



## MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



# *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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)**

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)**

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)**

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)**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



The Epiphany falls on 6<sup>th</sup> January, following immediately after the twelve days of Christmas. In Catholic countries, the Epiphany is a holy day of obligation. In Australia, however, we celebrate the feast on the nearest Sunday. The Octave of the Epiphany, which concludes with the Baptism of the Lord (next Sunday) brings to a close the Christmas Season.

THE BLESSING OF THE FLEET, traditionally associated with the Epiphany, is deferred to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

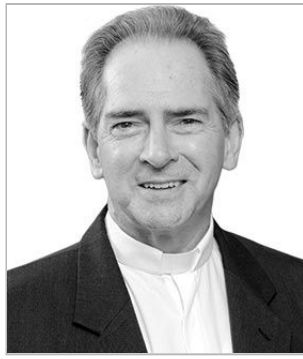
We commend *Kath Gardiner* to God's care, and *Agnes Condon, Carmel Leverett, Annie and William McCutcheon* whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### WEEKDAY MASSES

11am Wednesday, Infant Jesus, Koroit  
**Requiem Mass for Kath Gardiner**

10am Thursday, St Patrick's, Port Fairy



**BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL  
SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY  
AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese responds to many communities, near and far, who turn to us for assistance. Often these requests come through people who have a personal link to the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

I commend the Christmas Appeal to you. I am aware that there are many times throughout the year when you are invited to respond to appeals for very worthy causes, but I hope you can continue to support this particular appeal.

I thank you for your support for last year's appeal. The money was distributed as follows:

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| Townsville flood appeal . . . . .   | \$5,000         |
| Catholic Mission . . . . .  | \$5,000         |
| Caritas Australia . . . . .   | \$5,000         |
| Sunraysia drought relief. . . . .   | \$5,000         |
| OnePlate food program . . . . .   | \$5,000         |
| 3BA Christmas appeal . . . . .  | \$4,000         |
| Nazareth House, Ballarat . . . . .  | \$4,000         |
| Soup bus (OnTrak Foundation) . . . .  | \$2,000         |
| Uniting Care meal program . . . . .   | \$2,000         |
| Exodus Community, Wendouree . . .   | \$2,000         |
| Australian Catholic Religious Against<br>Human Trafficking (ACRATH) . . . . . | \$2,000         |
| Opening the Doors<br>Education Foundation . . . . .                           | \$2,000         |
| Edmund Rice Education . . . . .   | \$2,000         |
| <b>Total donations made in 2019:</b>  | <b>\$45,000</b> |

With every good wish I am  
Yours sincerely in Christ

+ Paul Bird CSsR, Bishop of Ballarat

**EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES**

Blessed chalk and a short ritual can be collected after Mass so that you can impart the traditional Epiphany blessing on your home and family. This centuries-old Tradition has a scriptural basis, evoking the first Passover, when the Israelites captive in Egypt placed the blood of the Paschal Lamb on their doorways, ensuring that the angel of death passed over their homes, sparing their firstborn. The Epiphany blessing also evokes the hospitality of the Holy Family, who welcomed the Magi (who represent all Gentiles) into their home.

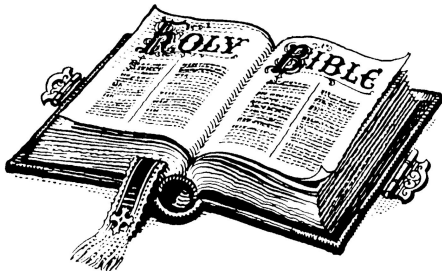
After blessing the house with holy water, the head of the household “chalks the door” by writing the following inscription above the front door:

*20 + C + M + B + 20*

The letters are the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar — who visit Jesus in today’s Gospel. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*: “Christ bless this house.” The letters and crosses are book-ended by the current year, invoking God’s blessing over the home and family, and any guests who pass through your front door, throughout 2020.



CPE provides accredited training and experience in the practice of pastoral care. A new CPE program begins locally in February 2020. For more information and application contact Bernadette Wurlod: 0455 033 321.



