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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7 January 2024

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Reflection

Follow the path of Humble Love

Epiphany: this word indicates the *manifestation* of the Lord, who, as Saint Paul tells us in the second reading makes himself known to all the nations, today represented by the Magi. The Feast of the Epiphany signifies the revelation of Jesus not only as the Messiah of Israel but also as the Saviour of the entire world. The emphasis on the inclusion of the Gentiles mirrors the broader theme of the Epiphany – that the revelation of Jesus transcends cultural, ethnic, and geographical boundaries.

Pope Francis says, “We need to *arise*, to get up from our sedentary lives and prepare for a journey. He says we need to be like the Magi, who not only see the light of the star but follow it. Pope Francis tells us; “we are asked to imitate the Magi. They do not debate; they set out. They do not stop to look, but enter the house of Jesus. They do not put themselves at the centre, but bow down before the One who is the centre. They do not remain glued to their plans, but are prepared to take other routes.” We need to arise, to get up from our sedentary lives and prepare for a journey.

In order to find Jesus, we also need to take a different route, to follow a different path, his path, the path of humble love. And we have to persevere. Today’s Gospel ends by saying that the Magi, after encountering Jesus, “left for their own country by *another road*” (Mt 2:12). Another road, different from that of Herod. An alternative route than that of the world, like the road taken by those who surround Jesus at Christmas: Mary and Joseph, the shepherds. Like the Magi, they left home and became pilgrims on the paths of God. For only those who leave behind their worldly attachments and undertake a journey find the mystery of God.

Resource used: *Homily, Epiphany 2019. - Pope Francis*

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2019/documents/papa-francesco_20190106_omelia-epifania.html

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

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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St John the Apostle Parish Kippax
is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.



Pins & Needles
Mon 15 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 19 January
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 23 JANUARY – 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on

Wednesday 31 January

for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome.

Please bring a plate to share.

Relax, Review, Reflect

Movie to the advised

Friday 26 January at 7:00pm
in the parish library.

Anointing after Mass
Friday 26 January



Fr. Tru will arrive in the Parish for the weekend of 20/21 January.



To welcome Fr. Tru
Pot Luck Lunch

Sunday 28 January 2024
 Meat and drinks will be supplied
 Please bring a salad or dessert



CANDLEMAS
DAY
 FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord
 Blessing of the Candles
Friday 2 February 9:30am Mass



Ash Wednesday

14 February

Mass Times

9:30am and 6:00pm

Bequest

Have you ever thought of leaving a Bequest to your parish?

By remembering your faith community in your Will, you contribute to the spiritual legacy that has enriched your life. Your bequest ensures the continuation of the traditions, teachings, and support that have shaped your journey.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Christmas Season

The Christmas Mystery

The Christmas mystery has two parts: the nativity and the epiphany. In the first we commemorate God's humble entrance into human life, the emergence and birth of the holy, and in the second its manifestation to the world, the revelation of the supernatural made in that life. The first only happens in order that the second may happen, and the second cannot happen without the first. Christ is a Light to lighten the Gentiles as well as the glory of his people Israel. Beholding God's glory is only half our job. The mysteries must be brought forth in our souls as well. The birth of Christ in our souls is for a purpose beyond ourselves: it is because his manifestation in the world must be through us. The goal of our prayer and the goal of our hidden life should itself become more and more of a prayer, which is "union with God." Union with God means every bit of our human nature transfigured in Christ, woven up into his creative life and activity, absorbed into his redeeming purpose, heart, soul, mind, and strength. Each time it happens it means that one of God's creatures has achieved its destiny.

Taken from: *The Light of the World*, by Evelyn Underhill

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

Mass Intentions the week of 8 - 14 January

Mon 08/01	Ranjith Dias
Wed 10/01	Karna O'Dea
Thur 11/01	Ricarte Polloso
Fri 12/01	Fallace Family
Sat 13/01	
5:00pm	
Sun 14/01	
8:30am	Peter Vu Khuyen & Anna Xuyen
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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

Stewardship

Recognising God in our daily lives

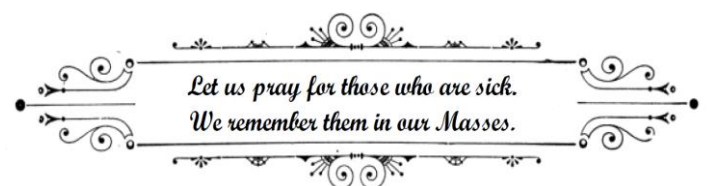
From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi featured in today's Gospel passage, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone.

But we must be alert to "hear" and "see" Him in our daily lives.

How can we become better attuned to the ways God is speaking to us? By spending time with the Lord in prayer every single day. When we establish a regular and intentional time for prayer, we will find the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the "stars" He places before us to draw us into closer relationship with Him. We will begin to see that He is indeed present in our lives at every moment.

Like the magi, we, too, should be awestruck at the greatness of our God who has given us all that we have and whose love sustains our very existence. And, like the magi, we should offer Him gifts in gratitude for such great love. Gifts of our time (through prayer), our talents, and a trusting return of the material gifts with which He has blessed us.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: 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, Terence Martin, Caterina Fallace, Ann Grannall, Phyllis Morrison, Alexander Beggs, Frederick Felsing, Shaun MacKey

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns Friendship Group	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

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 – 14 January 2024

First Reading	1 Sam 3:3-10, 19
Psalm	Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10
Second Reading	1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20
Gospel	John 1:35-42

ROSTERS

14 Jan

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Anthony Jayawardena
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock
10:00am	Peter Kain
6:00pm	Carl Madsen, Joy McInerney

14 Jan

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Therese Kercher, Paul McGrath
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Marianna Rollgejser
10:00am	Pam Connor, Kelechi Nnajide
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

14 Jan

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Chitra Jayawardena

14 Jan

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

14 Jan

SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	John McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	14 Jan	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	20 Jan	
Church Cleaning:	14 Jan	Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor, Shovin Weerawarnakula,

On a lighter note



“Tom, this is Kate from the office. Boy, you’re a hard person to reach when you’re on vacation!”