



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

In telling of the birth of the Messiah, the gospel writer Matthew combines both historical facts and theological insights. He draws from two main sources: one is from the accounts of the Old Testament or the Jewish sources and the other is from images taken from the gospel account of Jesus' ministry according to Mark's gospel. In his story of the Magi, he suggests that this oracle speaks of the emergence of the dynasty of David in the Old Testament. David is the star and the staff ruling over the kingdom of Judah and Israel. He tells the story of the Magi, who like David, speaks of the star of the newborn king of the Jews, the Messiah of the house of David.

Other details of the narrative point to the story of Jesus that is anticipated at his birth. The Jewish rulers, as represented by Herod and his successors, refuse to believe in Jesus and persecute him. Israel in general does not recognize the Incarnation of God in Jesus. But the gentiles accept the gospel when it is preached to them. The Magi represent the gentile worshipers in Matthew's Christian community. We have also accepted the gospel and believe in Jesus as our Messiah and the incarnation of God.

Hence, we too have to witness the gospel and Jesus, like Matthew's Christian community, in our day-to-day life. Let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith so that we may be able to witness Jesus by our words and deeds. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- THE Baptism of the Lord
Tues- Bl Anna of the Angels
Wed- St Alexander of Fermo
Thu- St Bernard of Corleone
Fri- St Hillary of Poitiers
Sat- The Infant Jesus of Prague

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

(Lay led assembly will be held on the other weekends)

Next Weekend Masses

Sat: Cobden 6.30 pm

Sun: Timboon 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly – Timboon)

Next Weekend Readings:

Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Bernd Menz, Shirley Rohan and Peter Karlsen.

Recent Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Graeme Horan, Maria Steuten, Valerie Rantall, Jean Forster, Robert Hose, Antonius Van Dijk, Rosolin Tarcisio

Please consider making your Planned Giving contributions and Sunday collections via bank transfers. This will help running the parish which still needs to cover its costs while the current situation continues.

Parish bank details: BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8126 (Envelopes).

Presbytery: BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8142. Thank you.



The world reacts to the death of former Pope Benedict XVI

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, Year A. 08/01/2023

"**Our Parish Community** wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work and **worship Our God.**"

Thank you to all the Parishioners:

As we draw toward the end of another year, I'd like to express my gratitude to all those who have assisted in many ways during this year 2022 to deliver the spiritual care and nourishment to our Parishioners. Your support, love and care that helped to reflect Christ's love to so many people whose lives are touched by the ministries and service of your kindness. I greatly appreciate your help, dedication and commitment towards our parish. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the secretary of our parish, and Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committees of Timboon and Camperdown, all the volunteers who help do the Liturgy and music on every weekend. It gives me a great Joy and confidence that we will continue our collaborative journey of faith in the new year and grow in the understanding of witnessing our life by words and deeds, to be a disciple of Christ. Thank you so much for activity involving in the Mission of the Church. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you again for all the Christmas gifts, wishes and greetings cards you sent to me. Thank you also for your continued support to this wonderful Parish. May the good Lord bless and protect your family at this New Year. Wishing you all a wonderful, safe and amazing New Year.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$7920.00 & Presbytery \$537.90. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support care for the Parish.

Bishop's Announcement:

Hello everyone, In my message on Monday, I encouraged parishes to celebrate Memorial Masses for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI during this week.

Some have asked **how we might remember Pope Benedict at Sunday Masses** as well.

With this Sunday being the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the prayers and readings would be those of the Solemnity. However, the community could remember Pope Benedict in various ways during the celebration. The priest could invite people to remember Pope Benedict when the priest briefly introduces the celebration **at the start of Mass.**

Pope Benedict could be remembered in a special intention in the **Prayer of the Faithful.**

The priest could refer to Pope Benedict in the **Eucharistic Prayer.** I hope these suggestions are helpful.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Made for Each Other Summer School 2023

The Archdiocese of Hobart are hosting the fifth annual "Made for Each Other Summer School!" The theme for 2023 is 'Him & Her: Vive La Difference', which celebrates and explores the undeniable differences and complementarity of the sexes. The event is an overnight retreat with engaging speakers, opportunity for prayer, reflection, and social interaction on January 27 & 28, 2023 in Launceston, Tasmania and is for 18+ who are discerning marriage and forming relationships. Register at www.himandher.eventbrite.com.au For more information email rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The first Cycle for 2023 begins 9th January. There are 36 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or ph. 5337 7121.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace:

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

We are a Child-safe, Welcoming and Environmentally-friendly Parish

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 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 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.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see 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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the 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. '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. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

08-January-2023 Epiphany	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	M McKenzie	Hammond Family	
9 a.m. Lismore	A Coutts	S Bialek		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	M Macaulay	Seuren Family	S Grinter
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: M & D Moran				

15-January-2023 2nd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	P Dwyer	G Kelson	J Blair
9 a.m. Lismore	G Keating	A Bell		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	M Macaulay	A O'Flynn	J Larkins	P Kingston
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: S Swayne G Lucus		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: M & B Brown				

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We, the Parish community wish to pledge ourselves for our children's safety and well-being