

# Infant Jesus Parish

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

8 January 2012

### First Reading Is 60:1-6

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

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 your 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.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11**

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

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.)
4. 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.)

### Second Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

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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 that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Mt 2:1-12

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

We have come from the East to worship the king.

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.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



### Reflection

*by Greg Sunter*

The gospel of Mark, the first of the four canonical gospels to be written, does not bother at all with the question of the birth of Jesus. Written some ten or more years later, the gospels of Luke and Matthew both present a version of the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus. The gospel of John, written later still, also avoids details of Jesus' birth. The two accounts of the infancy that we do have from the gospels tell very different stories because they have each been used to place the rest of the gospel in a particular context. Unfortunately, the two stories have been mashed together so much that we now have one notion of the Christmas story that is a poor amalgam of the two unique narratives.

In the gospel of Luke, Joseph and Mary are living in Nazareth and travel to Bethlehem and are forced to give birth out in a field because there is no room at the only inn in Bethlehem. The ones who bear witness to the birth in this account are shepherds - some of the lowest of the low - as the gospel of Luke identifies Jesus as having a preferential option for the lowly ones. In the gospel of Matthew, Joseph and Mary are living in Bethlehem and give birth in their own house. They later flee to Egypt and then settle in Nazareth. The two towns need to be included in both accounts because they are named in some of the ancient prophecies about the Messiah. In the gospel of Matthew, the witnesses to the birth are wise men, dignitaries from another land. The Matthew writer wants to emphasise the 'kinship' of Jesus and it is fitting that foreign dignitaries present gifts on the birth of a king.

The two stories deserve to be dealt with uniquely and should be unravelled from the muddled, entwined version that dominates our Christmas imagery.

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A child is born for us, a son given to us; dominion is laid on his shoulder, and he shall be called Wonderful-Counsellor.

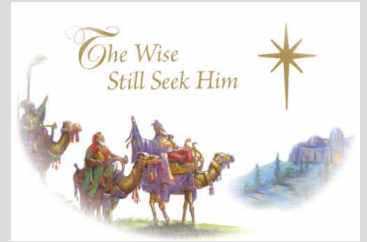
## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

## The Epiphany of Our Lord

The Epiphany celebration remembers the three miracles that manifest the divinity of Christ. The name "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word Epiphania, and means "to show, make known, or reveal." The celebration originated in the Eastern Church in AD 361, beginning as a commemoration of the birth of Christ. Later, additional meanings were added - the visit of the three Magi, Christ's baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle at the wedding in Cana. These three events are central to the definition of Epiphany, and its meaning is drawn from these occurrences.

***Reflection.** Admire the almighty power of this little Child, who from His cradle makes known His coming to the shepherds and magi — to the shepherds by means of His Angel, to the magi by a star in the East. Admire the docility of these kings. Jesus is born: behold them at His feet! Let us be little, let us efface ourselves, and the divine strength will be granted to us. Let us be docile and quick in following divine inspirations, and we shall then become wise by the wisdom of God, powerful by His almighty power.*



## Infant Jesus Parish Presents



A celebration of song with

The Julian Singers and  
The Sudanese Choir

**FRIDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
2012**

**TICKETS: \$28.00, Concession: \$25.00**

## A Night Of Joy!

**Tickets will be on sale  
next weekend  
14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> January  
after Masses in the foyer.**

**Please support this fundraiser.**

Includes Wine & Cheese prior to concert and  
refreshments at the interval

How to Book -

Online: <http://www.trybooking.com.au/BARL>

Email: [anightofjoy@gmail.com](mailto:anightofjoy@gmail.com)

Phone: 9276 1485 or Parish Office from 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012

Please encourage your family and friends to purchase tickets to hear these two very different choral groups and experience the power they have to lift the heart with the magic of song.

Wheelchair Accessible

Important  
DATE!

To Do:

# Our Parish Events

Don't  
FORGET!

Reminder!

