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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH WEEKLY TIMETABLE

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

MONDAY

No Mass & Office closed

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass

Novena to St Padre Pio

9:30am Sacrament of Penance

5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday

8:30am – 3:30pm

Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

BAPTISMS

11:30am

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays

Please contact the Parish Office.

Presentation Mass & Baptism

Information morning are held every

4th Sunday

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

8:00pm Adoration - 9:00am Saturday

3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP (2022)

9:30am – 11:30am 0-6 years

Bethany Catholic Primary School Hall

Contact Joanne D'Agostino, via the

Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish office or find the information on the parish website.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Brendan Byrne SJ

The very ancient Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the fact that Israel's Messiah is also the Saviour of the entire world. We believers of later generations take this more or less for granted. But it is clear that for the earliest Christians of non-Jewish ('Gentile') origin it was a source of immense wonder and gratitude.

The passage from the Letter to the Ephesians read as today's Second Reading (Eph 3:2-3, 5-6) speaks of it as a great 'mystery', one which Paul himself came to know by revelation (his experience on the Damascus Road; cf. Gal 1:16), before becoming, as Apostle to the Gentiles, the principal instrument of its realisation.

Faced with this 'mystery' of the extraordinary richness and scope of God's salvation, the early Christians went back to the Scriptures of Israel to find traces of its foretelling. The Book of Isaiah, more especially the oracles of the post-exilic prophet(s) we hear in chapters 40-66, proved a rich mine for this purpose. They feature the kind of inclusive vision that emerges so magnificently from the text set for today's First Reading (Isa 60:1-6). It has clearly influenced Matthew's account of the coming of the Wise Men, which forms the Gospel.

The reading from Isaiah addresses the holy city, Jerusalem. The image seems to be that of the break of dawn. All around, in the valleys, is darkness ('night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples'). But the highly elevated city of Jerusalem is beginning to catch the rays of the rising sun, a magnificent light identified with the 'glory of the Lord'. At this, the nations begin streaming to Jerusalem, bringing their riches to place before the God of Israel.

The wonderful Gospel story of the coming of the Wise Men from the East (Matt 2:1-12) catches up and expands upon this vision. It is interesting that Matthew's gospel, which of the four gospels is most at pains to portray Jesus in Jewish light, lets this episode where Gentiles bring gifts dominate its story of Jesus' childhood. The Gospel will conclude on the same note with the great Commission, 'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, ...' (28:16-20).

There are so many ways to draw rich reflections from this episode. I think it is important to bring out the blend between pagan wisdom and (Jewish) scribal information that leads the wise men to the Saviour. Their own natural gifts, the wisdom of their people and their scientific investigations (astronomy), have impelled their quest. They have seen the 'Star' that the biblical prophecy in Numbers 24:17 indicated would be a sign of a King of the Jews who would have universal significance. They have followed this star, but they need the scribal wisdom of Israel to locate the One whose birth it announces (in Bethlehem). Revelation comes, then, from a combination of natural wisdom and biblical prophecy. . . .

INFORMATION FOR PARISHIONERS

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Not only do they pay homage to the infant Jesus as their ruler: they place before him the rich gifts of their culture and these are graciously received. Joseph has faded from view; it is Mary, the mother of Jesus, who receives their gifts on his behalf.

Their journey has been one of faith and risk. The treacherous and murderous figure of Herod looms overall, presaging the Passion that is to come. But the riches of God's salvation will go to the Gentiles. In the beautiful words to the Wise Men that the English novelist Evelyn Waugh puts on the lips of the Empress Helena:

'... you came and were not turned away. You too found room before the manger. Your gifts were not needed, but they were accepted and put carefully by, for they were brought with love. In that new order of charity that had just come to life, there was room for you, too.' (Helena [Penguin, 1963] 145.)

We too walk in the footsteps of the wise men, sharing their longing, their faith, and the joy of their discovery, and bringing our own gifts to the Lord.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA - COVID-19 Update

MASKS -The NSW Government has announced that masks are required to be worn in all indoor settings, including places of worship.

COVID19 SAFE CHECK-IN AND RECORD KEEPING

Check-in using the NSW QR Code and record keeping of all attendees are still required for places of worship and remain important for NSW Health contact tracing.

DENSITY LIMITS - There is no change to density limits for places of worship i.e. no density limits will apply for our churches.

OTHER MEASURES - the NSW government is also asking people to consider moving events outdoors where possible and discouraging mingling and singing. Parishes should consider measures to manage the spread including:

- The possibility of having Masses outdoors, weather permitting;
- Discouraging congregational singing; and
- Limiting social gatherings where possible.

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE: * Saturday and Sunday Masses as usual. *Weekday Masses resume from 04 January, 9:00am.

*Parish office reopens on January 11. First Friday Adoration will resume in February.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK ONE 2022 – 01 & 02 JANUARY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
MASS COORDINATOR	Help Needed	Lynn Young	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Help Needed	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Help Needed 2. Phil Walsh	1. Trish Warda 2. Denise Robens	1. Zon Lupisan 2. Regina Rossetto
CLEANING TEAM	*Doris Cutajar *Paula Harris *Mel Gaudoin *Josephine Caruana *Rani Pullikkal		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK TWO 2022 – 08 & 09 JANUARY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
MASS COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Help Needed	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Coley White	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Gilbert Grech 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Marg Rooney	1. Rani Pullikal 2. Help Needed
CLEANING TEAM	*Mary & Frank Mifsud *Lupisan Family *Merley Gearin *Antionette Manna *Cheryl Bowen		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK THREE 2022 – 15 & 16 JANUARY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
MASS COORDINATOR	Help Needed	Lynn Young	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Coley White	Farley Bartholomeusz
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Angelina Badrov	1. Help Needed 2. Ajumol Alexander	1. Regina Rossetto 2. Help Needed
CLEANING TEAM	*Mel Gaudoin *John & Leanne Gately * Susan Guy Help Needed		

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FOUR 2022 – 22 & 23 JANUARY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
MASS COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Help Needed	Help Needed
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Coley White	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana	Help Needed	Help Needed
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. Reginald Vibar	1. Bev Croft 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Help Needed 2. Help Needed
CLEANING TEAM	*Rastegorac Family *Helen Sipeli *Josephine Caruana *Rebekah Gomesz		

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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 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

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

O God, give your judgment to the king,

to a king's son your justice,

that he may judge your people in justice

and your poor in right judgment.

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

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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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 the same promise has been
made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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