



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

## Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

### The Epiphany of the Lord – 8th January 2023

#### Gospel Reflection

The story of the astrologers and the star of Bethlehem is unique to Matthew's Gospel. Note that Matthew does not call them "kings" or does he give their names or reports where they came from – in fact, Matthew never even



specifies the number of magi (because three gifts are presented to the Child, it has been a tradition since the fifth century to picture "three wise men"). In stripping away the romantic layers that have been added to the story, Matthew's point can be better appreciated.

A great many First Testament ideas and images are presented in this story. The star, for example, is reminiscent of Balaam's prophecy that "a star shall advance from Jacob" (Numbers 24: 17). Many of the details in Matthew's story about the child Jesus parallel the story of the child Moses and the Exodus.

Matthew's story also provides a preview of what is to come. First, the reactions of the various parties to the birth of Jesus parallel the effects Jesus' teaching will have on those who hear it. Herod reacts with anger and hostility to the Jesus of the poor who comes to overturn the powerful and rich. The chief priests and scribes greet the news with haughty indifference toward the Jesus who comes to give new life and meaning to the rituals and laws of the scribes. But the magi – non-believers in the eyes of Israel – possess the humility and the openness of mind and heart essential to faith that leads them to seek and welcome the Jesus who will institute the Second Covenant between God and the New Israel.

Secondly, the gifts of the astrologers indicate the principal dimensions of Jesus' mission:

- **Gold** is a gift fitting for a king, a ruler, one with power and authority;
- **Frankincense** is a gift fitting for a priest, one who offers sacrifice (frankincense was an aromatic perfume sprinkled on the animals sacrificed in the Temple);
- **Myrrh** is a fitting "gift" for someone who is to die (myrrh was used in ancient times for embalming the bodies of the dead before burial).

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**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2023**



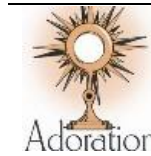
**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January – For educators** We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

#### Dates to remember...

- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 9:45am
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wednesday 6pm – 7:30pm



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.



#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS

**Quiet Prayer & Adoration** 6pm – 7pm  
**Scripture Reflection & Benediction** 7pm – 7:30pm.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be said starting at 6pm



There are currently no collections during Mass. If you would like to make a donation, we encourage you to use the Tap and Go Machines at the entrances of the Churches. Thank you for your support.



Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822. We look forward to seeing you and wish you a Joy filled Christmas.

**LET US PRAY FOR Recently Deceased: Anniversary:**

8th January 2023

**Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"** Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrige; Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; Julie & Rodney Wallis

**1. Planned Giving:** many parishioners support the parish through a monthly direct debit or credit card. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.

**2. Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or. **EFTPOS Terminals.**



**3. Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.



**4. Directly into Parish Bank Accounts**

• **Church Account** Funds the running costs of our Parish

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• **Pastoral Account** Supports our Priests  
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**PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS**

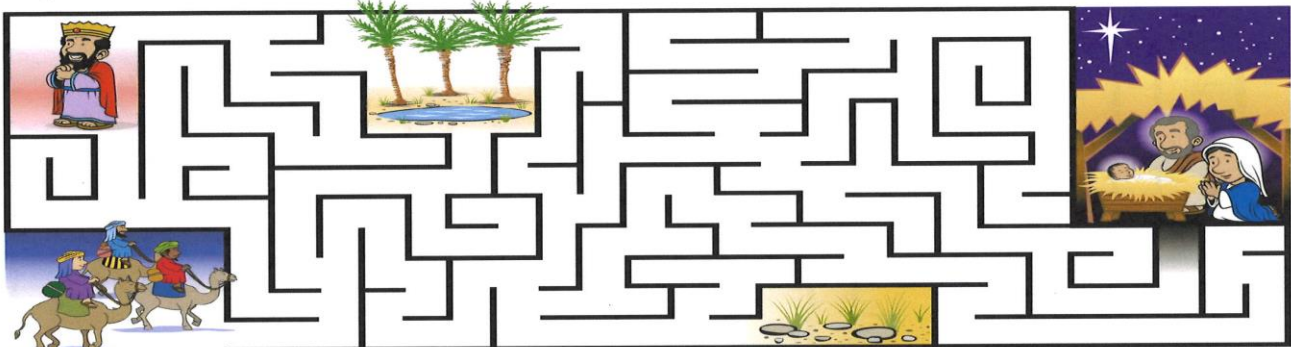
- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Church  
Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary – Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

**PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS**

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater on 1st Friday each month at 9:15am Mass
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph's Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



Help the wise men find their way to Bethlehem - watch out for King Herod!



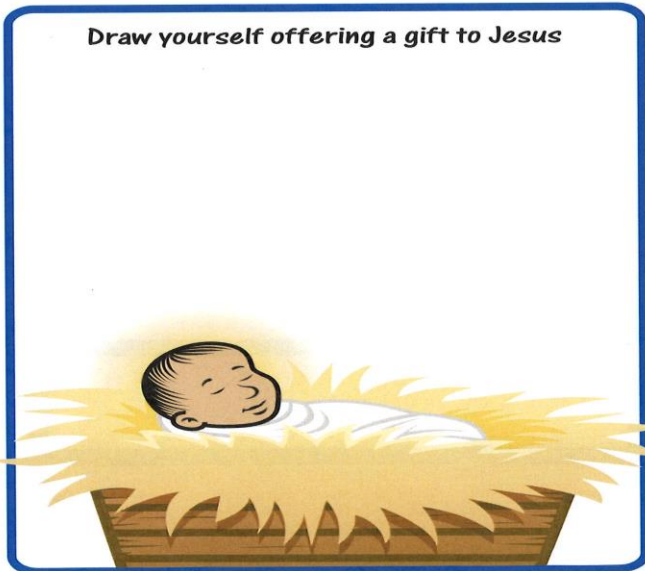
**The wise men had to search for Jesus. Where are some of the places we can find Jesus in our world today?**

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# The Epiphany of the Lord – Year A

## First Reading

*Isaiah 60:1-6 (JB)*

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 (JB)*

**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 (JB)*

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

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 2:2 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Matthew 2:1-12 (JB)*

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 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.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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**Weekend Masses:**  
**Manly:** Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm  
**Freshwater:** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm & Sunday 9am  
**Weekday Masses:**  
**Manly:** Tuesday – Friday 9:15am  
**Freshwater:** Tuesday – Friday 9:15am  
**Baptisms:** please contact the parish office  
**Manly:** 4th Sunday of the month  
**Freshwater:** 2nd Sunday of month  
**Reconciliation:** **Manly** Sat 10am – 11am  
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