



St Andrew's Parish News

We are a Dynamic Faith Community in the Spirit of the Gospel

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B - 06 & 07 JANUARY 2023

OUR PARISH

Parish Office

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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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The journey of the Magi, Pope Francis suggests, should prompt us to ask ourselves: 'How is the journey of my faith going?'

As the Pope says, the Magi were infused with a spiritual restlessness born of their desire for something transcendent. It is a dynamic which is useful for reflecting on our own situation in this present age. Are we stuck in what the Pope characterises as a spiritual 'parking lot'? 'Do our words and our liturgies ignite in people's hearts a desire to move towards God' he asks, or does our worship look and sound like something that 'speaks only of itself and to itself'?



The Magi offer us, the Pope says, four useful ways of thinking about where we are and where we should go. Firstly, they 'set out,' making sure our faith is forward-looking and active. Secondly, they had the courage to 'defy Herod,' providing a model of courage that stands up to powers that would oppress and harm the poorest. Thirdly, they took 'another way,' forging new paths, trusting in God's creative power. And fourthly, they 'worshipped the Child', making sure that our focus was on the God towards whom we journey in hope.

PARISH TEAM

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NEW YEAR DANCE - THANK YOU



The **New Year's Eve Dance** was a great success and a wonderful event as mentioned by a lot of people who attended. The whole event went off smoothly and I can say that most people who met me said that they had a great time. The venue was lit up and decorated in bright blue and silver, the band played lovely music of the 60,70 and 80 and the DJ filled in the music for the young and the old - there was never a dull moment where there was no one on the floor. I must also say the Food catered by Mario Burrows was a hit too with people going for second and third round helping.

The whole team did a fantastic job, to get the job done well, putting in great effort to see that nothing was missed, some of us even stayed up late nights to finish some task. I would also like to thank the spouses of the team members for allowing and support them to carry out this task. There were quite a few volunteers (not on the team) who gave their time to help selling tickets, setting the hall, decorating it, and there were quiet a few wonderful ladies who served the food at the buffet.

I can truly say that this was one of the best New year's Dance till date and hats off to the wonderful team Juanita, Rupert, Robin, Albert, Gavin who supported me - I really appreciate and thank you for all your efforts - may God bless you and your family. I will like to end by saying that we raised a net profit of **\$9,552.00**.

Edwin Braganza (Coordinator)

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

PARISH VISION STATEMENT
 "A COMMUNITY THAT EMBRACES, CELEBRATES AND EMPOWERS ALL TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS"

PARISH NEWS

PHOTOS - NEW YEAR DANCE



Happy Birthday

Rio D'Rozario, Rowan D'Rozario, Cora Deanne, Lucy Furtado, Glenda Lynch, Philly Lynch (90th)

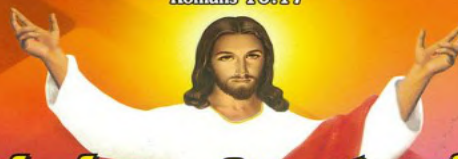


Happy Wedding Anniversary

Jackie & Floyd Hendricks, Harold & Glenda Lynch,

HAVE A HAPPY JOURNEY TOGETHER

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
 Romans 10:17



Divine Australia HEALING MASSES & RETREAT

January 2024 Melbourne



Rev. Dr. Antony Parankimalil VC
 Director, Divine Retreat Centre
 Kigali, Rwanda

Programme Schedule

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
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**THURSDAY 25TH JAN 2024
 6.30PM: HEALING MASS**

SARMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

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 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.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Type	Qty	Price	Total
Adults Tickets	393	\$45.00	\$17,685.00
Child Tickets	18	\$25.00	\$450.00
Donations			\$1,430.00
Raffles			\$940.00
Novelty			\$425.00
Tea/Coffee/ Water			\$133.00
TOTAL INCOME			\$21,063.00
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$11,511.00
Profit			\$9,552.00



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 2024

Monday 8 January - The Baptism of the Lord

09.15am Mass

07.00pm Choir Practice (11am Choir)

Tuesday 9 January

02.00pm Funeral Gary Michael

07.00pm Mass / St Jude's Novena

Wednesday 10 January

09.15am Mass

11.00am Funeral - Carlton Meyers

07.00pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)

Thursday 11 January

09.15am Mass

08.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

Friday 12 January

09.15am Mass

Saturday 13 January - St Hilary

09.15am Mass

10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)

04.45pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)

06.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 14 January – The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

08.00am Mass

09.30am Mass

11.00am Mass

REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

Pray For Healing: Candice Walker, Simon Gelera, Pellegrina Nheu, Tommy Lee, Jim Alexiou, Geetha, Arun, Bhaskharan P V Nair, Sarath Kumar, Peter, Alex D'Cruz, Naville Goddar.

