



St Andrew's Parish News

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR A - 07 & 08 JANUARY 2023

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This Feast marks the occasion when the Lord revealed and manifested Himself to all the nations through the representation of the Three Wise Men, who came all the way to Bethlehem after long and arduous journey, seeking the Star of Bethlehem marking the birthplace of the Saviour. This Feast, also known as Theophany especially amongst those from the Eastern Church traditions remember the time when God *'Theos'* manifested Himself before His people, a term known as *'Epiphaneia'*, that has the meaning of revelation, as He came forth bringing the Light and Hope to the nations, just as He has promised through His prophets and messengers.

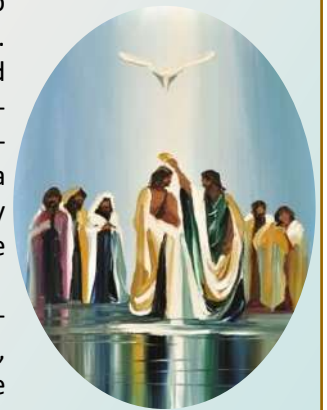


May the Lord, our glorious and mighty God, Who revealed Himself to all the nations, be with us and bless our every good deeds and efforts, all of our endeavours for His greater glory.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Feast - Monday 9th January

Let us focus on Jesus' mystical experience as he emerged from the waters of the River Jordan. 'Suddenly the heavens opened.' Heaven and earth are communicating again! If heaven appeared closed to humankind it is now open again. 'And he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him.' Jesus experienced 'like a dove does' – a sense of being hovered over by the Divine presence 'in dove-like fashion'.



'And a voice spoke from Heaven: "This is my Son, the beloved, my favour rests on him".' In the Jewish tradition this sort of intuitive sensation is called the bat qol, the daughter of a voice, a whisper echoing heaven.

Each of us has shared in the baptism of Our Lord, been incorporated into His baptism. Divine love and power streamed from heaven to earth into each one of you; the Holy Spirit hovered gently over you; and deep down, at the intimate wellspring of your life, the Divine voice was heard whispering:

'You are my beloved daughter' or 'You are my beloved son,' 'My favour rests on you.'

We could pause for a moment to resolve to recall each morning the heavenly whisper at our baptism and then re-echo it in our lives.

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BENEDICT XVI Pope Emeritus

A special Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Tue 10 Jan 7pm. You are most welcome.

✦ MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE ✦

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS - THANK YOU

The New Years Eve 2023 Dance has been an evening of fun and joyous celebration welcoming in 2023!!! Thanks to the committed support and hard work of Sheryl Mahoney, Tina Podesta, Kim Davey, Ann Simon, Marieta Simon, Michael Mahoney, Burle Davey and Eugene Simon. Thank you to all the generous families of St. Andrew's parish that donated freshly cooked food for sale through the evening. The Parish would also like to thank Harold Lynch and his band - The Hitch Hikers and DJ Avery for the non stop music that kept all patrons on the floor dancing all through the evening. Not forgetting our star MC Kristen Burnaby for engaging and coordinating our patrons through the evening. **Thank you one and all, the NYE Dance 2023 has been a successful, fun filled evening for all!! - More Photos inside.**



St. Andrew's Parish, Clayton South is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

OUR PARISH

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Tuesday - Friday 10am - 3pm

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am

Mon—Sat (except Tues): 9.15am

Tues: 7.00pm & Novena to St. Jude

Reconciliation

Saturday: 9.45 to 10.15am

Baptism & Wedding

Please contact the Parish Office

Funeral

Please contact the Parish Office

PARISH TEAM

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Sherilyn Mangalino (Tue/Wed)

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Chantelle Fernandes

ONLINE SERVICES

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PARISH NEWS



Lucy Furtado, Glenda Lynch, Payton,
Myrtle Peberdy,

Happy Birthday!
have a wonderful day!

Harold & Glenda Lynch, Ashlyn & Felicia,
Edwin & Rachael Gomes, Lancy & Margie.

CONGRATULATIONS!



ST. ANDREW'S HOLY LAND TRIP 2023 - UPDATES...



Many thanks for your interest and participation in our Holy Land Trip 2023 information session. . It was a great session to know more about the trip and clarify many questions. As discussed in the session, you may reserve the seats by paying the initial advance **by 20th**

January. Please see below the Bank Details:

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**NEW YEAR
DANCE
PHOTOS**



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 2022

Monday 9 January - The Baptism of the Lord

09.15am Mass

07.00pm Choir Practice (11am Choir)

Tuesday 10 January

07.00pm Mass / Novena to St Jude

Wednesday 11 January

09.15am Mass

07.30pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)

Thursday 12 January

09.15am Mass -

07.30pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

Friday 13 January

09.15am Mass

Saturday 14 January

09.15am Mass

10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)

06.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 15 January - 2nd Sunday In Ord Time

08.00am Mass

09.30am Mass

11.00am Mass

01.00pm Filipino Mass - Feast of Infant Jesus



REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

Pray For Healing: Candice Walker, Prudence Cooper, Simon Gelera, Sandra Fonceca, Pellegrina Nheu, Tommy Lee, Ray Martin, Victor Nikolic, Errol Fredericks



Recently Deceased: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Connie Abraham, Philip Welsch, Elesio Montero, Hazel Carron, Paul.

