



# Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

## PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO BULLETIN

TAKE THIS HOME

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR A

4 – 5 JANUARY 2020

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: MAL 3:1, 1 CHR 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

#### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.



#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

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.

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.

#### RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

#### SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3, 5-6

Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humanity as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

#### 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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: *'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'*"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: MATTHEW 2:2

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



**MASS TIMES****Monday - Friday:** 9:15am.**Saturday:** 9:15am, 9:45 - 10:15am  
Reconciliation & 5:00pm Vigil.**Sunday:** 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm.**Baptism:** Last two Sundays of each month at 11:30am.**Anointing of the Sick:** Last Saturday of each month.**Family Mass:** Fourth Saturday of each month (during school term).**CONTACT US**

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Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve.

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4 - 5 JAN	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
<b>ALTAR SERVING</b>	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
<b>PROCLAIMER OF WORD</b>	Margaret Blake	Anne Fahy Trisha Brookes	Eddie Seeto Des Durkin	Peter Foley
<b>EUCHARIST MINISTER</b>	Barry Anderson	Kevin Brookes Margaret Kelly	Gisella Musumeci Jackie Durkin	Janet Gerzina
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Kathleen Fenlon Ruth Lucas	Margaret Duncan	Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly
11 - 12 JAN	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
<b>ALTAR SERVING</b>	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
<b>PROCLAIMER OF WORD</b>	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie Leanne Langlands	Bianca Abruzzese Annabelle Abruzzese	Baricevic Family
<b>EUCHARIST MINISTER</b>	Susana Hansen Laura Neeson	Daniel Murray Francine Darvill	Dominic Abruzzese Tony Abruzzese	Kathy Reilly Joy Pertile
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[music@waverleycatholic.org.au](mailto:music@waverleycatholic.org.au)**WEEKDAY READINGS****Mon 6 Jan** 1 John 3:22-4:6  
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25**Tue 7 Jan** 1 John 4:7-10  
Mark 6:34-44**Wed 8 Jan** 1 John 4:11-18  
Mark 6:45-52**Thu 9 Jan** 1 John 4:19-5:4  
Luke 4:14-22**Fri 10 Jan** 1 John 5:5-13  
Luke 5:12-16**Sat 11 Jan** 1 John 5:14-21  
John 3:22-30**Sun 12 Jan** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Ps 28:1-4, 9-10  
Acts 10:34-38  
Matthew 3:13-17**NEWS & NOTICES****CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP**

Christian Meditation will be held in the Parish Centre at 5.30pm on Monday evening on the following dates:

- JANUARY: 6th & 20th
- FEBRUARY: 3rd and then each Monday for the year (except Public Holidays)

If you are interested to find out more then call Trisha on 0405 516 972 or 9665 9017.

**PARISH SECRETARY ON LEAVE**

The Parish Secretary will be away from Tues 24 Dec, returning Tues 14 Jan 2020. The Parish Office will not be open while the Secretary is away. Emails will be checked periodically. For urgent matters contact Fr Bernie on 9369 9328.

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

The key to understanding this highly symbolic gospel lies in the response to Jesus of the various actors. The wise men are not of the house of Israel; they are foreigners from the East. And yet it is they who recognise the signs and embark on a journey to find the newborn king and worship him. The opposite response comes from the very people who should know better. Herod, the King of the Jews, and the chief priests and scribes, the interpreters of Scripture, have not seen what is there before them and, when they do come to understand, seek only to do harm to Jesus. This is the first hint of the harm that will ultimately come to him from similar characters much later in his life. They are not open to the revelation of God in this child.

Imagine the disappointment the wise men must have felt when they find a poor child born in a simple house instead of a mighty king. But they are open to the revelation of God and bow down before him. The expensive gifts of the wise men are highly symbolic: gold was presented to kings, frankincense was offered to God, and myrrh used in anointing for burial. Thus they refer to the kingship of Jesus, his divinity and his salvific death.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- The word 'epiphany' comes from a Greek word meaning manifestation or revelation. In Matthew's Gospel, this episode is the first public manifestation of Jesus.
- Herod the Great ruled only because Rome allowed it. He was not Jewish (his mother was not Jewish) but he had married into the royal family. He would have been very afraid of a possible rival to his claim to the throne.
- This text again mentions that Jesus was born at home in Joseph's house in Bethlehem. The family only relocated to Nazareth after having fled to Egypt to escape the threat from Herod to the child's safety.
- The 'wise men' were probably magi or astrologers from Persia and represent all those who seek God with a sincere heart.
- The gifts of the magi are of great value; gifts fit for a king!

