

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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## FOLLOWING THE STAR

In the ancient world, stars were seen as living creatures. They had their own energy and life cycle, offered navigational movement and were gazed upon and studied for life's direction. Our story today is taken up with star gazers seeking the one to whom one particular star ("his star") refers. For the Israelites, God controlled astral energy and movement. These easterners, perhaps Zoroastrian Persian astrologers, called "Magi", follow "his star" which directs them to the newborn Jesus. He is the focus of their search. Consultation with the Jewish scriptures through Herod's appointees confirms the direction of their astral search—to Bethlehem.

While Matthew notes Herod's jealousy towards any other claimant to royalty, a fact which the first-century Jewish writer, Josephus, also affirms, our attention, like that of the Magi, is on the star. It halts over a house where the birth of the child has taken place. Jesus, like all Jewish babies, is born in a house, albeit the stable of a house, an important reminder at Christmas time when St Francis' crib scenes are displayed in our churches.

The Magi offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, symbols of Jesus' nature: his royalty (gold), divinity (frankincense) and mortality (myrrh). The three gifts later gave rise to the thought of three Magi, who eventually become named (Melchior, Caspar, Balthazar) with one (Caspar) being dark skinned. This later development affirms the attraction of all people to Jesus, including non-Jewish and those of oriental backgrounds. Like the Magi, we, too, are attracted to stars. We are all on the search to follow that star that leads us to Jesus.

Fr Michael Trainor

## 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.** 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

**Christmas Time YR C**

- 05 Sun:** The Epiphany of the Lord
  - 06 Mon:** No Mass
  - 07 Tues:** Wk/D of Christmas Time
  - 08 Wed:** Wk/D of Christmas Time
  - 09 Thu:** Wk/D of Christmas Time
  - 10 Fri:** Wk/D of Christmas Time
  - 11 Sat:** Wk/D of Christmas Time
- /Vigil The Baptism of our Lord YR C

**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 6.00pm
- \*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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**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 C**

*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.

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	<b>Account #:</b> 140 608 771	<b>Account #:</b> 667 172 433
	<b>Reference:</b> Name	<b>Reference:</b> Name

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Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.00pm</b>	Greg Kempton		M Jackson T Hanson	M Jackson L Nguyen	S Lopera D Patrick
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.00am</b>	Ashley Rebeiro	C Neville	M Piliae P Palmez	S Robinson D P Sekulla	N King
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.00am</b>	Mikaele Piliae	J Intervencion	In-In Intervencion V Conier	T Seputro J Branchi	Z Chong A Megee
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.00pm</b>	Pedro Borja		C Parnham S Irene	P & J Pereyra	M Lanarolle J Mai

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**Parish Events**

**Masses in the Parish**

We are now in the summer months and there are summer colds about and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

**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. **4<sup>th</sup> January 2025:** C Lemos U9/6 Andell Place Redcliffe & L King 3 Pratt St Cloverdale.

**The Record Magazine December 2024 Issue**

Still many copies available from both entrances of the Church. Good articles from Archbishop Timothy and Bishop Don. New Cardinal - designate Mykola Bychok and lovely Nativity picture to colour in for the children. Magazine free to all good homes.

**First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea**

There will be NO Morning Tea or Food Stall after the 8am & 10am Mass this Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> January. The Team are having a break for this month and will return in February. Thank you to everyone that has supported the morning teas and food stalls in 2024. And thank you to all members of the Social/Fundraising Committee for their efforts during 2024.

**The Jubilee Prayer**

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.*

Amen.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course**  
Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. Email: [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>. This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction. See noticeboards for full details.

**WA Young Salesians Summer Camp**

January 6 – 10, 2025 Ages 12 – 15. % Days of Fun and Adventure, from \$54.00 a day. Visit [www.wayoungsalesians.com](http://www.wayoungsalesians.com) or see notice board for more details.

**Notre Dame Community**

**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: *Peter Butcher, Ivy & Harry Klass, Sharon Fletcher, Sharon Sabestin, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Irene Fuentes, Denzil Devisser and all souls in Purgatory.*



**Parishioners who are unwell:**

*Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), Pam Lawson, Rob Petty, Andrew Kinnimont & Val Pickles.*

**Happy New year!**

*May love and laughter light your days and warm your heart and home.  
May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.  
May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.  
May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.*