



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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"YOUR LIGHT HAS COME"

Wait! Don't pack up your Christmas tree and crib just yet! Today's feast is the celebration of the coming of the magi with their gifts. They come, as we hear in our Gospel today, because they "observed his star at its rising" (Matt 2:2). Their seeking of the child who has been born the king of the Jews takes us as hearers on the journey to see the revelation, the epiphany, of Jesus as the Messiah.

Following the star, the magi will be brought to a house where, on entering, "they saw the child with Mary his mother" (v.11). Coming from the East they are Gentiles who recognise who Jesus is and fall to their knees and pay him homage.

From the outset of Matthew's Gospel in the unfolding of the genealogy it is clear that "Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham" (1:1) is enfolded in the covenant of God with Abraham where God makes him the ancestor of a multitude of nations (Gen 17:4-6). This Gospel will conclude with the sending out of the eleven disciples to "make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19). The first worshippers of the Lord bring out their gifts of treasure. Through this child the treasures of the kingdom of heaven will be revealed. What can it mean to us to realise "your light has come" and to recognise and worship our Lord among us? How do we encounter the treasure of the kingdom of heaven in our lives today?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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. v. 11

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

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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 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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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 6.30 pm
Sunday: 8.00 am
9:15 am (Italian)
10.30 am

Weekday Masses and Services:

Monday: 8.00 am
Communion Service
Tuesday: 8.00 am Mass
Wednesday: 9.00 am Mass
Thursday: 8.00 am Mass
Friday: 8.00 am Mass
Saturday: 8.00 am Mass

Reconciliation:
5.30—6.00pm Sat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May God's Grace bless you this Epiphany



What do we celebrate at Epiphany?

At Epiphany, the Church celebrates the manifestation of the Son of God as the Savior and Messiah. Also called Three Kings Day, at Epiphany we recall the visit of the Magi to the newborn Jesus: "And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:9-12) The epiphany, or showing, of Jesus teaches us that Jesus' coming into the world was important to the whole world and that the Good News of Jesus Christ is meant for everyone!

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6 January - 13 January 2024

6 Jan Sat	6:30pm Mass	
7 Jan Sun	8:00am Mass	The EPIPHANY of the LORD
	9:15am Mass	<i>Nicodemo Mercuri—50th Anni-RIP</i> <i>Maria Mercuri—10th Anni—RIP</i>
	10:30am Mass	<i>(Late)Luigi Martino & Angela Martino</i>
8 Jan Mon	8:00am Mass	The Baptism of the Lord
09 Jan Tue	8:00am Mass	
10 Jan Wed	9:00am Mass	<i>Dosolina Bonomi (Anni-RIP)</i>
11 Jan Thu	8:00am Mass	
12 Jan Fri	8:00am Mass	
13 Jan Sat	8:00am Mass	Followed by Rosary

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

This week will be a
PRIVATE FAMILY ROSARY



FINANCE NEWS

Week ending 31 Dec 2023

Envelopes	\$297.00		
Loose	\$ 532.50	Family Fast	\$15.00
Total	\$829.50		

ROSTERS

GENERAL HELPERS (Next Week)

ALTAR LINEN Paulette Sorgiovanni
ALTAR SERVERS' VESTMENTS Kerryn Doyle
SANCTUARY : Team 2 Angela Di Bartolomeo
Josie Di Bartolomeo

ALTAR SERVERS (NEXT WEEK)

SAT 13 JAN (6.30PM) Patrick O'Loughlin
SUN 14 Jan (8:00AM) Joseph Wardjiman
Elizabeth Wardjiman
SUN 14 Jan (10:30am) Renata Pintabona

READERS (Next Week)

SAT 13 JAN (6.30PM) Paula Buttigieg
SUN 14 Jan (8:00AM) Andrew Monisse
SUN 14 Jan (10:30AM) Cassandra Lioni
Nicole Glanville



PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends who are Sick and Lonely:

Lauro Gilluo, Mini Mirenda, Isebella Jones, Michelle Kruger, Clara Taxone, Antonia Russotti, Giovana Di Candilo, Teresa Leone, Lina & Pepo, Mary Leone, Sandra, William Paterson, Luigi, Ada, Joseph Leon, Patricia Hugh, Lise Templin, Patricia Costley, Victoria, Winnifred Dyson, John Boylen.



The Baptism of the Lord

Go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS ST. MARY'S, LEEDERVILLE

2023 is the 100 year anniversary of the foundation of our church, St Mary's, Leederville. To commemorate this wonderful milestone, we will have a series of activities over the coming months. Please let Fr Jeffrey know if you'd like to be involved in organising these activities.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic..

Please feel free to invite friends, family members, new family members, intending marriage partners, and others who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. All are welcome! You may invite people just to make enquiries.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico for 16 days. Travel dates: 21 November – 6 December 2024. For further information please contact Fr. Jeffrey who has been contacted by a Pilgrimage Company.

MASS INTENTION & DONATION ENVELOPES

Parishioners are reminded that all Mass Intention requests must be given to the Parish office by Wednesday before the weekend bulletin is printed. We thank our generous donors and are grateful if you can extend your donations to help our Parish.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EMERITUS ARCHBISHOP HICKEY : He has completed his memoirs titled '**My Spirit Land**'. It is a fascinating and insightful read, documenting not only the last 80+ years of the Catholic Church in WA, priests, cardinals, popes and Catholic agencies and policies, but also the journey of one of our Archbishops who was called to the priesthood in Western Australia.

The book is available online at myspiritlandmemoir.com for \$44.95 plus postage and handling or collect at Our Lady of the Mission Church, Craigie for \$44.95 on Wednesday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

Email myspiritlandmemoirs@gmail.com for enquiries or bulk orders to your parish.

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We are introducing another way of donating to our Parish that supports our traditional methods. Please support our innovation journey. Thank you.



VOLUNTEERS : Our parish is need of the following volunteers: Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers, Catechists, Church cleaners, Gardening and maintenance. If you are able to assist, please contact Fr Jeffrey or the Parish Office on 9444 9624.

A SUGGESTION BOX could be found at the church foyer for parishioners to bring ideas, insights, and concerns and these will be addressed at the monthly meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council.