



## Parish of St Mary Magdalen, Jordanville

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*St. Mary Magdalen's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.*

6/7 January 2024

## Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

Gospel Acclamation:

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.*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In an era when so much talk is devoted to the discussion of family values, the readings for this feast offer significant challenge. Those who believe in Christ, while still adhering to certain cultural codes of conduct, are asked to consider new and ever more balanced ways of relating. In view of their lives as Christians, parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters must all be embraced as equal members of the household of God.

While it is important that children of all ages honour their parents, the caring relationship of adult children for aging parents is vital in a time of mobility, nursing homes, and the lack of extended families. From God's perspective, loving care of aged members is non-negotiable. It is a family virtue that is to be kept sacred.

Wisdom comes with time and experience. Such wisdom is a source of blessing, for it provides insight and a perspective that allows the community to know the mystery and the presence of God. When the wisdom of the elderly is respected, the young are enriched by the stories of the past. Wisdom figures can point the community to places where God is working and where the divine can be found. It is their respect for tradition that allows the elderly to speak the prophetic words that can change the course of the future and inspire noble deeds of courage in the face of great pain. In reverencing the elderly and their wisdom, the community of believers receive Christ.

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### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday:	Mass 10:00 am	Rosary 10:30am
Wednesday:	Mass 10:00 am	Rosary 10:30am
Thursday:	Mass 12:00 noon	Rosary 12:30am
Friday:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass 12:00 noon	11:00 am
Saturday:	Mass 10:00 am	Rosary 10:30am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:	Vigil Mass 6:00 pm
Sunday:	Mass 9:30 am

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** After Mass when a priest is available.

**BAPTISM:** During Sunday Mass or at 12:00 noon after Sunday Mass. Email the Parish office to book.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

January 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> 2024	6:00 pm Vigil	Sunday 9:30 am
Commentator	Helen Selwood	Anne Bremmer
Readers <i>Epiphany – Year B</i>	Michael Bampton	Lidia DiNunzio
Special Ministers	Rosa Phillips	Joan Fernando
Meet & Greet	Yvonne Huggett	John & Christine Francis
Data Projector Operator	Phillips Family	Bernard Perera
Counting – Sunday 10 am	Joss Kulkens, Louise Kulkens, Steve Goss	
Church Cleaning	Christine Barcham, Rukmin Silva, Phillip Davis	

**Prayer Requests** - If you would like to include any names for the sick, death anniversary or recently deceased in the Prayers of the faithful and the Parish Newsletter, please email it through to [jordanville@cam.org.au](mailto:jordanville@cam.org.au) or phone the Parish Office on 9807 1466 by Thursday prior to publication before 12 noon.

Please indicate if you wish to have the name published in the Newsletter as shown below. Following the Victorian Privacy Act, consent for names to be published in the Parish Newsletter can only be provided by the individual or direct family members.

We include in our prayers this weekend the following:

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** David Strancar

**The Sick:**

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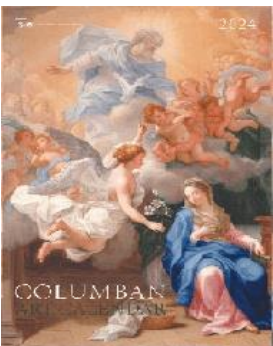




### **An Urgent Prayer for Peace**

God of compassion,  
We turn to you with heavy hearts.  
As we consider the needs of your family.  
Israelis and Palestinians,  
we are all your people,  
Each of us loved by You  
And called to live in peace and justice.  
We lament the dreadful loss of life,  
Destruction of property and loss  
of human dignity.  
We are pained by so much suffering.  
We beg you to bring healing.  
to this ancient place.  
Help your people find a way forward.  
Enable everyone to look  
each other in the eye,  
And embrace each other  
as sisters and brothers,  
As they find your image in every face.  
We ask that courage and grace.  
Will help create a wiser and  
more gentle future,  
Where everyone has a home.  
God of wisdom, come to our aid.  
Amen.

*By Michael McGirr / Caritas Australia*



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### **Have you thought? Epiphany**

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewishness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.