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Parish Bulletin

The Epiphany of the Lord—Year A

Sunday 8 January 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the King.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

Next week's readings: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A
Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—6.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm – ADORATION

5.30 pm— Tahmoor

Wednesday - 8.30 am — Tahmoor

Thursday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor

Friday— 8.30 am— Tahmoor

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00 pm—5.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Adoration: Tuesday 5.00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

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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.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Lord grant them eternal peace & joy and to their families and friends strength and comfort

ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED :

PRAY FOR THE SICK Debbie James, Jean Le Roux, Pat McCauley, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
VIGIL:	KATRINA COLLIMORE	TRISH LINDNER
8.30AM:	MARG FOLDES	JENNIFER FOLDES

<u>CLEANERS:</u>	HELEN WILLIS	PAULINE BUTTIGIEG & MARY ANNE BUTTIGIEG
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<u>FLOWERS:</u>	CHRIS CARBURY	MURIELLE AZZI
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SACRISTY: M A R Y G I L B E R T

<u>MORNING TEA:</u>	TBA	TBA
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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS The boxes at the back of the church will no longer be used for placing of offerings for 1st and 2nd collections. The resumption of the two collections will recommence during Mass, as it was prior to COVID.

THE ROSARY

- Wednesday 5.00 pm

You are invited to join in praying the Rosary in the park in Thirlmere, opposite the shops and beside the tennis courts.

To pray for an end to pandemic and peace in the world.

ROSARY RECITED: The Rosary is being said prior to weekday morning Mass at 8am, including Sundays. Everyone is invited to come and prayer for world peace.



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BECOMING A CATECHIST?

Currently the parish has 7 schools, which fall within the parish boundaries, which require 19 catechists— but there are only 11 catechists!

Are you able to assist? Have you thought about it? Would you like more information?

Please speak to Fr Peter or contact the parish office, if you would like to share your faith with students in the local state primary schools.

CATECHISTNET MAGAZINE If you would like to see what the Catechists in the Diocese have been doing, please take a copy of CatechistNet, available in the church foyer.

2023 READING & CLEANING ROSERS: Are now complete. IF the parish has your email address, they will be emailed otherwise they will be left in the kitchen for you to collect. Thank you for being involved in these important ministries

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: According to the United Nations' **statement** on World Day of **Social Justice**: "Social justice is based on the values of fairness, equality, respect for diversity, access to social protection, and the application of human rights in all spheres of life, including in the workplace."

POPE BENEDICT XVI— Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says Pope Benedict XVI will long be remembered fondly in Australia as the Pontiff who led young people from around the globe in prayer at World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008.

Pope Benedict, born Joseph Ratzinger, led the Church from April 2005 until February 2013, becoming the first Pope in centuries to resign. He had earlier served as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, one of the Vatican's most influential departments, for more than two decades.

Pope Benedict died in Rome, where he had lived since his papal retirement, on Saturday evening, Australian time.

"From his time as an expert adviser – or *peritus* – at the Second Vatican Council onwards, there was no question that Joseph Ratzinger was a major figure within the Church around the world," said Archbishop Costelloe, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

"His papacy will be remembered as one of rich teaching, including his encyclicals on love, hope, and truth, as well as his book series *Jesus of Nazareth*, and for important reforms in areas like liturgy and in the handling of child sexual abuse."

"He did not seek nor enjoy the spotlight, but he produced some magnificent works that have shaped and will continue to shape Catholic thought and Catholic life."

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