

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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The Epiphany of the Lord

3rd January 2021

Again today, we have a unique opportunity to focus our attention on beginnings, endings, and on what might have been revealed to us during this holiday season. **Epiphany** seems to brighten the Light of Christmas. Epiphany is a **new beginning**, and it takes several forms. Magi come from afar and a new revelation of salvation comes to light. Yet in another epiphany, the hushed-tones of Bethlehem shift to explosive manifestations about Jesus. Epiphany awakens us today from any glow that might remain from our Christmas celebrations. It celebrates the manifestation of the Incarnation to the whole universe. It embraces the fuller dimensions of the role of the Word-made-flesh: His coming to bring the nations together in peace, His coming to reveal the Father, His coming to change - almost miraculously - the quality of life for all people, His coming to be a light in the darkness.



This is traditionally the time of year for reflection... a time to look back at another year of life-experience and how we dealt with it; a time to measure our progress; and a time of resolve. In the life of the Church, it is also a time of "new beginnings." The Season of Advent ushered in the new liturgical year; Christmastime reflects our affirmation of God made flesh, and we now begin the cycle anew.

Today is another gospel-illuminated day. It allows us to put aside the past, to let ourselves be guided by the gospel and to make our journey to the place where our truth can be revealed. This is a time for people who are willing to let go of whatever holds our spirits back, to start all over again, and to make the journey in the direction of the one who gives us new vision. It is the feast of universality, where all are welcomed into God's saving embrace. Leaving the past behind and looking forward, we have nothing to fear. We approach the New Year with high hopes and dreams.

Wishing you all a Happy, Peaceful and Grace filled New Year.

Bulletin Notices

Weekday Course - Accredited Mental Health First Aid – Standard 12-hour Course

When: Tues 5th and Wed 6th January 2021

Venue: Parish Centre St. Mary's Church

Registration: 8.15 am Tuesday 5th Jan 2021 Course: 8.30 am – 2.30 pm

Cost: \$30 for learning material, can be paid at registration.

Learning manual provided. Morning and afternoon tea provided. Please remember to bring your own lunch.

Please advise if you have flu symptoms or if you are unwell before the group.

Please contact Robyn Rosina 0402 968 388 or robynrosina@iinet.net.au.

Looking forward to sharing mental health first aid with you.

Parish Office - January Hours

The Parish office will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-2pm during January. Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

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 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 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 55:1-11
Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-9 Gospel - Mark 1:7-11

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
for December

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



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