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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of the

month at 1.30pm

Next Healing Mass:

3 February 2022

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday 2 January 2022 (Year C)

Happy New Year and congratulations if you already have your New Year resolutions. And I wish all of them will come true and be fulfilled. Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The feast has many wonderful thoughts for us as we embark our journey into the New Year 2022.

Firstly, it reminds us of God's presence in our lives. The word Epiphany in Greek means appearance or manifestation. The Lord was, first, revealed to the shepherds by the angels. In the Western Church, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first manifestation to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church, the Feast commemorates the baptism of Christ, at which the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed Himself in words as the promised Messiah, and at Cana Jesus revealed His Divinity by transforming water into wine. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany. Jesus, I believe, reveals Himself not only in the past but He continues to do so our lives too.

Secondly, it tells us of God's plan. The adoration of the Magi fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah in which he tells us that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light, bringing gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. The Responsorial Psalm also tells us that kings from foreign lands bringing gifts to pay homage to a just king in Israel. In his letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul says that God has a secret plan. In clear terms he says: "the Gentiles are...co-heirs ... co-partners in the promise, in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." God, I believe, has plans not only for the Magi but also for us too. Let us discern His plan by continuing to ask ourselves "what does God want me to do in my life?"

Thirdly, God never stops bringing us to Jesus. The Gospel tells us that God brought the Magi, foreigners and pagans, to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews. This reminds us that God will never stop bringing us to Jesus no matter how sinful our lives are.

Last but not least, the best New Year resolution would be to accept Jesus like the shepherds and the Magi. There were three groups of people who responded to the Lord's appearance at his birth. The first group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate Jesus, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored Jesus, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore Jesus. As followers of Jesus, let us make sure that we belong to the third group by actively worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration; by giving a new direction to our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us in the new year choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud, unjust and impure thoughts, words, and actions, evil habits, and selfish behaviour; by becoming stars leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Jesus. Let us remove the darkness of the evil around us by radiating the light of Jesus' love through selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care.



Like the Magi, we too offer Jesus gifts of our everyday life, our responsive relationship with God (communicating with Him through prayer, reading & meditating the Bible), our friendship with God by recognizing His presence in our humble service of one another, and by getting reconciled to God for all our sins and failures.

As we embark our journey into the New Year, let us bring Him our hearts and offer our lives to Him for He will enrich us abundantly.

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



#55 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Information Updated: 23 December 2021, 5:00pm

As of 11.59pm Wednesday 23 December 2021, the following measures will be applied to Masses at Sacred Heart Parish::

From 11:59pm Thursday 23 December 2021, face coverings **will be required for gatherings indoors** (except in the home) for people aged eight and over, or for those with medical exemptions.

All Catholics in Melbourne **continue to be dispensed** from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop. We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household and parish, reading holy scripture, and encouraging one another in our faith. Prayerfully participating in online Mass continues to be a great source of comfort on Sundays.

Please do not attend Mass if you are feeling unwell, have tested positive or are waiting for a Covid test result

Check in is still required. Thank you.



Feast Days of the week:

Monday 3 January *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*
 Tuesday 4 January *(St Elizabeth Ann Seton)*
 Thursday 6 January *(St Andre Bessette)*
 Friday 7 January *St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*



Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. **Please collect yours.**

Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

Last Week's Collection: 19/12/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$3,102
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$1,623
 Thank you for your kind generosity!



	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
01-Jan-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
08-Jan-22	Rohan Lemos Renato Tonini	Charlotte Bainy
15-Jan-22	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Peter Bourke
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
02-Jan-22	Catherine Zanatta Ivana Lo Bello	Eileen Stevens
09-Jan-22	Jessica Suppiah Judeline Wadhvani	Ivana Lo Bello
16-Jan-22	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Tony Eley
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02-Jan-22	Margaret Bannan Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin
09-Jan-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento
16-Jan-22	Damian Casamento Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 1 January 2022

Volunteers

Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph Paige Lapenta, Bronislawa Slobodzian

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

Graeme Grieve (RIP 20/12)

Danny Boyd (RIP 29/12)

We Commemorate

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME

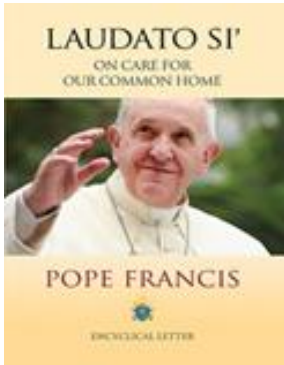
THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



At Christmas, God reveals Himself not as one who is on high in order to dominate, but as the One who stoops down, small and poor, a companion on the road, to serve: this means that in order to resemble Him, the way is that of lowering oneself, of service.



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Dear Sacred Heart Parish community,

As we end one year and begin another it is timely to reflect on the status of our response to the changing climate and environmental degradation. Pope Francis reminds us: “We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. LS: 139 and “The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion.” LS: 219

ACTION: Research what it means to undergo an ecological conversion.

2021: The International Panel on Climate Change published its six yearly report which declared **CODE RED FOR HUMANITY**. We know there is much work to be done as we anticipate 2022.

We earnestly invite you to join us as we work towards becoming an inspirational Laudato Si' Parish in support of the mission and goals of Pope Francis who challenges us to hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

With one heart the Sacred Heart Laudato Si' Circle sincerely wishes you a blessed new year.



In celebrating the Epiphany, we are celebrating the greatest proof of goodness there has ever been, of God's deeply personal love for us. For it was out of love, that the Father gave us the Son, and gave him to be our Light, our Saviour, our King and our Joy. His present to us is nothing less than the divine presence in our lives.

Volunteers Christmas Masses

A very big thank you to all readers, ministers, musicians, collectors and QR code marshals who volunteered their time during the Christmas Masses. It was much appreciated!



Piety Stall

With the help of generous volunteers the Piety Stall will again be open after each of the weekend Masses.

Religious items including Columban calendars are available at very reasonable prices.

Volunteers are sought for the Saturday evening and Sunday 10.30 and 6pm Masses. Please contact Rachel on 9480 3398 for more details.

You are required to have a current WWCC and be fully vaccinated Thank you



If you're reading this, you lived to see the New Year. This is no small matter! Your life makes a difference in the universe, whether or not you embrace your God-given power. May this prayer accompany your initial steps into the future.

God of all time,

*help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.*

May we walk gently.

May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,

*help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed every creature and
plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.*

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honour rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,

*help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.*

May we welcome your lavish love.

*May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears
have made.*

*May the grace and peace of Christ bless you now and
in the days ahead.*

Joke Corner



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

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 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
All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

The Response Is:

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.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

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 Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

