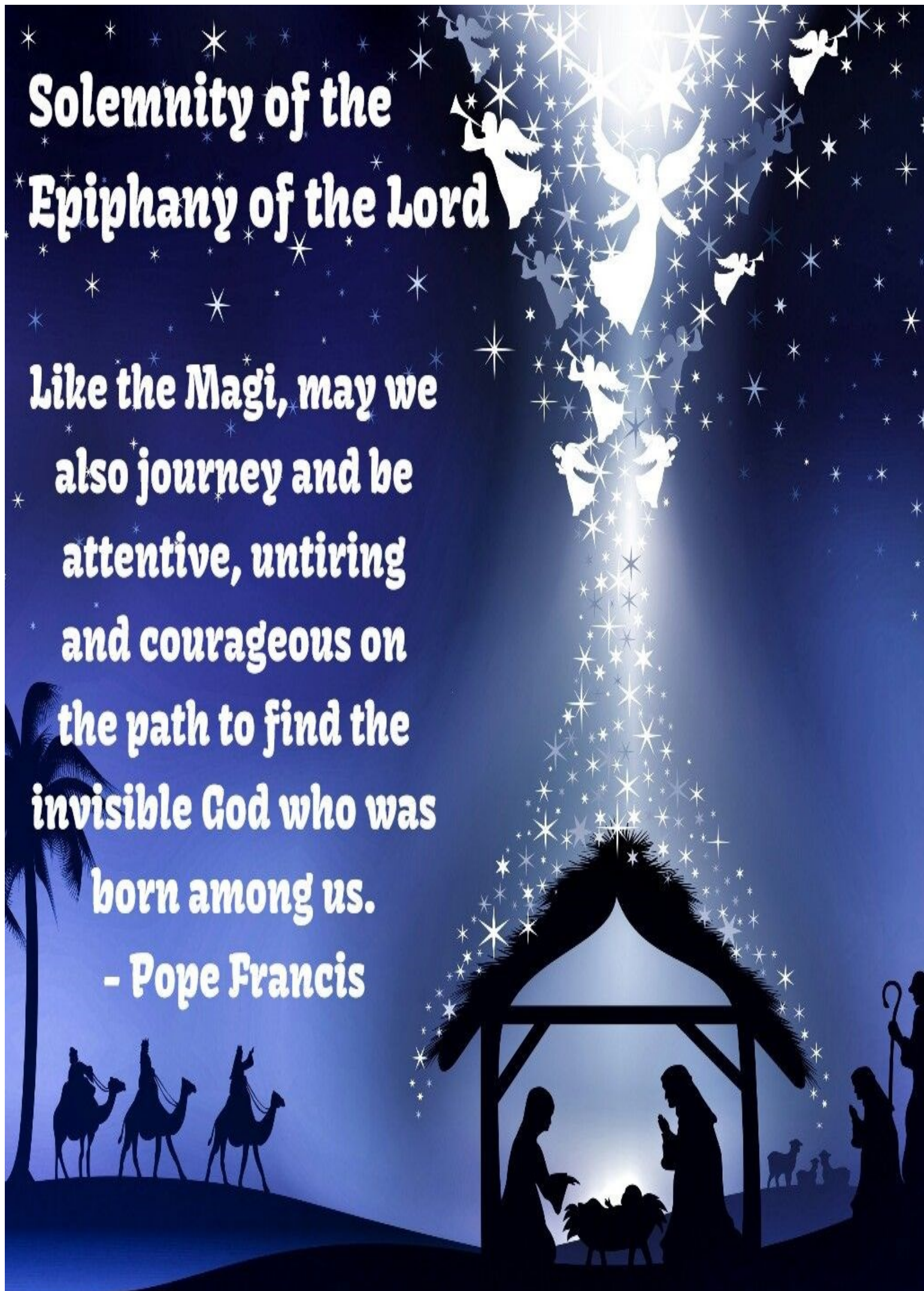


# **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Like the Magi, may we  
also journey and be  
attentive, untiring  
and courageous on  
the path to find the  
invisible God who was  
born among us.**

**- Pope Francis**





# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**The Epiphany of the Lord, 6-7 January 2024**

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FRI 12.30pm to 3.45pm

## **Masses:**

**Tuesdays** 9am St Gerard's Warrandyte  
**Sundays** 10:30am—1st Sunday of the month @  
St Anne's, every other Sunday at St Gerard's.

## **SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—St. Anne's**

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## **IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Sheila Paton, Allar Barr, Greg Ryan, Frances Dawson, Elizabeth Sinclair, Joan Baxter and Marie Brown

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Helen, Justine, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen, Kerry McIntyre, Lyn Read, Heather Doy, Evelyn Reinecke, Melanie Saba, Arthur McConnell, Penny Mifsud, Patricia Higgins, Sharon Cass, Kellie Nagle

**Readings this week:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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## **Holy Spirit Parish Vision**

At Holy Spirit Parish, we are an inviting community inspired by the Holy Spirit; welcoming everyone to worship, grow, belong and serve together as Disciples of Christ.



**Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.**



**EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 8th-14th January 2024**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY** PARISH OFFICE REOPENS

**WEDNESDAY** 6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY** 9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel

**SATURDAY** 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

**SUNDAY** **2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church  
NO 5.00 pm Mass

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 13th-14th January 2024**

**Mass Coordinators:**

**6.00 pm:** Sean Collins **9.00 am:** Bernadette Loughron **5.00 pm:** Resumes 4th February 2024

**Lectors:**

**6.00 pm:** Ambrose Cornelio **9.00 am:** Paul Dwyer

**Welcomers:**

**6.00 pm:** Maureen Taffe **9.00 am:** Don Schroder

**Ministers of Communion:** **6.00 pm:** Barry Ward **9.00 am:** Silvio and Ada Volombello

**Tea and Coffee:** **9.00 am:** Nola Ryan and Catherine Anderson

**Arrangements in January.**

Please note: the office will be closed until Tuesday 9th January. All phone messages and emails to the parish office will be monitored and responded to as quickly as possible. Fr Arsenio will be taking a short break during January. Fr John will celebrate the weekend Masses. Wednesday morning Masses will not be celebrated during January. Friday morning Masses (9:15am) continue throughout the holiday season and January.

**SUNDAY 5PM MASS IN THE CHAPEL** Sunday 5pm masses will resume after the Christmas/New Year holiday period on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**Holy Spirit Web Site - [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au):**

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

**Parish Database Update** Please remember to advise the parish staff of any changes to phone and email details so we can update our database via email to [Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or phone 7036 9395.

**Tuesday Meditation** Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel (not during School holidays). Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries. **Resumes Tuesday 6th February 2024.**

**Charismatic Prayer Group** Resumes Tuesday 6th February 2024.



**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY (Continues weekly throughout Holiday Season)**

**Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm—Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ**

**Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio**

**Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: [acornelio@connecteast.com.au](mailto:acornelio@connecteast.com.au) for inclusion weekly.**

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**On the Journey this week:** Fr Mark De Battista says today we celebrate the manifestation of the Christ child to all the Gentile nations. Mother Hilda says there is a great spiritual message from an episode of fiction, Agatha Christie's character, Monsieur Poirot. Fr Tony Percy calls us to stop and think about that Gospel phrase; they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy upon seeing the star which then led them to the Christ child. Fr Sean Cullen says that by studying the life of Jesus, we can learn what the favour of God really means, and how it applies to each of us, and Trish McCarthy says that we too are called to share what God has done in our life to testify to the changes we've experienced with the help of the Holy Spirit. Plus, more great music!

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### **REFLECTION: Epiphany of the Lord**

*"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

#### ***Celebrant:***

*Dear Friends in Christ. The Wise Men from the East, followed the guiding light of God's presence and found Christ, the Saviour of the World. Let us come confidently before God opening ourselves to the gifts of God's abundant grace.*

#### **Reader:**

We pray that we may continuously search for the true light of Christ and follow his way faithfully wherever the Spirit leads us.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for a new awareness of the many gifts and graces that we have; that like the Wise Men, we may praise and thank God for them and use them in the service of others.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for all who are searching for meaning and purpose in their lives; may Christ's continuing message of new light and life be made known to them through the people and circumstances of their lives.

**LORD HEAR US.**

May we respect and welcome the many people in our society from different religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds and we pray for all migrants, refugees and people looking for new beginnings and that Christians everywhere will welcome them and help them find new homes and relationships.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For all who are awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit into their lives; that God will pour his Spirit upon them and help them to give witness to Christ bearing His light to all.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Sheila Paton, Allan Barr, Greg Ryan, Frances Dawson, Elizabeth Sinclair, Joan Baxter and Marie Brown.

May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

**LORD HEAR US.**

#### ***Celebrant:***

*Lord, may God's Christmas message of peace become a reality in our minds and hearts and fill our homes and families with joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 60.1-6

*The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!
- 2 For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.
- 3 Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- 4 Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- 5 Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

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

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

7 In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

8 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.

11 May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service. **R.**

12 For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.

13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy. **R.**

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## SECOND READING

**Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6**

*Now the mystery has been revealed:  
now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

2 Surely you have already heard  
of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,  
3 and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation.  
5 In former generations  
this mystery was not made known to humanity  
as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets  
by the Spirit:  
6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs,  
members of the same body,  
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**See 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 pay homage to the king.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,  
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,  
2 "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?  
For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."  
When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;  
4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people,  
he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.  
5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:  
6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"  
7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time  
when the star had appeared.  
8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,  
"Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him,  
bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."  
9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them,  
went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.  
10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.  
11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother;  
and they knelt down and paid him homage.  
Then, opening their treasure chests,  
they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,  
they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.