

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church - In the care of the Franciscan Friars

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 8.00am

Tuesday 8.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 8.00am

Friday 8.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday & Thursday after the 8.00am Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm **OR**

please call Fr Mario to arrange a time to meet individually.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

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Epiphany of the Lord - 2nd January 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection ...

Recently some Christian scientists got to work trying to explain the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem. They came up with a complicated, and no doubt plausible, astronomical theory about how a certain brilliant star may have appeared around the time of the birth of Jesus. Though I was intrigued by their methods, I wondered why they bothered. Matthew's wandering star is not about astronomy. It's religious shorthand for describing how the heavens preside over and guide the events of the world. The image of a star is used in similar ways in the Books of Deuteronomy, Numbers, Isaiah and the Psalms. This entire feast is all about symbols, not science. Reported by Hippolytus as early as the third century, it is celebrated twelve days after Christmas, the number itself echoing God's goodness in creating and recreating us.

The wise men's star is on a par with the other images Matthew uses. At the centre of each of the first three chapters of his Gospel there is an extraordinary event. In chapter one Joseph hears the message of an angel in a dream. In chapter two the wise men find Jesus by following a star. And by chapter three the heavens open and God speaks at the baptism of the Lord. By any standards that's quite an opening to a biography! It's all about the manifestation, or epiphany, of God's glory in the world.

And let's look carefully at where and for whom this glory is revealed. The first instance is to Joseph while he's in bed asleep. The second is to gentile astrologers who, by reporting their news to Herod, set up an immediate threat to Jesus. The third instance is to all those Jews who were coming to hear John the Baptist. Within three chapters of Matthew's Gospel the circles of God's glory revealed in Jesus become more public and change lives. The lives of Joseph, the star gazers, John the Baptist and those who heard Jesus preach will never be the same again.

The Feast of the Epiphany is not an ancient version of Halley's comet. It is about how God's glory changes human hearts. T.S. Eliot got this point in his poem 'The journey of the Magi'.

'Birth or death? There was a Birth, certainly,

We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,

But had thought they were different; this Birth was

Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.

We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,

But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,

With an alien people clutching their gods.

I should be glad of another death.'

And so may this feast change our hearts and enable us to die to self so as to be born to God's glory that can and does shine through us. And may we remember that this Epiphany is not meant for us alone, but that we are called to go public with it and demonstrate our belief in today's feast by the way we live, the world we help create, and the one we strive to recreate.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Baptism of the Lord - 9 January 2022

1st Reading [Is 42:1-4, 6-7](#) or [Is 40:1-5, 9-11](#)

2nd Reading [Acts 10:34-38](#) or [Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7](#)

Gospel [Lk 3:15-16, 21-22](#)



The parish office will reopen on Monday 10th January 2021.

Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have stated it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine available. More information is at: <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

Home Visitation to the Sick and Elderly

You need not be isolated from your Parish family if you are sick or unable to join us for Mass. We are fortunate to have **Ministers of Communion** who will visit homes within our Parish and bring Holy Communion.

If you would like them or **Fr Mario** to visit you or someone you know who needs a visit please contact the Parish Office on 33576640 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Len Crook, Louise Mitchell, Joyce Barrett, Doris Heffernan, Val Davidson, Charlotte Stevenson, Denese O'Brien, Thérèse O'Regan, Edna Ang, Vincenzo Del Vecchio

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Audrey Robson, Leonardo & Giovanna Caruso, Barney Curran, Catherine Mahony, Patrick Mahony, Roy & Vera Jarrett, Noel & Connie Peach, Brendan O'Brien, Eileen Carroll, Rita Sullivan, Mollie Byrne, Rosy Varghese, Panikulan Varghese, Giuseppe & Isolina Maccarone, Angus & Mary Robertson, Vince Jowett, Joyce Swanson, Lorna Agli

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS

It has been a custom in our church tradition to have a Mass offered for some intentions. Envelopes are in the church. When you have such a need, please write down your intention and return it to the parish office, to Fr Mario or place it in the collection box at the weekend Masses. Thank you.

The Samaritan Community

Tuesday Morning Activities resume on
25th January, 2022

Until then keep well and happy.
We will be thinking of you all.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd January

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Tuesday 4 January

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 5 January

Mass 9.00am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 6 January

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 7 January

Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 8 January

Baptism Information 11.00am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm (*Vigil*)

Sunday 9 January

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am
Mass 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy & Mass

Our Children's Liturgy on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at the 9.30am Mass resumes in February.

Our Children's Mass is on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 9.30am Mass.
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WHS Incident Report. Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

To receive the Parish Newsletter and other Parish Resources by email, please print your details here, tear off this section, and drop it in the suggestion box at the church door or give it to Fr Mario or Rob.

Name: _____ Email: _____