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St Michael's Parish Office Hours		
Closed Dec 23 2019 to Jan 07 2020		
<i>Please call 5174 2060 or 0448 529 712 if you urgently require a priest.</i>		
Parish Pastoral Council		
Greg Imhagwe Chairperson, Fr Francis, Sr Doreen, Kevin Taylor, Jenifer Hanratty, Amanda Reid, Steve Kimani, Lia DiCorleto, Watson Gomez, Judi McLaughlin, Thomas Mathew, Jodie Ware, Ros Joyner, Doug Doherty and Bev O'Brien.		
Parish Schools:		
St Gabriel's School		5174 5515
Principal: Mrs Ros Joyner		
St Michael's School		5174 3295
Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware		
Lavalla Catholic College		5174 5272
Principal: Mr John Freeman		
Kildare Campus		5174 8111
St Paul's Campus		5174 7355

READING LUKE: All are warmly invited to come to a barbecue dinner on **Wednesday 22nd January, at 6:00pm** in the Parish Centre, to share a meal and some sharing about how we all travelled while we were reading the Gospel of Luke in December.

Please let the Parish Office know if you are coming (sec@smpt.org.au or 5174 2060). Parishioners are asked to bring a salad or sweets to share.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRES: On **Tuesday January 7th at 7:30pm** we will hold an evening of prayer in the Church.

At this time when so much of our land is burning, so many of our people are suffering, may we come together in prayer to ask God's blessings on us all, that our lands may be blessed by rain, that our suffering peoples may be blessed with peace and gentle determination, and that our community will be moved to generous and prayerful support. We will take up a leaving collection after our Masses next weekend, January 11 & 12 to go towards Emergency Relief for those affected by these bush fires.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Chandana Fernando, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Patricia Couper, John Ayres and Lynette Cahill.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK including Megan Agostino, Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Lulu Aragon, Cath Boers, Fr Bernard Buckley, Conceicao Carvalho, Julie Dal Pra, Peter Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, Anthony Derham, Gary Donchi, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Peter Lont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah Mckerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Fr John O'Kelly, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Kath Ryan, Ray Smith, Jerry Templar, Julie Vaz, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, George Walkan, and Fr Frank Young.

Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WISE MEN STILL SEEK + HIM



Sunday Mass Times
Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 9:30am and 5:30pm
Weekday Liturgy Times - Jan 06 to 10
Monday January 06
9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday January 07
9:30am Mass
Wednesday January 08
11:00am Exposition
12:00pm Mass
Thursday January 09
9:30am Mass
Friday January 10
9:30am Mass
Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday, 30 minutes before Mass
Reconciliation: Saturdays 5:00pm, Wednesdays 11:00am or any time by arrangement with Father.

Rosters: January 11 & 12
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

5:30pm Mass Saturday January 11
Lector, R Webber, W Gomez: **Commentator,** D Smith: **Eucharistic Ministers,** J Scholes, R Tactor, B Purell, A Membrey: **Welcomers,** G & D Bassett: **Music,** Jane: **Sacristan, Volunteer required.**

9:30 am Mass Sunday January 12
Lectors, T Denny, J Dal Pra: **Commentator,** C McCabe: **Eucharistic Ministers,** W Detering, D Prestipino, G Imhagwe, A Reid, A Phillips: **Welcomers,** C Payne, M Wilkinson: **Music,** Charismatic Choir: **Sacristan,** M Hanratty

5:30 pm Mass Sunday January 12
Lector J Panozzo-Tilè: **Commentator,** J Hanrahan: **Eucharistic Ministers,** J Fleming, S Luscombe: **Welcomers:** M Noone: **Music,** Jane: **Sacristan, Volunteer required.**

Altar cleaning: January 12 M Giddens
January 19 M Tainsh

Church cleaning: *Volunteers required for January 17*

Touring Statue of Our Lady:
January 12 M & J Hanratty
January 19 C & A O'Neill

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.

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The Living Word

The Epiphany of the Lord

5 January 2020



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

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.

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.

1. 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.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon falls. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

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3. 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.)
4. 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

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