

### **First Reading Is 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 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 Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11**

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

### **Second Reading Eph 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 that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

### **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  
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.

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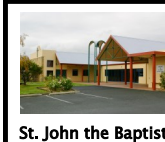
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### **NEWSLETTER**

**4 – 5 January 2020**

**The EPIPHANY of the LORD — YEAR A**

The Parish has been entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco since 2000



St. John the Baptist



St. Monica

### **Dear Friends,**

Today the church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. The word 'Epiphany' means a 'manifestation' or a 'showing'. The word, often referred to an official visit by a king or an emperor, a public 'showing' to the people. The great feast day of the Epiphany celebrates the showing of the Infant Jesus to the wise men who came 'from the ends of the earth' to worship the Infant King. These wise men represent all non-Jewish people, including us. Therefore, this is our Christmas!

Today's Gospel message is that Jesus is the Light of the world because both the Scriptures and the wise men point to Jesus, the Infant King. This is why St Matthew quotes the Prophet Micah: "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." (Mi 5:1) Again, Matthew tells us that God also showed Himself to the non-Jews by means of a star in the sky. The wise men ask Herod: "Where is the infant king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage." But the Jews, who have the Scriptures, reject Jesus, while the wise men with the help of the Scriptures, find and adore Him.

The wise men came searching for the Infant King of the Jews. Are we searching for Him in our lives? Or are we like Herod who is scared that Jesus might take away his political power? Think of a time when you searched for and found the Infant Jesus in your lives? Perhaps it was when you were young and were searching for meaning in your



lives? Perhaps it was through the experience of marriage or the separation of a loved one, or the birth of your first child, or the sense of being loved for who you are, or the beauty of a sunrise.

May our love for the Infant Jesus grow strong. May He fill our hearts with His peace, His joy and His Spirit. May we share our faith in our Infant King with those we meet this week. And may the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Her Infant Son for all.

Bethlehem, of noblest cities none can once with thee compare; Thou alone the Lord from heaven didst for us incarnate bear. Fairer than the sun at morning Was the star that told his birth; To the lands their God announcing, Seen in human form on earth. By its peerless beauty guided See the eastern kings appear; Bowing low, their gifts they offer, Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh. Sacred gifts of mystic meaning; Incense doth the God disclose, Gold the King of Kings proclaimeth, Myrrh a future tomb foreshows. In thy glory, O Lord Jesus, To the Gentile world displayed, With the Father and the Spirit Endless praise to thee be paid. (Breviary)

(Fr. Guy)

**PARISH DIARY**  
**January 2020**

- 4 Saturday,**  
• 9.00am Mass at St John's  
• 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's  
• 6.00pm Mass at St. John's
- 5 Sunday, The EPIPHANY of the LORD**  
• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's  
• 10.00am Mass at St. John's
- 6 Monday,**  
• 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 7 Tuesday, St Raymond of Penyafort, priest**  
• 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 8 Wednesday,**  
• 8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
• 9.00am Mass at St. John's
- 9 Thursday,**  
• 12.00pm Mass at St John's
- 10 Friday,**  
• 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 11 Saturday,**  
• 9.00am Mass at St John's  
• 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's  
• 6.00pm Mass at St. John's
- 12 Sunday, The BAPTISM of the LORD**  
• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's  
• 10.00am Mass at St. John's

**Parish Office**

The Parish Office will re-open on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 (Monday). Please see the office hours on the back of the newsletter. Thank you!

**Nepalotto**

The Outreach will be running Nepalotto again this year in support of students in Nepal. The numbers 1 – 45 will be on sale for \$5 during January. First prize of \$50 to the person holding the first supplementary number on Saturday 25 January and second prize of \$25 to the holder of the second supplementary number. You have to be quick if you want to get your lucky number!

