

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

The Epiphany of the Lord

2 January 2022

Reflection

Encountering Jesus

For what can be known about God is perfectly plain, since God has made it plain. Through everything God has created, people can clearly see God's invisible qualities-God's eternal power and divine nature. So you have no excuse for not knowing God. -Romans 1:20 [1]

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way. How could they do anything but go home another way indeed, go home as different people? They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind.

Encountering God's self-revelation is life changing. God reveals God's self to us through what unfolds as our life, along with every visible thing around us. These ordinary revelations must be respected and deeply listened to. Life itself is the primary divine revelation.

Faith is the other side of the coin of revelation. Faith is God's self-exposure received and responded to trustfully. A genuine act of faith is always in response to a new disclosure. It is meant to be an ongoing dialogue of divine disclosure and human response—an ever deeper divine disclosure and an ever deeper human response.

For Christians, dialogue with and self-exposure of God is summed up and encapsulated in Jesus. While present throughout all creation from the beginning of time-as "Christ" (Colossians 1:15-20, Ephesians 1:3-14)—Jesus makes the universal and cosmic message both personal and lovable and thus more easily healing.

When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.



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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion: Tues 9:30am

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Friday 25 February

11:00am Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick within Mass. A luncheon will be served in the foyer

Saturday 26 February

5:00pm Mass followed by dinner. Venue to be advised.

Sunday 27 February

8:30am Mass

10:00am Multicultural Mass. We encourage you to wear your traditional dress. A potluck lunch will be celebrated in the Parish Centre. Please bring a traditional dish from your culture

6:00pm Mass

More information regarding the 50 years celebrations will be advised in the new year.



World Meeting of Families 22-26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness" In our Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn it is envisaged that celebrations will happen in three locations: one in Canberra, one in the Eastern Deanery and one in the Western Deanery. For more local information contact lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

General information at www.romefamily2022.com



Pins & Needles Craft Group Monday 17 January 7:15pm Parish Library



SJA Men's Group Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 21 January St John the Apostle Parish Centre

KIT – Keeping in Touch @ Kippax

Kit was emailed out this week. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the parish office.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The Name Jesus

The name Jesus, given to the Child, is a name of hope, for it means Saviour. It contains all the promises of the past, all the desires of the Patriarchs and of the just of the Old Law, as well all future hopes. Jesus opens our hearts to joy and gives us a glimpse of the salvation that he is bringing us. By taking this name, he commits himself to become our victim when the hour of redemption sounds, in order to wash us clean in his blood from all our iniquity; in order to open heaven for us, and merit us all the graces needed to get there.

How can we fail to hope! In the name of Jesus the greatest miracles have been wrought, and the regeneration of the world taken place.

> Jules Chevalier msc -Meditations I, p. 107*f* Issoudun 1875

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved......forever!

Stewardship

Jesus - light of the Nations

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honour and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Robert Wise, Margaret McCallion, Hannah Mecham, Joseph Davis, Clarice O'Callaghan, Kevin McMahon, Nita Smith, Geoffrey Bogg, Bill Raadts, Florence Anthony, Kathryn Jones, Charles Taylor, Terry O'Gorman, Therese Markham, Barry Dwyer, Ken Lorraway, Pauline Burt, Cooper McDonald, Jamie Bourke, Mary Gorey, John Machin, John Burt, Mary Costelloe, Edna Lydon, Virginia Policarpio, Eamonn Kennedy

Mass Intentions the week of 3-9 January

Mon 03/01	Ken Lorraway	
Wed 05/01	Doris Galea	
Thur 06/01	Available [contact the office]	
Fri 07/01	Available [contact the office]	
Sat 08/01		
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]	
Sun 09/01		
8:30am	Available [contact the office]	
10:00am	Available [contact the office]	
6:00pm	Parish Intentions	

To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.

Happenings in the parish office

Fr. Kimi will be on leave from Wednesday 5 to Tuesday 25 January

Sharon will be on leave Wednesday 12 to Friday 21 January.

Marian will be on leave from Monday 24 to Friday 28 January

The Parish Office is currently closed and will reopen on Wednesday 5 January 2022

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion	Sunday 9.15am
(Parish Centre)	during school term

Charismatic Prayer:	
Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Friday of the Month
	7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month
	9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins &	3 rd Monday of the Month
Needles	7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 rd Sunday of the Month
	3:00pm Parish Library
Women's	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am
Breakfast	Bean Origin Belconnen
Youth	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday
Group	after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm
Group	Parish Centre
SMOKE EREE ZONE	

SMOKE FREE ZONE There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you





Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.

TAP & GO -

)) The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**



Check In CBR App is mandatory https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/businessand-work/check-in-cbr/information-forbusinesses#Using-the-app-at-your-businessor-venue

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

Readings – 9 January 2022

First Reading	ls 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm	Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30
Second Reading	Tim. 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

9 Jan	Lector Roster
6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00a	m Dennis Puniard, Margaret Luck
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony
9 Jan	Ministers of Communion
6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Agnes Pham
10:00a	m Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGree, Chitra Jayawardena
9 Jan	Hospitality Roster
6:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor, Mercia Needham
10:00a	m Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena

Weekly Rosters

2 Jan	Margaret Ferguson		
8 Jan	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard		
3 Jan	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Ted & Debbie Milne		
	8 Jan		

On a Lighter note

Worst Christmas Cracker Jokes

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claustrophobia!

How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?

One that's deep pan, crisp and even!

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? A mince spy!