



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, strengthened by the Word of God, is united by our Sacramental Life into a Covenant to make Jesus the Christ known and loved in Central Australia.

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Monday to Friday

9 am - 12 noon & 4 pm - 5 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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Parish Priest (acting):

Fr. John Quang, SVD

Aboriginal Chaplain:

Syro-Malabar Chaplain

Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST

RCIA Coordinator:

Secretary:

Mel Buenavaje

Parish Past. Council Chairman

Fred Twohig

OLSH College Principal

Br. Matthew Green, FMS

Parish Mass Schedule:

Monday to Friday: 7 am & 5:30 pm

Saturday 11 am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the month - 11am *Aboriginal*

Community Mass at South Terrace.

2nd Sunday of the month—11 am

Aboriginal Community Mass at Amoonguna, Southeast of Alice Springs, off the Ross Highway.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Baptism: By appointment: one month's notice required.

Marriage:

By appointment only, 6 months' notice required.

The Epiphany of the Lord

03rd - 04th January 2015

The Epiphany Of the Lord



The wise men were filled with delight when they saw the star again after speaking with Herold. The delight must have been even greater when they came into the presence of Christ whom they had been searching for.

The journey of the wise men is mirrored in the journey many people have taken as they have searched for him through the centuries. Like the wise men, those who find Jesus are often filled with joy and delight when they find him. If we have been a practising Catholic all our lives we may admire but not fully understand the joy of those who have found him later in life.

Consciously searching for Jesus in our lives every day can bring us moments of joy and delight, and lead us to do him homage, as the wise men did. Too often Jesus passes unrecognised in the events of our lives and we miss the moment of encounter with him.

The wise men passed from delight to dilemma. They had an obligation to go back to Herold once they found the child. But they were warned not to do so. The warning was not from an exterior source, it was received interiorly. Now they were faced with the truly Christian dilemma – whether to follow their own interior spiritual compass or to respond to the obligation imposed on them by another person, in this case, Herold.

Having resolved the dilemma in favour of their own spiritual instincts, the wise men may well have had some feelings of guilt about not honouring their agreement with Herold. Most of us are not strangers to guilt and it can be a powerful force pushing us in a particular direction.

We need to distinguish between two sources of guilt. Guilt can come from doing what we know to be morally wrong. The source of this form of guilt is our conscience, which will also push us towards a solution which brings peace. The solution may involve the Sacrament of Penance, and reconciliation or restitution for any harm we have done. Acting on 'good guilt' will usually result in an encounter with Jesus.

The second form of guilt is that which the wise men may have experienced as a result of their decision not to go back to Herold. The source of this guilt is an obligation imposed on us by others, usually easily recognised by the idea that we 'should' do or not do something. Can we imagine one of the wise men saying to the others "you know, we should really have found a way to let Herold know that we weren't coming back...?"

Guilt associates with 'should' can easily take over our lives. It can mean that we live our lives according to the dictates and whims of others or what we perceive society's norms to be. Unlike the 'good guilt' which comes from conscience, it does not bring peace, often it generates anger and resentment deep within us.

Learn to love 'good guilt', it is a star which guides us to an encounter with Jesus. Let the guilt associated with 'should' go. (<http://www.catholic.org.nz/reflection>)

Daily Readings: starting 05 January

Mon: 1Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tues: 1Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44
Wed: 1Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52
Thu: 1Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22
Fri: 1Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16
Sat: 1Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30
Sun: Isa 55:1-11
 1Jn 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Mary Hessling, Colleen Matson, Benedicta Turkey, David Woods, Sean Heenan, Mary Dick, Duncan Lynch, Isobel Laverty, Janice Loria Lazo, Margaret McNaught, Rita Knuchel (Gill Dew's mum), Graciano Mercado, Kevin Feed, Penelope Sleming, Hermon Turkey, Tilde Cabantog, Benedicto J Chupungco, Eileen Sanvictores, Manuel Sarangay, Alice Costa, Do Quyen, Paul Rindahl, Kathleen Wilia, Dianne McGinn, Georgina Gilbert, Editha Baslot, Ann Vernon, Kevin Edwin, Paul Manard, Heather Cent, Jala Breanna, Singmia Fofung, Colleen Langcake, Cathy Golotta, Marissa Johnston, Allison Burgess, Rosemarie Schnell, Bill Sims, Antonio Mutia, Gill Dew, Mark McGinley, Patricia Wyatt, Peter Strachan, Gary Brenton, Glen Clarke, Imblisa, May Lee Shah, Bill Costa, Maria Lourdes Sacramento.

