

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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The Epiphany of the Lord

2nd January 2022



The feast commemorates the coming of the Magi as the occasion for the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed Jesus to the Magi. The Magi finding Jesus were Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior. They offered baby Jesus three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Magi offered gold, in recognition of Jesus as the King of the Jews; frankincense, in acknowledgment that He was God, and myrrh as a symbol of His human nature.

Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany and every day: (a) Gift of our life by offering it on the altar during the Holy Mass and by offering it to God every morning as soon as we get up, asking Him for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit to do good and avoid evil during the course of the day. b) Gift of relationship with God by talking to Him in personal and family prayers and listening to Him by reading the Holy Bible every day. c) Gift of friendship with God by experiencing His presence in everyone we encounter, by offering Him our humble service, and by getting reconciled to God every night, asking His pardon and forgiveness for our sins and failures during the day. Dear friends as we begin this new year, let us begin with hope and confidence that God is with us in every moment of journey of life. I wish you all a blessed New Year and let us take Jesus as a companion of journey of life. Have a faith filled New Year. Happy New year to all.

Fr Tomy

Special Notices:

We welcome all parishioners and visitors. We wish you every blessing for the New Year.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Donatus Antony, Tommy Clarke, German Castillo

Anniversaries: Frederick Jurd, Colin McIntyre, Brett Weller, Valerie Weller, Sally Beasley, Tricia, Noelito, Priscilla, James Alexander

Remembrances: Frank Costa, Mary Anne McBride, Philomena Boyle, William Henry Baker, Georgina Baker, Thyra & John King, Clara & John Hudson, James William Baker, James Saunders, Greg Irvine, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Sick: Patricia Parker, Faye Roberts, Lisa Hart, Lisa Hart, Lucas Camp-

bell, Noel McCool, Anna Cole, Val Unterrheiner

Parish Office - Holiday Hours

The office re-opens on Mon 10th Jan, then Mon & Fri only until end of January.

First Friday

There will be no First Friday Anointing Mass this month. Mass is at 9.15am.

Ordinate Mass will resume at St Mary's on Thursdays at 9am from this Thurs 6th January.

Please consider donating to the **Caritas Australia - Caritas Lebanon Crisis Appeal**. Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

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.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

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

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

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.**

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.**

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

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

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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 mys-

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

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday - The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading - Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel - Luke 3:15-16, 21-22