## Prayer Concerns

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Angela Di Costa, Joan Meyerhoff, Tony Formato, Asmar Moshi, Hyla, Joan, Asmar De Compo;

**Anniversaries:** John Nicoletto, Fred Ienco, Iris D'Rozario, Michael O'Brien, Joshop Ng;

**Deceased:** May Lund, Shian Coggins, Derek Wade;

**The Sick of the Parish:** Maria Tomich, Yvonne Miranda, Nola and Scott Leckie and all who are in need of our prayers.

*"Before Him, all kings shall fall prostrate, and nations shall serve Him."*

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2012 AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

Parents of children at non-Catholic schools who wish their children to prepare for any of the Sacraments are advised that 2 years of religious education classes are a requirement.

Classes will begin on Wednesday 15th February 2012 from 4.30-5.20pm. Enrolment day for 2012 classes will be Wednesday 8th February, 2012 in the parish centre. Please mark this date in your diary now if you intend enrolling your child.



## "Linedancing Classes for 2012 re-commence:

Thursday 2 February at 9.30am

and

New Tuesday class 7 February at 1pm

Looking forward to seeing everyone once again." - *Thank you Genevieve*

## Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Vellanganni, St Francis Xavier, St. Philomena, Blessed Teresa of Kolkota.

The Tour covers all main cities in India like Chennai, Pondicherry, Vailankanni, Bangalore, Mysore, Cochin, Goa, Delhi, Thaij Mahal, Kolkota, Darjeeling and many more places. All together 22 days of Tour around India. Everything is included in the package, including 7 internal flights to all the cities in India for A\$3590.

For more details contact:

Charles Donovan on 0400 216 257 or Fr. Sam on 0426 506 510.

## PARISH OFFICE and PARISH CENTRE

will re-open on

Monday 23 January, 2012.

## Our Liturgical Life

**Morning Prayer of the Church:** Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am

**Morning Mass:** Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 6.30pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.

**Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:** Please contact the Parish Office.

## OUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

**Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:**

Wednesday 7.15pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm

## PILGRIM STATUE:

This week in the home of  
Mrs C Belladonna  
11 Corderoy Way, Noranda.  
Ph: 9275 6778

## Calendar of Saints

8 Jan: THE EPIPHANY  
9 Jan: BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
13 Jan: St. Hilary, Bishop (368AD)



## HOSPITALITY ROSTERS

Can all Hospitality Ministers and mothers of Altar Servers who attend the Sunday 6pm Mass please collect your new roster from the church foyer.

## Piety Stall

2012 Columban Calendars are still available at only \$8.00.

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### ANNUAL MASS AND REUNION – MARIST / NEW NORCIA

Wednesday 25 January 2012, commencing 4.30pm  
Newman College - Empire Avenue, Churchlands

Mass will be celebrated by Marist Old Boy priests in the Champagnat Chapel, in memory of deceased Brothers and students. A reunion will follow in the College courtyard at 6pm. BBQs available - BYO everything.

SIC and Marist Old Boys most welcome, please spread the word.  
(NB: An update on Marist Centenary Celebrations in 2013 will be presented.)

For further information:

Ambrose Depiazzi 0419912187 or Frank McCabe 9446 6435

### RENEWING THE LIGHT OF HOPE

The BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is running a WEEKEND PROGRAMME, designed to assist and support people in learning to close the door gently on a relationship that has ended, in order to get on with living.

People who have had similar loss experiences themselves facilitate the programme. Peer's who have travelled this road, like you. If you feel that this programme could benefit you or someone you know, you are invited to contact us.

The next weekend programme dates are:

FRIDAY 9th to SUNDAY 11th MARCH 2012

For further information please contact: **Josie** Phone: 9285 8661 or  
**Mauz** Phone: 9537 1915 or Email - [mauzk@bigpond](mailto:mauzk@bigpond)

### HOUSEBOUND CATHOLICS: Watch the mass on your

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