

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Albury

Sunday, 6th January 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C/1)



Holy and generous God, in your great love you have revealed yourself in creation. But you have done even more – you have revealed yourself in your Son, our Lord Jesus. By believing in and following Him, we are led to eternal life with you. Help us not to be like King Herod, who, threatened by your revelation, tried to kill Jesus. Help us to be like the magi so that when we see your revelation, we will be filled with delight. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil (Saturday) 5.00pm
Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.30pm
Latin Mass 12.00pm

Sacrament of Penance, Reconciliation

Saturdays 10.00am-11.00am & 4.00-4.45pm
Every First Thursday 9.00am-9.25am
Also 30 mins prior to Sunday morning Masses

Anointing of the Sick

During 9.30am Mass Every First Thursday
and during visits to the sick

Divine Mercy Devotion & Benediction

Every 4th Sunday, 3pm

Daily Mass Times

Monday to Friday 7.00am
Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am
First Friday 5.30pm
Saturday 9.30am

Special Christmas/ New Year Schedule

Every day at 9.30am only

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Fr Marco Killingsworth

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FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

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:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3, 5-6

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 Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

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.

For the Church which believes and prays, the Wise Men from the East who, guided by the star, made their way to the manger of Bethlehem, are only the beginning of a great procession which winds throughout history. Thus the liturgy reads the Gospel which relates the journey of the Wise Men, together with the magnificent prophetic visions of the sixtieth chapter of the Book of Isaiah and Psalm 71, which depict in bold imagery the pilgrimage of the peoples to Jerusalem. Like the shepherds, who as the first visitors to the newborn Child in the manger, embodied the poor of Israel and more generally those humble souls who live in deep interior closeness to Jesus, so the men from the East embody the world of the peoples, the Church of the Gentiles – the men and women who in every age set out on the way which leads to the Child of Bethlehem, to offer him homage as the Son of God and to bow down before him. The Church calls this feast "Epiphany" – the appearance of the Godhead. If we consider the fact that from the very beginning men and women of every place, of every continent, of all the different cultures, mentalities and lifestyles, have been on the way to Christ, then we can truly say that this pilgrimage and this encounter with God in the form of a Child is an epiphany of God's goodness and loving kindness for humanity (cf. *Tit* 3:4).

The Wise Men followed the star, and thus came to Jesus, to the great Light which enlightens everyone coming into this world (cf. *Jn* 1:9). As pilgrims of faith, the Wise Men themselves became stars shining in the firmament of history and they show us the way. The saints are God's true constellations, which light up the nights of this world, serving as our guides. Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Philippians, told his faithful that they must shine like stars in the world (cf. 2:15)... If you live with Christ, bound to him anew..., then you too will become wise men.

(Excerpt from homily from his Holiness Pope Benedict XVI 2013)

Weekday Masses:

Mon: St Raymond of Penyafort
Tues: Tuesday after Epiphany
Wed: Wednesday after Epiphany
Thurs: Thursday after Epiphany
Fri: Friday after Epiphany
Sat: Saturday after Epiphany

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Bob Garratt, Janette Perry, Jim Kee, John Keane, Pat Smith, Bron Smithwick, Byron Carter, Sr Pat, Angela Ryan, Patricia Hickey, Patrick Lockwood, Jennifer Speth, Joan Maloney, Peter Kingston, Fr Tony Loth, Archbishop Frank Carroll, Joan McLaurin, John Harrold, Pam Ray, Brian Blattman, Fr Peter Thompson, John Romeo, David Burke, Kelly Jansen, John Dwyer, Rory O'Connor, Miguel Cayari, Margaret Esler, Betty Muntz, Kath Thistleton, Rick Williams, Vivienne Baker, Zoltan Tar, Herman Logue, Sophie Howard, Gwen Rowe, Grace Van-Gaans, Kerrie Mulcahy, Anne Anderson, Danica Peric, Anne Spence, Bridgette Veneris, Lyn Tait, Pat l'Anson, Nora Hill, Anna Toth, Ivan Mejak, Will Carland, Reg l'Anson, Kathy Robison, Ghislaine Valmont and also those we include in the offering of our Masses.

