass O/T

**12 Thu:** Weekday Mass O/T

**13 Fri:** Weekday Mass O/T

**14 Sat:** Weekday Mass O/Ty/Vigil  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA

**SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS**

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.30pm


**\*For Baptisms & Weddings\***


Please call the Parish Office

**PARISH FAITH FORMATION**

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

**PARISH SCHOOLS**

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 St Maria Goretti's Catholic School  
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104  
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**WELCOME TO MASS!** A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR A**

*THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. For some Christians the feast of the Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.*

**MASS COLLECTIONS**

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details		Second Collection EFT Details	
	A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery		A/C Name: Cloverdale Parish	
	BSB:	086 006	BSB:	086 006
	Account #:	140 608 771	Account #:	667 172 433
	Reference:	Name	Reference:	Name

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER**

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.00pm</b>	Greg Kempton		A Correya P Timms	T Khoo M Jackson	J Chapin B Kareng
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.00am</b>	Jerome Can Truong	L Blake	S Robinson Reader Req	L Blake L Millington	P Sekulla
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.00am</b>	Renato Gomes	F Brown	A Semaan T Gomes	R Ratnayake J Branchi	T Harding
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.00pm</b>	Pedro Borja		S Irene R Gayagoy	J & R Fernandez	S Surin

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**Parish Events**

**Masses in the Parish**

As of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the State Government announced that WA was no longer in a State of Emergency, however some restrictions will still apply.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 'The Sunday Obligation'** for the faithful was re-instituted by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe. This means that you are required to attend Sunday Mass, unless you are unwell. Although Mask-wearing is no longer mandatory in places of worship, it is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to continue to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. If you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

**Mass at Home** available on CH10 6am Sunday morning or go [www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au)

**Pilgrim Statues**

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **January 7<sup>th</sup> 2023: C Lemos U9/6 Andell PI, Redcliffe & L King 3 Pratt St, Cloverdale.**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Flame Congress 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
Flame Ministries is holding our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Flame Congress at Mater Christi Catholic Church community Centre, Yangebup. We invite people from across Perth to gather, in unity to worship Once God with one voice. At this event we are inviting the young and young at heart to participate. See notice board for all details.

**Day Activities for Adults with Disability**

Emmanuel Centre currently has a couple of vacancies for day activities at our centre near East Perth train station. **Mondays and or Tuesdays 9.30am to 2pm.** Cost of \$4.00 per day to cover morning tea and light lunch provided. If interested please phone 9328 8113 or email: [emmanuelcentre@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:emmanuelcentre@perthcatholic.org.au)

**Funeral Details of the late Fr Andre Nahhas**

**Rosary:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January @ 7pm St Brigid's Northbridge. **Requiem Mass:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 9am St Mary's Cathedral Perth followed by **Burial** at 10.45am Karrakatta Cemetery.

Fr Andre was Acting Parish Priest of Belmont/Redcliffe for a short time after the retirement of Fr Eugene McGrath.



**Around the Archdiocese**

**Praying with Pope Francis**

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life.

**January 2023: Intention for evangelisation – For Educators.** We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**The Archbishop's Appeal for LifeLink 2022**

It is not too late to donate to the Archbishops Appeal for Lifelink. Place donation in the Second Collection. You may also donate securely online by credit card: [www.lifelink.com.au](http://www.lifelink.com.au)

**WA Young Salesians Summer Camp**

9 -13 January 2023 Ages 11-1/2 – 15 yrs. Contact [admin@wayoungsalesians.com](mailto:admin@wayoungsalesians.com) or 0418 979 600 Or see noticeboard for more details.

**The Record Magazine – December 2022 Issue**

Please take a copy, Free to all good homes.

**Notre Dame Community**

**St Columban Calendars on Sale**

At the school side entrance to the church. \$10.00 each.

**Containers for Change**

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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**In Our Prayers...**

**In Memoriam**

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: Ivy & Harry Klass, Sharon Fletcher, Andy Neville, Eileen & George Richards, Gordon & Diana Martinus, Ann Dunstan, Betty Richards, Dot Pinto, Dolly Duclos, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, recently deceased Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Fr Andre Nahhas & Lucia Colace.

**Parishioners who are unwell:**

Ngoc Son Nguyen, Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Anne Redmond, Maureen Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Fran Carter, Elizabeth Allen & Glen Arathoon.

**Baptisms:**

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community; Matteo Leonard Archer.

