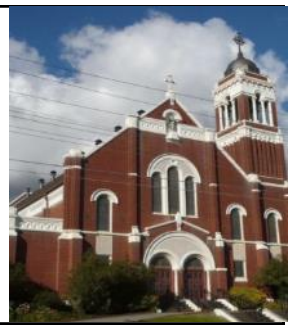


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Parish Mass Schedule

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

Devotional Practices:
**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday
(English) & Friday (Italian) after
9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th - 6th January 2019 - Year C

“...The Glory of the Lord is rising on you...”

The Epiphany brings light to the Christmas feast. Yet this light is not from the star followed by the magi. This light shines out from a frail little human being – Son of Mary/Son of God and the Messiah for all humanity.

Today's feast proclaims the good news of God's love for all people –*All people*; **not** just those who are baptised into the Church community. The Church was drawn into existence to proclaim this message of good news in word and action not just to those who are baptised. Unfortunately, in the past –sometimes this was applied to members only. But hand in hand with this message of salvation to all people is the message of the goodness of our humanity, that God dwells in our midst and we are bearers of this message to the world.

Epiphany, which means a 'manifestation of God's presence,' invites us to welcome the Jesus who came to everyone and who was welcomed at his birth, not by the recognised religious leaders of faith or those in power over the community by the privilege of wealth, or social status. Rather Jesus was welcomed by the lowly and by strangers from afar: people who, with hearts of faith, were able to perceive the gift of God in the very midst of a human life.

This feast invites us to break open narrow attitudes and take on the big heartedness of our God towards those who need us most. The light that we, as Christians, are to display to our world could well be measured by our openness to sharing the big –heartedness of God with our brothers and sisters who, exiled by oppression, poverty, homelessness or despair, long for some light of welcome to break into the darkness of their world .

As followers of Christ...may he make you a light to all your sisters and brothers.



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.

Roster: Weekend 12th - 13th Jan 2019

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Mary Harb Renato Tonini	Peter Bourke Terry Murphy
Sun (Ita) 9.00am	Mancini L.	Medolicchio A. Recchia I.
Sun 10.30am	Ophelia Swai Alan Castles	T. Bernardini Ivana Lo Bello
Sun 6.00pm	Peter Constable C. Constable	D. Casamento Sharon Kotz

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6*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. 7-8. 10-13**R/** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are part 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 that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

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*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

Cleaning Roster**Saturday 12th Jan 2019**

Dale/Volunteer

**Last Week's Collection: 30/12/18**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1234.90

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$748.50

Christmas Offerings: \$430.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!

**Merry
Christmas to
our Orthodox
brothers and
sisters, who
celebrate the
feast on
January 7th!**

**WE PRAY FOR:**The elderly and the sick

John Bernardini, Margaret Doyle, Luis Gandarillas, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Potter & Yvonne Tierney

Those recommended to our prayers
Brian Fitzgerald (3rd Anni.), Maria Leggieri (4th month), Mary Meese (1st Anni.) & Maria Roso

O Lord, may perpetual light
shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