Grant eternal life to:

Mary West, Christiana Oboshi, Fr Jim Victory, Patrick Tait, James Parnell and all of those who have died. *Requiescat in Pace.*

Anniversaries:

For all of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

For all of our loved ones who have died.

Baptisms: Clara and Norah Drum

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

N.B. All daily Masses after Christmas are at 9.30am only.

THE UGANDA KIDS

Charity in Australia and Uganda would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the well-being of so many children and families over the past twelve months and wishes you a Happy and Holy Christmas and New Year.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE RAFFLE

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank all parishioners who supported their Christmas raffle this year. The winner of the hamper was Mary Keane. The raffle raised \$580.00 to go towards the good works of the League.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Monthly every **second** Tuesday at 6pm in the Church.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION and RCIA combined

Now monthly at 7pm 3rd Mondays of the month.

URGENTLY NEEDED

Volunteer workers – Balgo and La Grange/Bidyadanga Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. For further details, please contact Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060, Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME, WA 6725.

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NO COST COUNSELLING

Leonie (Nonie) McClelland has offered her services as a volunteer qualified counsellor for members of St Patrick's Parish. Please phone 6021 6868 to arrange a suitable time and place.

HELP NEEDED

An elderly lady from Lavington is in need of a lift to 10.00am Sunday Mass for the next six weeks. If anyone is able to help, please call the parish office on 6041 2588 during office hours.

Women's Life Centre:

www.womenslifecentrealbury.org.au

24 HOUR HELPLINE

02 6040 7910

or

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YOUNG ADULTS

Esencia Young Adults - Every Wednesday night from 7pm. (18+) Current topic is Discipleship centred on the Catechism and Sacred traditions. Contact Joseph Slee 0468546969.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION VACANT HOURS COMING UP:

Wed 9th Jan: 12-1am; 1-2am;

2-3am; 3-4am; 4-5pm

Thurs 10th Jan: 12-1am; 1-2pm

Fri 11th Jan: 3-4am; 1-2pm

Sun 13th Jan: 1-2am

Mon 14th Jan: 8-9am

Wed 16th Jan: 3-4am; 7-8am; 11am-midday

Thurs 17th Jan: midnight-1am

Fri 18th Jan: 3-4am; 1-2pm; 8-9pm

PERMANENT HOURS

Sun: 1am

Wed: 3am

Thurs: 12 midnight

SCHOOL OF PRAYER

Based on the prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture. Starts with the Ten Commandments. 7-8.30pm at Esencia Cafe Tuesdays fortnightly. Contact Regina 0407 935 815.

SECURITY NOTE

BEHAVIOUR REPORTING: FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE YOUNG AND MOST VULNERABLE.

Please forward security concerns or complaints to: concerns@stpatricksalbury.org.au

NURSING HOMES

Please let the parish office know if you are aware of anyone who is in a nursing home and would like to receive pastoral care. Next Week's Masses are at Della Court and Riverwood.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Now online. www.stpatricksalbury.org.au

DEVOTIONAL/SACRAMENTAL GOODS

Church Stores Sydney is helping our Parish Office to be able to retail small piety goods and order larger items overnight from Sydney.

SPIRIT OF SERVICE

Volunteers are needed to help with the operation of the screens during Mass. Basic computer skills required.



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ACOLYTES

5.00pm (Vigil) Volunteer Please
 8.00am Ivan Beltrame
 10.00am Volunteer Please
 5.30pm Chris Ryan

LECTORS

5.00pm (Vigil) Jan Skinner, Terry Josephs
 8.00am McCormack Family
 10.00am Adam Koster, Jacob Koster
 5.30pm Danny Salmon, Marko Thomas

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5.00pm (Vigil) Marg Merkensteyn
 8.00am Peter/Judith Jansen
 10.00am Frank Percy
 5.30pm Marg McDonald

TEA & COFFEE

8.00am McCormack Family
 10.00am Karen and Frank Percy

FLOWER ROSTER: 1-17th January

Jean Percy

LITURGY SLIDES

(Please arrange a replacement if you are unavailable)

5.00pm Volunteer Please
 8.00am Horton Family
 10.00am Ben Isaac
 5.30pm Leones Family

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