

MASS ROSTER							
Date		Commentator	Lector	Organist	M of C	M of C	DPO
8-Jan	5:30pm	Walker	Cook	Adams	McGovern	Cooke	Moon
9-Jan	8:00am	Harris	Friedlieb	Carroll	Tooth	Gibson	Brady
	10:am	Locke	Martens	Dewhirst	Terry	Brown	Locke
15-Jan	5:30pm	Masterson	Baz	Volunteer	Mullins	Goonan T	Volunteer
16-Jan	9am	Volunteer	Volunteer	Edis	Volunteer	Volunteer	Locke

DIOCESAN COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

NO RESTRICTIONS IN NUMBER—SINGING IS ALLOWED.

KEEP CHECK-IN WITH QR.

PARISH CALENDAR

Thursday, January 6: Mass at Caloola Centre at 10am

Sunday, January 16: Mass at 9am with cup of tea followed.

Wednesday, January 19: Fr. Paddy Sykes and Fr. Jomer Calma begin their ministry in the parish..

Saturday/Sunday January 22nd/23rd: Fr. Paddy Sykes and Fr. Jomer Calma together, say masses at Sacred Heart

Saturday/Sunday January 29th/30th: Fr. Paddy Sykes and Fr. Jomer Calma together, say masses at Lady of Fatima, Fr. Bernie to say masses at Sacred Heart.

CARITAS PHILIPPINES: Typhoon Rai has caused widespread destruction in the Philippines. Over 300 casualties, and 780,000 people have been directly impacted. Visit caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

CARITAS LEBANON: Fuel and food prices in Lebanon have skyrocketed since 2019, leaving the population struggling to pay for basic essentials like groceries, electricity, healthcare and education.

We stand United with Lebanon and are accepting donations now. Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

All donations made through Caritas Australia are tax deductible.

LAST WEEK COLLECTIONS

1st Collection \$210.00 — 2nd Collection \$1,489.80

Christmas Bowl Appeal \$1,915.15

Contact the parish secretary if you require new second collection or twinning envelopes.

PLEASE CONSIDER DIRECT GIVING



Sacred Heart Parish Koorungal

1st/2nd January, 2022

Sunday Mass Times:

Sat.Vigil:5:30pm Sunday: 8am and 10am

Daily Mass Times:

Monday, Wednesday: Friday 5:45pm

Tuesday-Thursday 7am.

Saturday: 9.30am

Changes of Mass times on Chapel door.

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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PRAY FOR:

DECEASED: Norm Corbett, Sr. Carmel Clancy pbvm, Steven Bourke, Joan Druett (Marian Pitura's mother), Dorothy Castle, Edmond Dearn, Debbie Cox, Mary Kennedy (Trish Goonan's sister in law) and Andrew Winslett (Marg and Harry Edmonds' grandson), Francis B. Conlan., Margaret Matthews (SHP Principal's mother), William Longmore, Lyle McPherson (Nola Baker's Brother-in-law), Ron Terry, Mike Fogarty, Sr. Barbara Hallam pbvm, David Pulver, Merle Simpson, Molly van Der Rijt, Leo Berben, Roger Milne, Kay Allcock, John Lowe, Elizabeth Karas, Brian McGrane, Sr. Andre Guthrie rsj, Shirley Williams, Sr. Michael Soani dolc.

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES: .Barry Buchanan.

SICK: Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Mary Codell, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Shirley Gabriel, Brianna Papworth, Harry Edmonds, Jeff Edwards, Gwen Castle, Margaret Casey, Fran Ellis, Stephen Buchanan, Ian Buchanan, Liam Hatt (Claire Baker's grandson), Fr. Luke Fongi, Bruce Price, Cecilia Lim, Emily Davis, Brian Baker, Robin Nugent, Frank Gaynor, Parker Johnston.

Saint Joseph,

**you who have experienced the suffering of those who must flee
you who were forced to flee to save the lives of those dearest to you,**

protect all those who flee because of war, hatred, hunger.

Support them in their difficulties,

Strengthen them in hope, and let them find welcome and solidarity.

Guide their steps and open the hearts of those who can help them. Amen.

THE EPIPHANY

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, 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 your 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3a.5-6

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. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

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.**

GOSPEL CONNECTION

**“Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you”**

Today this invitation also resonates for us, who have celebrated the Birth of Jesus, and it encourages us to allow ourselves to be reached by the light of Bethlehem. The light that the Prophet Isaiah had foretold, is *present* and *encountered* in the Gospel. And Jesus, born in Bethlehem has come to bring salvation to those near and far: to everyone. Matthew reveals various ways by which one can encounter Christ and react to his presence. For example, Herod and the scribes of Jerusalem have a hard heart, which obstinately refuses the visit of that Child. This is one possibility: to be closed to the light. They represent those who, even in our day, *fear* Jesus' coming and close their heart to brothers and sisters who need help. Herod is afraid of losing power and does not consider the true good of the people, but rather his own personal advantage. The scribes and the chief priests of the people are afraid because they do not know how to look beyond their own certainties; they are thus unable to understand the newness that is in Jesus.

Instead, the experience of the Magi is quite different. They allow themselves to be guided by the star and face a long and perilous journey just to arrive at the destination and to know the truth of the Messiah. The Magi were *open* to 'novelty': God-made-man... And lastly, they returned "to their own country by another road". Brothers and sisters, each time that a man or woman encounters Jesus, he or she changes paths, returns to life in a different way, returns renewed, "by another road". They returned "to their own country", bearing within them the mystery of that humble and poor King; we can imagine that they told everyone about the experience they had had: the salvation offered by God in Christ is for *all mankind*, near and far. It is not possible to "take possession" of that Child: he is a gift for all.

Let us allow ourselves to be illuminated by the light of Jesus that comes from Bethlehem. Let us not allow our fears to close our hearts, but let us have the courage to open ourselves to this light that is meek and delicate. (Pope Francis 2019).