

Sunday January 06 The Feast of the Epiphany

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St Michael's Vision & Mission Statements

Inspired by Jesus Christ, we are a welcoming Catholic community seeking to enrich lives. Come and join us! We seek to provide opportunities for all to : *grow in holiness; *discover and live out a personal call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.

Statement of Commitment to the Safety of Children and Vulnerable Adults: Central to the mission of St Michael's and St Mary's Parishes is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children, young people and vulnerable adults and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

FR FRANCIS AWAY: Fr Francis will be away from the Parish from Monday to Friday next week. Deacon Tony will 'hold the fort' in his absence. Safe travels, Fr Francis.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Joanne Pizzi and Andrew Walsh married in our Church on New Year's Eve. May your marriage be richly blessed with deep faith and abiding love always.

Congratulations too, to Sister Doreen who celebrates 58 years since her profession on January 06. We are so blessed by your presence here amongst us, Doreen!

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME:

We are hoping that we might have two parishioners who would be able to assist with running the Baptism Preparation Meetings. The meetings are held monthly, and we need one or two people to run the meetings every second month, so it would be six evening meetings a year.

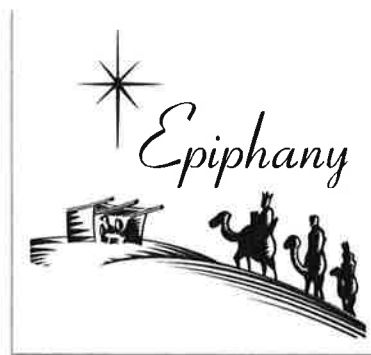
If you feel this is something you might enjoy doing, please contact the Parish Office. It's a lovely ministry, and so important that parents of young children are made feel welcome in our parish community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including John Ayres and Zebedeo (Ding) Aragon and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Carmela Colaciello, Rudolf Mayr and Joan Cahir.

Lord, Let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

including Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Lulu Aragon, Fr Bernard Buckley, Gary Donchi, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Ann Lapuh, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Malcolm Selzer, Fred Sullivan, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith and Fr Frank Young



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Weds Jan 16

5:30pm Liturgy Team, Parish Centre
7:00pm Baptism Preparation, Parish Centre

Tuesday Jan 22

7:00pm Collectors, Bankers, Counters, Parish Centre
7:30pm Finance Team, Parish Centre

Sunday Mass Times

St Michael's Traralgon Saturday 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30 am and 6:00 pm
 St Columbkille's Glengarry Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Liturgy Times - Jan 07 to 12

As Fr Francis is away from the Parish, Communion Services will be held this week.

Monday January 07

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday January 08 9:30am Communion Service
Wednesday January 09 12:00pm Communion Service
Thursday January 10 9:30am Communion Service
Friday January 11 9:30am Communion Service
Saturday January 12 9:30am Mass

Rosary: Monday to Saturday, 30 minutes before Mass
Reconciliation: St Michael's, Saturdays 10:15am & 5:30pm or any time by arrangement with Father.

Rosters : January 12 & 13

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

6:00 pm Mass Saturday January 12

Lector, C DiCorleto; **Commentator,** D Smith;
Eucharistic Ministers, J Scholtes, R Tactor,
 Volunteers x 2: **Welcomers,** G & D Bassett; **Music,** Jane;
Sacristan, D Buckland.

9:30 am Mass Sunday January 13

Lector, M Hansen, N Georgeson: **Commentator,** MMoulton: **Eucharistic Ministers,** W Detering, D Prestipino, B & S Edgar, G Imhagwe, A Reid:
Welcomers, C Payne, M Wilkinson: **Music,** Jane;
Sacristan, M Hanratty.

6:00 pm Mass Sunday January 13

Lector, C Grosso: **Commentator,** S Luscombe:
Eucharistic Ministers, J Fleming, Volunteers x3:
Welcomer, M Noone: **Music,** Jane: **Sacristan,** L Theissling

Altar cleaning: January 06 M Tainsh
 January 13 J Scholtes

Church cleaning: Limbom team

Touring Statue of Our Lady: Jan 20 J & M Hanratty
Counters: Jan 06 Arend Team: Jan 13 Armstrong Team
Mick's Kitchen January 10 Moretti Team
 January 17 McLaughlin Team



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.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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The Living Word

The Epiphany of the Lord

6 January 2019

First Reading Is 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 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) 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. *(R.)*
- 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.)*

- 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.)*
- 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

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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.

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

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