**Parish Volunteers**

To meet legal requirements as a result of the Royal Commission on sexual abuse, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks in place, namely a **current Police Check** as well as **Working with Vulnerable People Registration**. We are compiling a list of the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them. Please contact Sr. Pamela Davis at the parish office as soon as possible. *Fr. Guy*

**Immaculata Mission School 2020**

What is it: A ten-day live-in formation school for young people, with talks on the faith from awesome speakers, daily Mass & prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship, fun & fellowship & lots more! When: 1-10 January, 2020 | Where: The Glennie School, Toowoomba QLD | Who: 15-35 year olds. Special guest speaker: Dr Ralph Martin (USA), Professor of Sacred Theology, international speaker on evangelisation and the spiritual life. Dr Martin is a consultant to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation. Other guest speakers: Archbishop Julian Porteous, Vince Fitzwilliams, James Parker, Jess Leach, Paul Elarde, Sisters of the Immaculata & more.



**A JOYFUL AND HOLY CHRISTMAS SEASON**

On behalf of Fr Peter, Fr Damien, Br Barry, Fr Bob, Sr Pam and Threesa and on my own behalf may I offer all parishioners and friends our wishes for a peaceful and joyful Christmas Season. Your intentions are remembered at the altar in our prayers. *Fr. Guy*

**METRO BUS MALL RELOCATION**

**Jan 6th to Feb 7th 2020**

Due to construction of the Tolosa St/ Main Rd intersection under the CBD Revitalisation Project, the Bus Mall will relocate one block south on Tolosa St for a 6-week period. Note that sections of Main Rd will also be closed during this 6-week period. The Bus Mall will re-open in time for the return of school.

**See Notice board in the church foyer for more detail on re-access to the St. John's Church. Thank you!**

**PARISH COUNTERS**

Thank you for your service, time and effort you have given us during this year. We look forward to another great year ahead.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS**

So much is done by many on and around the Churches at St John's and St Monica's. Thank you to all who have done and who do so much.



**Made for Each Other Summer School**  
**January 20-24 in Hobart**

The Made for Each Other Summer School will be held from January 20-24, 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. It will be a unique event for young Catholics aged 18-35. The Summer School will offer a series of lectures from a well-qualified group, discussions, field trips, prayer time and social occasions to create a unique experience of the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church's teaching on relationships, sexuality, marriage and the family. For more information please contact Ben Smith on 6208 6036 or [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au). A web page with detailed information on the event can be viewed at: [bit.ly/2oCtnOU](http://bit.ly/2oCtnOU).



**OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:**

Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Peter Drake, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Anne Hansch, Tom Carty, Ken Young, Judy Pigden, Ian Irvine, Robert Campbell and Mary Dowd.

**Prayers for the Deceased**

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Augusto Di Tommaso, Marie Knight, Esther Underwood, Gwen Foster, Graziano Ceron, Peter Crane, Stephen Cooper, Steven Stivicic, Stan Brach, John O'Brien, Kevin Walsh, Anna Zito, Lena Trzeciak, Peter Imlach, Lynn Priest and Rodolfo Gonzales. Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**St John's, Glenorchy**

- 6.00pm Saturday
- 10.00am Sunday

**St. Monica's, Chigwell**

- 8.30am Sunday

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**St. John's, Glenorchy**

- 9.00am Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
- 12.00pm Thursday

**ROSARY**

**At St. John's, Glenorchy**

- 8.00am every Wednesday & 8.40am every Saturday

**RECONCILIATION**

**At St. John's, Glenorchy**

- 9.30am & 5.15pm Saturday

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND ROSARY**

**At St. John's, Glenorchy**

- 8.00am Wednesday

**LEGION OF MARY**

**at St. John's, Glenorchy**

- 6.45 pm Every Tuesday

**ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP**

**at St. John's, Glenorchy**

- 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am

**COUNTERS' ROSTERS**

**This Week:** 6 Jan

Mary Parsissons' Team

**Next Week :** 13 Jan

Linda Mondigo's Team

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes:	\$ 835.55
Loose Plate:	\$ 947.80
Direct Deposit:	\$ 280.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,063.35</b>
<b>Week's Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
Deficit	\$ 436.65