Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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To Live, Love and Act Like Jesus

2 & 3 January 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord— Year B

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am to 3:00pm Friday: 8:30am to 2:00pm

Closed daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

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WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: 9:15am 9:15am 9:15am

Confessions:

By appointment only. Please call the Parish Office on phone: 9632.2672



Recently Deceased:

Franca Coffen, Tony, Lamia & Antonio Farah, Sushila Pakoor, Elias Abou-Mehrez, Luka Matkovic, Katalina Liogi, Logalei Pakihimailagi

Anniversaries:

Taleb, Rose & Joe Nasr, Boutros, Annie & George Boutros, Rose Watts, John & Dean Lane, Kapelieli Vakalepu, Malino Nau

Deceased:

Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige Jlailaty, Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna & Majed Families, Leila Mitchell, Ghasoub & Layla Mardini & Deceased Family Members, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Malia Lani Nau & Family, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael & Noeleen Remaili, Holy Souls in Purgatory



Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office by telephone to arrange a Baptism. Baptisms are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11:15am, or during any Sunday Mass, to be negotiated with the Parish Priest. Baptism preparation will be explained when you contact the Parish Office. Booklets need to be obtained from the Parish Office prior to the preparation.

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God we thank you for being with us always. Open our hearts to hear your voice.

Help us, Lord, to make this Parish a place of mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, respected, forgiven and encouraged.

In your love and wisdom, help and guide all of us to be good ambassadors for Christ, both in service to others and in proclaiming the Gospel.

Send your Holy Spirit among us Lord so that we may be filled with your grace and peace as we go about our lives in this world.

We pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen



LITURGY OF THE WORD THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR B



1ST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. **R**.

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.**

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**.

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**.

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3, 5-6 A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephe

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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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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**



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What gifts do I offer Jesus?