

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



The Epiphany of the Lord

5 January 2020

Readings

Next Week

Is 42:1-4. 6-7

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17

in a nutshell

For some Christians the feast of the Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend especially, Margaret Lowry, Carol McBride Kaye Williams, Charlie Booth, John Pas, Des Hillas.

For those who have died recently and whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Fr Michel will be away
from 13 Jan—25 Jan inclusive.
More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

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

Psalm Response

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.)

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.)

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.)

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.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Communion Antiphon

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

The Parish of Sacred Heart

Parish Priest
REV. MICHEL G CORRIVEAU

Parish Secretary
Janine Meades

Parish Office Hours
Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Warburton: Saturday—7:00pm
Yarra Junction: Sunday—8:30am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday—9:00am

Reconciliation

Thursday 7:00pm-7:45pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Exposition

6:00pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

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Ministers Roster

January 4/5

Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	D Bullard
Extraordinary ministers	M Marshall, Volunteer
Cuppa	Michael Fahey

St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	C Lord
Extraordinary ministers	S Lucas, A O'Shaughnessy
Gifts	T & M Eldridge
Welcome	Mary R
Morning tea	Clare & Maria

January 11/12

Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	D Fahey
Extraordinary ministers	M Fahey, Volunteer
Cuppa	

St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	E Anthony
Extraordinary ministers	C Morse, M Ryan
Gifts	A O'Ahaughnessy
Welcome	Tom
Morning tea	Volunteers

Church Cleaning and Flowers

Warburton-flowers	Pat V
Warburton-Cleaning	
Yarra Junction	Trish & Raylene

January Mowing: Lucien Rode

Bulletin notices by midday Thursday please
moutevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit,
<http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

Parish Notices

Fr Michel's Holidays

As Fr Michel will be taking a break from Monday 13 January until Friday 24 January all weekday/evening activities will stop but weekend Masses will continue with Fr Michel. Janine will be back in the Parish Office on 16 January.

The Eucharist

"We should never again use the expression, 'When Jesus was on earth' or think of Him as being only in heaven, Jesus is still on earth."

"While all the sacraments confer grace, the Eucharist contains the author of grace, Jesus Christ Himself." - Fr. John Hardon, S.J.
Adoration, Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration. Friday mornings 8:00am except second Friday of the month (Mount Evelyn).

Australian Nativity Scene

Until Friday 10 January St Elizabeth's Parish, 107 Baker Rd, Dandenong North

Wilson Fernandez has been creating the Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) for sixteen years. This intricate display is now regarded as one of Australia's best nativity scenes. Wilson creates the village and township of Christ's birth with handmade huts, stables, buildings, bridges, palaces, houses and temples surrounded by mountains, rocks, lakes and rivers to convey the story of Christmas. It features scenes like Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay and finding only a stable free, the birth of Jesus, visits from the shepherds, the three kings and ends with the holy family fleeing to Egypt. This event is free and open to everyone. Children are to be accompanied by a guardian. Melway 81A8.

Viewing time: After Mass and any other time by appointments only. Bookings: Wilson Fernandez, 0428 927 110 or 9795 6217
Further information:

<http://www.australiannativityscene.org/>,

<http://www.facebook.com/AustralianNativityScene>

NOTE: On Code Red Days, the Church will remain locked

There will be no liturgy celebrated on Code Red days.

What does Code Red mean?

These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas.

What should I do?

Leaving high risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option - do not wait and see. Avoid forested areas, thick bush or long, dry grass. Know your trigger - make a decision about:

1. when you will leave
2. where you will go
3. how you will get there
4. when you will return
5. what will you do if you cannot leave

For more information, visit the CFA website:

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare>

Saints Of Italy Tour

Explore the famous shrines and sites of Italy during this 14 Day pilgrimage led by Fr. Chris Obiekwe that features Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Loretto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Sorrento, Montecassino and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$6490 + Tips. The fare includes International Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfast & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Depart on 7 th June 2020. 5 seats left.

For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561

or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

Readings Reflection

[A King to Behold](#)

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today’s Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth” (see Micah 5:1–3).

Those promises of Israel’s king ruling the nations resound also in today’s Psalm. The psalm celebrates David’s son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world’s kings will pay Him homage. That’s the scene too in today’s First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel’s king.

The Magi’s pilgrimage in today’s Gospel marks the fulfillment of God’s promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth” (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6, 4:6, 14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are “co-heirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today’s Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: Will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and the scribes who let God’s words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

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The Epiphany or the “Manifestation” of the Lord

Today we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the “Manifestation” of the Lord. The Gospel tells how Jesus came into the world with deep humility and hiddenness. St Matthew, however, mentions the episode of the Wise Men who arrive from the East, guided by a star, to worship the newborn King of the Jews. Every time we hear this account, we are struck by the stark contrast between the attitude of the Magi, on the one hand, and that of Herod and the Jews on the other. In fact, the Gospel says that on hearing the words of the Magi “Herod the king ... was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him” (Mt 2:3). There are various ways in which this reaction can be understood: Herod is alarmed because he sees in the one the Magi were seeking a rival to himself and his children. On the other hand, the elders and inhabitants of Jerusalem seem amazed, rather than anything else, as though they had been woken from a certain lethargy and needed to think. Isaiah had, in reality, foretold: “To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called “Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Is 9:6).

So why should Jerusalem have been worried? It seems that the Evangelist almost desired to anticipate what was later to be the attitude of the high priests and the Sanhedrin, as well as of the people, toward Jesus during his public life. Certainly, it becomes clear that knowledge of the Scriptures and of the messianic prophecies does not lead everyone to open themselves to him and to his words. It comes to mind that Jesus with his Passion approaching wept over Jerusalem because it had not recognized the time of its visitation (cf. Lk 19:44). Here we touch on one of the crucial points of historical theology: the drama of the faithful love of God in the person of Jesus, who “came to his own, yet his own did not accept him” (Jn 1:11). In the light of the whole Bible this attitude of hostility, or ambiguity, or superficiality represents that of every person and of the “world” in the spiritual sense when closed to the mystery of the true God, who comes to meet us in the disarming docility of love. Jesus, the “King of the Jews” (cf. Jn 18:37), is the God of mercy and fidelity. He desires to reign in love and in truth and asks us to convert, to abandon wicked deeds and to set out with determination on the path of good.

Hence in this sense “Jerusalem” is all of us! May the Virgin Mary, who welcomed Jesus with faith, help us not to close our hearts to his Gospel of salvation. Rather, let us allow ourselves to be conquered and transformed by him, the “Emmanuel”, God who came to dwell among us to offer us the gift of his peace and his love.

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, 6 January 2009