

# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

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Information for special parish events (BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS) Please contact Anne Beer on 5349 2168 or 0417 369 322

**Recent Deaths:** Please pray for those who have died as a result of the recent fires throughout our country.

**Anniversaries:** Mick Mulcahy, Anne Pearce, Louis Franc, Terry Ryan, Michael Huska, Gary Hall, Richard Stevens, Frank O'Brien, Mary Kirkpatrick, Pat Young and Alice Hucker.

**Pray for all these friends of ours who are ill**  
Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Fr Adrian McInerney, Shelagh Mulcahy, Valda Murphy, Michael Wise and all those in need of prayer.

## **ROSTERS**

### **Introduction & Readings**

Today: Gerrard Family

Jan 12<sup>th</sup>: Anne Beer

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Today: Gerrard Family

Jan 12<sup>th</sup>: John Jess

### **Assembly Leaders**

Today: Sue & Jim Mahony

Jan 19<sup>th</sup>: Anne Beer & Sue Mahony

### **Special Minister**

Today: Anne Beer

Jan 12<sup>th</sup>: Therese Jess

### **Music**

Today: Naomi Gerrard

Jan 12<sup>th</sup>: Sue Mahony

### **Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers**

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: Bernadette Franc & Therese Jess

### **Church Ground**

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: John Jess & Bill Franc

### **Newsletter:**

January: Bernadette Franc 0427678830

### **Mass Times next Sunday:**

#### **SUNDAY JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Beaufort Mass 8.30

Smythesdale Mass 6.30 pm Saturday

Snake Valley Mass 10.30 am

### **Weekday Mass Times:**

There will be no weekday Masses as of this week.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Sat Jan 11<sup>th</sup>: farewell to Fr Sajan at 6.00 pm.

Please bring a plate to share.

### **Columban Calendars:**

Please see Sue Mahony if you would like a Columban Calendar. \$8 ea.

### **Upcoming dates:**

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, Jan 12 – The Baptism of the Lord (Mass)

Sunday, Jan 26 – Australia Day (Mass)

### **Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat.**

Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. Copies of Bishop Paul's letter are available through parishes, through the diocesan website at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) Nominations need to reach Bishop Paul by Friday, February 7, 2020

### **Prayer for Rain**

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth  
To sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love,

Asking you to look with favour

on our drought-stricken land,

On our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart

To our farmers and to all who are affected by drought:

Be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain

And restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,

Hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son,

In whom the promise of new life has dawned,

And through the power of the Holy Spirit,

The Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people;

Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,

Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop – Pray for us.

### **WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY?**

Epiphany comes from the Greek word meaning 'appearance' or 'manifestation'. This feast celebrates the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles. In the Gospel story, the wise men, foreigners from the east, represent these 'outsiders' to the chosen people of God. Today, the feast of the Epiphany reminds us that our faith in Christ is not a gift to be hugged to ourselves but to be offered to all peoples of the world.

A question we might ask ourselves is: How is the light of Christ manifested through our faith community? How have we seen the light of Christ manifested in friends 'outside' the Christian Church? Have we ever thought to tell them this and to invite them to share in the life of our faith community?