



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

7TH JANUARY, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 8th JANUARY
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 9th JANUARY
10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 10th JAN.
9.10am Mass
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 11th JANUARY
No Service

FRIDAY 12th JANUARY
10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 13th JAN.
10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY
8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners,

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 marvelous 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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Liturgy - The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Mal 3:1;1 Chr 19:12

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 71:1-2.7-8.10-13

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 parts of
the same body.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Matthew 2:2

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

**Please remember the following in your
prayers...**

Sick:

Mick Matthews, Claire Letham, Claire Tierney,
Liz Murphy, Sr. Margaret Gray IBVM, Tamara
Bobrovich, Genni Byrne, Marie Walker, Charles
Fain, Jon Parkinson, Marie Dillon, Maree Fox,
Frank Nolan, Antonio So Jr., Ashley Woods,
Stella Hill, Wendy Lumby, Robert Fox, Malgosia
Dziuk, Daisy Xu, Geoff Beams, Rosa Maria Santos,
Patricia Duffy, Mietta Ulaan, Elaine O'Hea,
Frank O'Hea, Chris Leach, Dao Le, Patricia Carey,
Denise Wraight, Peter Babulo, Moira Healy,
Tony Hill, Koula Tsepelidis, Norma Parker &
Martin Broad.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

Baptism Candles and gifts

Columban Calendars 2018 @ \$9.00ea

**Melbourne Catholic Magazine
@ \$4.00ea**

**NZ Kauri Wooden Crosses
\$10.95 each**

**Br. James New CD's available
\$25.00ea**

**Friends of Same East Timor
Ground Coffee @ \$7.50ea**

ST.VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

Call Centre for assistance – 1800 305 330

Free Call Weekdays 10am-3pm.

Vinnies Centre Ringwood Ph. 9870 9124,

Unit 1B/76-82 Maroondah Hwy,
Ringwood.

For Furniture & Whitegoods pickup—

Eastern Emergency Relief will pickup for

St Vincent de Paul week days 9am-1pm .

Ph. 9874 8433.

CATECHETICS CLASSES:

Any families interested in enrolling their child
in the **Catechetical Sacramental Program –**

Enrolment 2018 we are taking bookings now.

Enquire at the Parish Office on Ph: 9878 0818.

