

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7th January 2024

The Wise Men from the east
visit child Jesus



Epiphany comes from the Greek word "epiphainein" which means to reveal or to manifest. This signifies the manifestation of Christ to all nations as represented by the three wise men (Magi) from the east. These men came searching for Christ. They found Him at Bethlehem, worshipped Him and offered Him precious gifts. From that day millions of people from all walks of life have followed them and came to meet Christ the Lord. Guided by a star the wise men reached Jerusalem and went and met King Herod. The wise men found Him in Bethlehem as told. They met child Jesus with Mother Mary and paid their respect and offered Him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Gospel story gives us important messages. It speaks about the journey of three wise men from the east to Jerusalem a far away and unknown place, in search of Christ Child. Their journey is a symbol of the search for truth by genuine seekers of God. The three wise men paid homage to Christ Child and received blessings. It is a touching story of all moments of grace. There is joy of recognition of God and His presence and total surrender to God which is symbolized by their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Fr Tomy

Communion Service

There will be only Communion service at St Brendan's on Wednesdays at 9am in January.

Ordination Anniversary

Fr Tomy celebrates his Ordination Anniversary on **9th Jan**. Let us keep him in our prayers. Congratulations Father.

January Birthdays:

Cath Cefai (6th), Fran Irvine (15th)
Mary Smith (22nd), Fr. Baby (26th), Rita Jeffries (26 Jan)

Wedding Anniversary:

Congratulations Mr & Mrs Piratta
30th Dec, celebrating 60 years!

Funerals:

Leslie Forgacs Bowden Funeral
Chapel Mon 8th Jan

Joyce Duck St Mary's Church
11am Fri 12th Jan

Recently Deceased: Joyce Duck,
Leslie Forgacs

Anniversaries— Edwardo, Greg Irvine, Mario Azzopardi, Diane Townsend, Ruben Mabini, Elena Mabini, Teofil Mabini, John Ledger, Karen Formosa, Philipose Anianalt, Osbourn Vaguez, Joy Moltzen, Glen O'Connor, Rosalinda Camilote

Remembrances— Dion & family, Peter Samuel, Edna & Albert Crocker, Michael & Georgina Whittal, Eileen Crocker, Jim Guest, Daniel, Doreen & Danny Goonan, Coster & Schembri families, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse, Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - Mark Wilson, Michelle Maroon, Patrick, Sr Tincy, Diane Booth, Mick G., Kylie Musgrave, Avis Sullivan, Brian Fletcher, Rhondda Rey, Olive Haslam, Mia, Jackie Chaplan, Robbie Depares, De-Anne Richards, Susan Simmons, Denis Tansey, Miklos Bethany

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

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

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.**

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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It 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 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel - John 1:35-42