Birthday Remembrance:

Death Anniversaries: Louise Rozario, Guillaîne Koo Yuk Cheong, Alain Yan, Valentina M., France Yip Chee Fong, Brian Carron, Marie-Louise Salute, Souls of D 'Silva and Gaybell Families, Oscar and Rita Geer, Albert and Olga Dowley, Freddy and Helen Martin, Yvonne Pieris, Ken and Stella McIntyre, Martin A. Williams, Souls of Williams Family, all forgotten & Holy Souls & All Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR A 7/8TH JANUARY 2023

	Mass Times			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Lourdes Rhyle Chanelle	Volunteers	Sanuli	Adam Ryan
Comm	Janet D	Marguerita	Gazielle P	Linda K
Readers	Kim D Burle D	Ryan V Tanya V	Rosemary David G	Colette D Maria B
Special Ministers	Pearl B Edwin B	James M Victor T	Phillipe N Diane E	Beata G Pat I
Welcomers				
Altar L.	Joyce Gayen			
Counters Team	Marian Johnstone, Maureen Hendricks, Eugene Girton, Duong Van Nguyen, George Verbeek, Jose Etulain, Peter F, Basil Hyde			

THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A 15TH JANUARY 2023

	Mass Times			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Lourdes Chanelle Esther, Rachael Rhyle	Volunteers	Alivia	Ryan
Comm	Jenny C	Victor T	Terry M	Lourdes R
Readers	Edwin B Oreen T	Marcelle J Michelle S	Daniel G Rodolfo G	Betty C Volunteer N
Special Ministers	Michael M Erlinda D	Rima J Anastasio J	Ashlyn F Felecia F	Gloria A Betty C
Welcomers				
Altar L.	Sylvia Lawrence			
Counters Team	Marian Johnstone, Maureen Hendricks, Eugene Girton, Duong Van Nguyen, George Verbeek, Jose Etulain, Peter F, Basil Hyde			



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



BLESSINGS ON HOLY INNOCENTS DAY



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**THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD YEAR A
8 JANUARY 2023**



First Reading Num 6:22-27

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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 P 66(67):2-3,5,6,8

(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 fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
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 Rom 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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 Lk 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Stars and Seekers after Truth 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.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth. As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

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PIETY STALL AT ST ANDREW'S

We have lots of religious items, Christmas cards & gifts at our piety stall now open at all weekday & weekend Masses. You can contact parish office during office hours if required. Thank you!



SAYINGS OF A SAINT

"God is saying to you today: Rest in me. I am already at work in your life. I will turn around every bad situation in your life. I will bless you and your family and I will heal what needs to be healed. Amen!" **St. Vincent Pallotti**



God seeks us where we are, not so that we stay there, but so that we may come to be where He is, so that we may get beyond ourselves.

Pope Benedict XVI

LEGION OF MARY - Statue Visitation to homes within our parish.



The Statue of Mother Mary is available to visit homes in the Parish. Please contact: Lawrence Bernard - 0413 695 662 or Joe Lansakara - 0419 748 349

Legion of Mary will resume the monthly recitation of the Rosary at the Adoration Chapel every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

**Next Rosary at 7:00 pm on Wed 18th January 2023.
Please join us to say the Rosary.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION ON WED 1ST FEB 23

The next Baptism Preparation Night will be held on Wed 1st Feb 23 at 7.30pm in the parish house. To register, please contact the parish office via phone 9551 5666 or email - claytonsouth@cam.or.au

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

At St. Andrew's Parish, we accept the responsibility for passing on our Christian faith, Values, Traditions, Beliefs and stories to the children of our community. The parish offers the Sacramental Program annually in the following order: First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It starts with the preparatory classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Term 1, followed by preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist in Term 2. Term 3 will be focused on preparing for their Confirmation. Children 8 years old and above, or in Year 3 or higher, are invited to join this program. Please email claytonsouth@cam.org.au or contact parish office for more information.

LIKE TO HELP CHILDREN LEARN? AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!



St. Vincent de Paul Society, Victoria run an Education Program on Saturday mornings at St. Mary's Primary School Auditorium Dandenong. This is a free service offered primarily to children from refugee/immigrant backgrounds whose parents may have difficulty with speaking and writing English. This program cannot run without the dedication of our volunteers, and we are seeking to recruit more volunteers to assist with our children.

Please contact **Jojo John** (jojokjohn@hotmail.com) to express your interest or for further information.

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