

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th January, 2025



The Wise Men from the east visit child Jesus

Epiphany comes from the Greek word "epiphainein" which means to reveal or to manifest. This signifies the manifestation of Christ to all nations as represented by the three wise men (Magi) from the east. These men came searching for Christ and worshipped Him and offered Him precious gifts. From that day millions of people from all walks of life have followed them and came to meet Christ the Lord. Today's Gospel reading gives a graphic description of how the wise men came to Bethlehem guided by a star. They met child Jesus with Mother Mary and paid their respect and offered Him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Gospel story speaks about the journey of three wise men from the east to Jerusalem a far away and unknown place, in search of Christ Child. Their journey is a symbol of the search for truth by genuine seekers of God. The meeting of the wise men with Herod tells us that some people in authority and power symbolized by Herod try to suppress and destroy truth and God's message and messengers. The three wise men paid homage to Christ Child and received blessings. It is a touching story of all moments of grace. There is joy of recognition of God and His presence and total surrender to God which is symbolized by their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Fr Tomy

There will be only Communion service at St Brendan's on Wed & St Mary's Tues Jan/Feb.

Ordination Anniversary Fr Tomy celebrates his **Ordination Anniversary on 9th Jan**. Let us keep him in our prayers. Congratulations Fr Tomy!

Congratulations Paul & Pam Moir!

The Parish Community would like to thank Paul & Pam for their service, support and friendship. We wish them all the blessings.

Confessions - On Saturdays will be only until 10am at St Mary's. Please contact the Parish office for a private appointment for confession.

Recently Deceased: Joyce Walker, Therese McFadden, Vince Gatt, Manuel

Caruana, Rita Edge, Peter Chua Cheng Hin & Irene Brander

Anniversaries: Glen O'Connor, John Dormer, Denis Newey, Cecilia Sarniego, Edna Bath & Lorraine Anderson
Remembrances: Serafin Anosa Senior, Auiceto Caboboy, Frank Costa, Louis & Carmen Sterling, Greg Irvine, Marie O'Keefe, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family & Wendy Woodhouse

Please Pray for the Sick: Brian Brame, Kel Outlaw, Kevin Roy, Kathy Casey, Elaine Horton, Jane, Allen, Helen Sewell, Liz Kelman, Lacey, Patrick Hobson, Rita Edge, Jessica & Lee Abott, Baby Nora, Denis Tansey, Lucky Bowen, Sergio, Maxwell, Nacua Sedicol, Sue Reardon, Rita, Judy Kay, Ray Crocker, Elaine Scrivener, Bill O'Keefe, Michelle Maroon, Mick G & Robbie Depares

First Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6*

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
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13*

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

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice. **R.**

In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him
tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service. **R.**

For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy. **R.**

Second Reading *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

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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 the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 2:1-12*

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading - Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel - Luke 3:15-16, 21-22