May the Lord grant them healing

Death Anniversary: Matthew Neck, Amanda Bell and Matthew Batson.

May their souls rest in eternal peace

Devotional Practices:

Divine Office & Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Friday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

First Wednesday of the month 9am

Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Adoration

Adoration every second Saturday of the month at Missionaries of Charity Convent 12 Standley Crescent, from 3-4 pm

THE HISTORY AND MEANING OF EPIPHANY



The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the

second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

(www.catholicculture.org)

Words of Wisdom - St Anselm

"Mary was raised to the dignity of Mother of God for sinners rather than for the just, since Jesus Christ declares that he came to call not the just, but sinners.

<http://quotecatholic.com/index.php/forgiveness-sin/st-anselm-mother-of-god/#more-1261>

Evangelii Gaudium

"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid."

Par 187 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

WELCOME!

Fr. Asaeli Raass, svd will arrive in our parish on the 10th Jan 2015 and officially take up his appointment as our new parish priest. Welcome to Fr. Raass.

Welcome our newly baptised members into the parish community. **John Robert Blacker** and **Harrison Allan Blacker** will received the sacrament of baptism on the 5th Jan 2015.

We would like to congratulate the parents of these children Timothy Backer and Stephanie Blacker and their extended family on the occasion.

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long time residents or those newly arrived in the Parish. Welcome to all guests and tourists. We pray that you have a lovely stay!

Parish Diary

Sunday 04 January
Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Monday 05 January

Tuesday 06 January
 • Prison Ministry 5:45 -7:30pm

Wednesday 07 January

Thursday 08 January

Friday 09 January

Saturday 10 January

Sunday 11 January
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Year B

Ministers Needed for Sundays in January 2015!

There is no roster for Commentators, Readers, and Communion Ministers of the Eucharist for Sunday Masses in January 2015. We are looking for volunteers to fill these positions. Please write your name down on the roster placed at the church entrance. Thank you.

On Christmas eve, the house of George and Jessie, members of our parish community, was unfortunately burnt down. Any financial assistance is very much appreciated. Your donation can be put in the basket at the end of the church. With thanks and appreciation.

SVDP Food Van Volunteers

Vinnies are seeking additional volunteers for their weekly food van from Monday to Friday (not including Thursdays) for the 2015 roster. The aim is to distribute sandwiches, fruit, tea, coffee and cordial to the needy each evening between 5:00 and 6:00pm.

Any help either weekly, fortnightly or even monthly would be a great help in spreading the workload.

Please contact Bruce Clifford on 89522172 or by email: brucejoyceclifford@bigpond.com

Did You Know?

- The word ‘epiphany’ means ‘manifestation’ or ‘showing’.
- The gifts brought by the Magi (probably astrologers from Persia) reveal many things about Jesus. The gold signifies his kingship, the frankincense, his priestly role, and the myrrh suggests the spices and ointment with which his body is anointed and wrapped at his death that brought salvation.
- You will note from the text that the number of Magi is not mentioned. Later, tradition developed that there were three, probably based on the three gifts, and later still they were given names!
- In some countries and cultures, gifts are given on this feast, rather than on Christmas Day.



Just for Today

Spend an hour in the garden or go for a walk with a family member or friend.

Roster for weekend of 10 / 11 January 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Sue Bain	Marian Maddocks Christine Gronp
Sun 7:30 am	Kate McGargill	Sr. Magdalena	
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Sneha Nair Gesheila Cottez	Carmela Guthard Margaret Lillecrapp Mark Bensted
Sun 5:30 pm		Caterina Golotta Alecia Scheill	Marietta Ives

Cleaning: 10 January **Group 5**
 Bernie O’Loughlin, Rita Steller, Andre Simon

Counters: 11 January 2015
 Margaret-Ann McNaught

Last Week’s Collections:
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 1st Collection: \$892.80 for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: \$1,276.20 (for the parish)
 Christmas collection: \$4,022.05 Sunday 27/28 Dec

Thank you for your generosity!

Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin team informed if you change your days/times etc.

The Epiphany of the Lord Year B

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Entrance Antiphon:

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

The First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 *The glory of the Lord shine 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 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.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The 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.*

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.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel: Matthew 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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Mt 2:2 We have seen his star in the East and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.