Recently Deceased: Fr. Augustine, Gary Michael, Jeanne Lyselle Ladegourdie, George Cooper, Carol Tenio, Rita Jansz, Carlton Meyers

Birthday Remembrance: Bill Scherer, George La Fontaine,

Monthly Remembrance:

Sonia Singh,

Death Anniversaries: Ronnie Fernandez, Oscar and Rita Geer, Liju Antony, Francisco Castel, Blossom Lobo, Ann Ward, Souls of Fernandez family, souls of Geer Family, Bevis & Iona, Henry Bacongco, Ivor Steiner, Peter Steiner, Emmy Scherer, Jenny Gabel, Marilena Zanini, Guillaume Koo Yuk Cheong Family, Alain Yan, France Yip Chee Foong, Lan Youn-Foong Family, all forgotten souls, and All Souls in Purgatory.

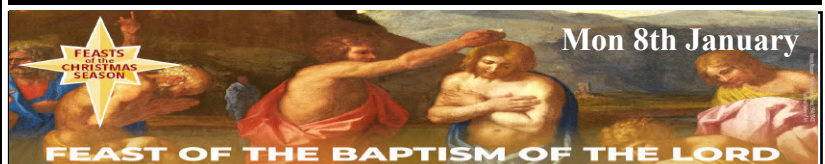
ROSTERS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR B - 7TH JANUARY 2024

	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Cheryl R	Lynette F	David G	Linda K
Readers	Marilyn W Corazon J	Tanasha S Tricia S	Adam D Allen S	Rohini T Arputha V
Special Ministers	Oreen T Cheryl L Marilyn W Pierre W	George V Riekie V Rebecca G Atanasio J	Charles C Felecia F Linda M Rodolfo	Ean B Beatriz C Rada P Lourdes R
Welcomers	Peter F	George & Riekie V	Carol N	Gloria A
Altar L.	Laurence Bernard			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Duong V N, George V, Jose E, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 14TH JANUARY 2024

	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
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 Nial F Vanessa F	Marguerita Victor T James M Maureen	Phillipe N Carol N Hanna T Joyce S	Beata G Pat I Linda K Erlinda D
Welcomers	Kim & Burle D	George & Riekie V	Carol N	Gloria A
Altar L.	Tina Rana			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Duong V N, George V, Jose E, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			



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A WELL WISHER FOR THE PARISH OF ST. ANDREW'S

From the depths of my nothingness I prostrate myself before you O most Sacred Divine Adorable Heart of Jesus to pay to you all the homage of love praise and adoration in my power. Amen

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**THE FEAST OF
THE EPIPHANY-
YEAR B
07 JANUARY 2024**



FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

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.

RESP PSALM Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

(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 EPHESIANS 3:2-3. 5-6

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 Matthew 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

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. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

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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PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE The Parish Office will remain closed for Christmas & New Year break after Friday 22nd December 2023. The office will re open on Tuesday 16th January 2024. During this period, kindly contact Fr. Shibu for any pastoral assistance Thank You!

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PARISH



Are you new to St. Andrew's?

We welcome you! Please take a moment to look at our welcome kit which is available in the church foyer. You are invited to complete the registration form and return it to the Parish office. **THANK YOU!**

PIETY STALL AT ST ANDREW'S We have lots of religious items, books, cards etc, Statues & gifts at our piety stall now open at all weekday & weekend Masses. Contact parish office during office hours if required. **Thank you!**

LEGION OF MARY Statue Visitation



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 17th January 2024

Please join us to say the Rosary.

KINGSTON COUNCIL INTERFAITH NETWORK BREAKFAST



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Kingston Interfaith Network Committee would like to highlight the upcoming Interfaith Breakfast in February 2024, and invite your faith organisation to participate in the Interfaith Network. The Interfaith Network aims to encourage understanding and respect between peoples of all faiths and cultures. The Interfaith Network Committee helps to build connections amongst the diverse and vibrant faith communities within our municipality and with the City of Kingston. To book follow the link below:



Book online via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kingston-interfaith-network-breakfast-tickets-763233220107>

**Bookings essential as tickets are limited.
Bookings close on 25 January at 5pm.**