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Fr Francis Fernandez

### THE ADORATION OF THE THREE KINGS

Today the Church celebrates Jesus being made known to the whole world. Epiphany means 'manifestation', and the Three Kings represent all peoples of every language and nation who set out, called by God, to adore Jesus. From today's Psalm: *"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."*

*"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."* They were not surprised because they were led to a village, nor because the star stopped over a simple little house. They're *delighted*. They rejoice with an uncontainable joy. How great is the joy of these wise men who have come from so far away to see a King and are led to a little house in a

village! How much is there for us to learn here! In the first place we will learn that every rediscovery of the way that leads us to Jesus is filled with joy.

We are perhaps in danger of not realising fully how close Our Lord is to our lives because God presents himself to us under the insignificant appearance of a piece of bread, because he does not reveal himself in his glory, because he does not impose himself irresistibly, because he slips into our life like a shadow, instead of making his power resound at the summit of all things ... How many souls are troubled by doubt because God does not show himself in the way they expected!

Many of the people who lived in Bethlehem saw in Jesus a child like any other. The Kings knew how to see Him as the Child, who, from then on, would be adored forever. Their faith gave them a unique privilege: to be the first among the gentiles to adore him when the world did not know him. How immensely happy must these men have been, having come from so far, when they were able to contemplate the Messiah soon after he came into the world! We have to be attentive, because Our Lord also shows himself in the normal events of every day. May we know how to recover this interior light, which for us breaks through

the monotony of days which are all the same, and find Jesus in our ordinary life!

*"And going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they worshipped him."*

They worshipped him. They knew that he was the Messiah, God made Man. The Council of Trent expressly quotes this passage of the adoration of the Three Kings to teach us the adoration which is due to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus present in the tabernacle is the same Jesus the wise men found in Mary's arms. Perhaps we should examine ourselves to see how we adore him when he is exposed in the monstrance or hidden in the tabernacle. With what devotion and reverence do we kneel in the moments indicated in the Holy Mass, or each time we pass by those places where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved?

Like the three wise men, we also kneel down before Jesus, God hidden in humanity. We tell him once more that we do not want to turn our backs on his divine call, that we shall never separate ourselves from him, that we shall remove from our path all that may be an obstacle to our fidelity and that we sincerely wish to be docile to his inspirations.

## **KOROIT: 12<sup>th</sup> January, 10:30am**

Leader: Carmel Noonan.

Readers: Maryanne Evans and Kate Dobson.

Communion: Barbara Mills, Bob Shanahan, and Fiona Moir.

Gifts: Julian and Vicki McElgunn and family.

Counters for January: Leo Freeman, Brendan Holscher, Des Walsh, Robbie Mugavin.

Cleaning and Flowers for January: Clare Gleeson and Trish Shanahan.

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## **PORT FAIRY: 11<sup>th</sup> January, 6:30pm**

Welcome and Intercessions: Martina Murrhly.

Lector: K. Robertson.

Communion: Sue Paulka, David Ryan, and John Hoy.

Gifts: P. and J. Murray.

## **WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH**

Our Child Safe Policies can be read at our church entrances and on our webpages. Our safe-guarding officer is Peter Sanderson.

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

First Reading. *Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7.*

Here is my servant, in whom my soul delights.

Second Reading. *Acts 10:34-38.*

God has anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel. *Matthew 3:13-17.*

"This is my Son, the Beloved."

## **SUNDAY MASSES**

### **1st Sunday of the month**

Koroit (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Port Fairy: 10.30am Sun

### **2nd Sunday of the month**

Port Fairy (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Koroit: 10.30am Sun

### **3rd Sunday of the month**

Koroit (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Port Fairy: 10.30am Sun

### **4th Sunday of the month**

Port Fairy (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Koroit: 10.30am Sun

### **5th Sunday of the month**

Koroit (Vigil): 6.30pm Sat

Port Fairy: 10.30am Sun

## **RECONCILIATION**

**5pm–6:15pm, Saturday**

at the place of the Vigil Mass.

### **After 10am Wednesday Mass**

Infant Jesus, Koroit

### **After 10am Thursday Mass**

St Patrick's, Port Fairy

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## **NEARBY PARISHES:**

### **After 9:30am Friday Mass**

Our Lady's, East Warrnambool

### **After 10am Friday Mass**

St Joseph's, Warrnambool

### **After 10am Saturday Mass**

St Pius X, West Warrnambool

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