

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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Breaking Open the Word



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / B

THE SAVING WORD

7 JANUARY 2024

"YOUR LIGHT HAS COME"

Wait! Don't pack up your Christmas tree and crib just yet! Today's feast is the celebration of the coming of the magi with their gifts. They come, as we hear in our Gospel today, because they "observed his star at its rising" (Matt 2:2). Their seeking of the child who has been born the king of the Jews takes us as hearers on the journey to see the revelation, the epiphany, of Jesus as the Messiah.

Following the star, the magi will be brought to a house where, on entering, "they saw the child with Mary his mother" (v.11). Coming from the East they are Gentiles who recognise who Jesus is and fall to their knees and pay him homage.

From the outset of Matthew's Gospel in the unfolding of the genealogy it is clear that "Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham" (1:1) is enfolded in the covenant of God with Abraham where God makes him the ancestor of a multitude of nations (Gen 17:4-6). This Gospel will conclude with the sending out of the eleven disciples to "make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19). The first worshippers of the Lord bring out their gifts of treasure. Through this child the treasures of the kingdom of heaven will be revealed. What can it mean to us to realise "your light has come" and to recognise and worship our Lord among us? How do we encounter the treasure of the kingdom of heaven in our lives today?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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



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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 B
07 Sun: The Epiphany of the Lord
08 Mon: The Baptism of the Lord
09 Tues: Weekday O/T
10 Wed: Weekday O/T
11 Thu: Weekday O/T
12 Fri: Weekday O/T
13 Sat: Weekday O/T/Vigil 2nd
Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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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 B

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
Saturday 13th Jan 6.00pm	Greg Kempton		A Correya P Timms	C Lopera G Ottaway	A McPherson D Patrick
Sunday 14th Jan 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	S D'Castro	D Rodrigues M Smith	D Rodrigues P Subrata	N King
Sunday 14th Jan 10.00am	Renato Gomes	J Intervencion	In_in Intervencion N Barker	J Branchi M Bijoux	R Vadakkal S Barker A Megee
Sunday 14th Jan 6.00pm	Mikaele Piliae		M Ward J Fernandez	V Borja B Ryan	M Lanarolle

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

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

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. **6th January 2024:** C Lemos U9/6 Andell Place Redcliffe & L King 3 Pratt Street Cloverdale.

Paint with Water Colour– Fundraiser

It is time to let your creative side out and come along and some fun. Come paint with Water Colours and after the session is over enjoy light refreshments. This is open to persons 16 years of age and over. Limited numbers, so get in quick. Cost is \$25.00 per person and all proceeds to the PBF. Sessions to be held in the Parish Centre and you have 2 dates and times to choose from: **Friday 19th January 1pm to 3.30pm or Monday 22nd January 9am – 11.30am.** To purchase tickets, (Cash Only) contact Cheryl Parnham on 0466 269 579 or Leonie in the Parish Office.

Parish Dinner Dance Fundraiser April 6th 2024

Get those Dancing Shoes out of moth balls and get ready, we are having a Dinner Dance in April 2024. \$35.00 per person, includes Dinner, Sweets, Tea & Coffee. BYO Drinks & Drinkware. Theme: Floral. Prizes for Best Dressed. See noticeboard for full details. Tickets are available now from the Parish Office. Cash Only.

Prayer Cards for Perth Archdiocesan Assembly

Prayer cards are available from both sides of the Church with a Prayer for '**Our Archdiocese of Perth**'. Feel free to take and hand to family members also.

I Said a Prayer for You Today

*And know God must have heard. I felt the answer in my heart, although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame, I knew you wouldn't mind, I asked Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind.*

I asked that He'd be near you at the start of each new day. To grant you health and blessings and friends to share your way.

*I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small, but it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all.*

Around the Archdiocese

Memoirs of B J Hickey, Emeritus Archbishop of Perth
Emeritus Archbishop Hickey has completed his memoirs titled '**My Spirit Land**'. It is a fascinating and insightful read, documenting not only the last 80+ years of the Catholic Church in WA, Priests, Cardinals, Popes and Catholic agencies and policies, but also the journey of one of our Archbishops who was called to the priesthood in Western Australia.
This is now available for purchase @ **\$44.95** per copy. Details of how to purchase are on the notice boards.

Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France – June 2024
Join Monsignor Michael Keating for 16days, 13 Nights departing on 6th June 2024 returning on 21st June 2024. For more information contact Anawim Journeys on 6118 7313. See notice board for all contacts.

34th Annual Flame Congress January 2024
"REJOICE!" Flame Ministries International 34th Annual Flame Congress at John XXIII College, Mt Claremont. Friday 12th Jan – Sunday 14th Jan. With Guest Speaker, The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB Fr Timothy Deeter, C D'souza, K Rollings & C Douglas. See Notice board for full details or E: fmi@flameministries.org

Notre Dame Community

First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea

In the Parish Centre after the 8am & 10am Masses this morning. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, light snack and a chat with friends.

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: *Raymond Joseph Kessler, Augusta Clark Kessler, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's family, Irene Fuentes Arrocha, deceased members of the Xavier Family, Andy Neville, George & Eileen Richards, Ann Dustan Betty Richards, Gordon & Diana Martinas recently deceased Fr Augustine Puthota and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:

Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Anne Redmond, Maureen & Oliver Daly, Ravi Rathnayake, Fran Carter, Marjorie Williams, Glen Arathoon, Wilton Ottaway & Allan Jones.

