



# THE SAVING WORD

MATTHEW

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / A

8 JANUARY 2023

## FIRST READING

Isa 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*The glory of the Lord shines 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, 7-13 R.v.11

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

1. 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.**
2. 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.**
3. 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.**
4. 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.**



## SECOND READING

Eph 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.*

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!

## GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*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.



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

## The Epiphany of the Lord - 8 January 2023 - Year A

### PARISH INFORMATION

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:** 9am – 3pm  
**Thursday:** 9am – 12.30pm

### MASS INTENTIONS



### The Epiphany of the Lord, 8 January

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Marin Resic (RIP)

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Carlo Gentile (RIP & 76<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Bosko Kalat (RIP) + Dianne De Olival (RIP & Birthday) & Wayne De Olival (Birthday Intentions) + Louis Duarte Tenda (RIP)



### Monday 9 January – The Baptism of the Lord

**7-9pm** Holy Trinity Prayer Group **Resumes Monday 6-2-23**

### Tuesday 10 January

**9am Mass** for November Souls

### Wednesday 11 January

**9am Mass** for John Randall (RIP)

**Morning Tea** after Mass

**10.30am** Legion of Mary

**5.30 – 6.30pm** Eucharistic Adoration



### Thursday 12 January

**9am-4pm** Church Open for Prayers

### Friday 13 January – St Hilary

**NO 9am Mass**

**10am Rosary** followed by **Funeral Mass** for Manuel Isidoro De Jesus

**NO 9.30 – 10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration



### Saturday 14 January

**9am Mass** for November Souls

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary, 15 January

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for November Souls

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for November Souls



Mother, I am yours now and forever. Through you and with you, I always want to belong completely to Jesus ♥♥♥.  
Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything ♥♥♥.



### WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to Fr Paul. We would like to know a bit about you and your family. You can also fill in a Parishioner Registration Form and join in the Parish Planned Giving Program.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Zdenka Mravincic, Beatrice Fernandez, Alex, Desmond O'Connor, Lisa Bubb, Maria Villamagna, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Maria De Sousa ...



### 2023 SACRAMENT DATES

**RECONCILIATION:** Wednesday 15-3-23 at 6.30pm

**1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION:** Sunday 11-6-23 at 9am

**CONFIRMATION:** Sunday 20-8-23 at 9am



### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm  
Or by appointment.



### MASS INTENTIONS

Suggested Offering **\$15 per Mass**. Please give Mass Intention Envelopes to Fr Paul or Parish Office.



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary, 15 January

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Is 49:3, 5-6

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** 1 Cor 1:1-3

**Gospel:** Jn 1:29-34

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Vigil Mass:** Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.



### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Vigil Mass:** The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

Thank You God For The Wonders of My Being.

You Have a Plan for Me (Jer.29:11) ♥♥♥.

Here I am Lord, I Have Come to Do Your Will.

Choose Me, Crush Me, Mould Me, Inspire Me, and Use Me for Your Greater Glory, Amen ♥♥♥.



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### OUR LADY of MT CARMEL

#### NOVENA: God our Father,

prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**



### SOULS in PURGATORY PRAYER:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in my own church, for those in my own home, and in my family. **Amen.**



### OUR LADY of ALL NATIONS

#### PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ,

Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. **Amen.**

### WEEK 2

7-8 Jan

The Epiphany of the Lord

### COMMENTATOR

### READERS

### ACOLYTE

Sat 6pm

Volunteer

Susie Poleschtschuk

Simon Overton

Sun 7.30am

Diane Richards

Nicolas Lim

Gerry Miller

Sun 9am

Vicky Rafala

Maria Bradshaw

Frank Cooper

### WEEK 3

14-15 Jan

2 Ordinary

### COMMENTATOR

### READERS

### ACOLYTE

Sat 6pm

Loretta Masnada

Carmel Collova

Gerald Farrell

Sun 7.30am

Mark Ryan

Maureen Cooper

Frank Cooper

Sun 9am

Toni Kalat

Jason Rozario

Joe De Ornelas



Through Him, with Him, in Him  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All glory and honour is Yours,  
Almighty Father,  
Forever and ever.  
**Amen.**



### PRAYER TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS:

Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our Citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hilton

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

One Hour with Jesus

Wednesday Evenings

5.30 – 6.30pm

Friday Mornings

9.30 – 10.30am





'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.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## QUEST FOR TRUTH

Truth, like greatness, can come to us in a variety of ways. Some search for it and others have it thrust upon them. What brought the wise men from afar on such a journey of great adventure, risk and discovery? They were indeed people seeking the truth, and even more importantly, they were open to the new and unexpected ways in which that truth came to them. As they brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the vision of that great prophet Isaiah is fulfilled. He knew that the call that Israel had received was one destined to be shared by all humanity, united in its worship of the living God. As a reward for their tireless quest for the truth, the wise men receive the gift of knowledge and understanding. It is not so with Herod. The truth is most unwelcome and is thrust upon him. The message of the astrologers from the East is decidedly unsettling for Herod: if this child is the newborn king of the Jews what will be Herod's status in the future?

Paul too has travelled, searched and wrestled with the truth that God wishes to be proclaimed to the world. It is a message that has the power to both liberate and discomfort. Gentiles who accept Jesus now share the same promises and inheritance as the people of Israel. They are part of the same body. Jewish Christians had to deal with the fact that what had been their exclusive privilege was now extended to the Gentiles and that this too was part of God's plan to be graciously accepted.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**