

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfilment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — *Pius Parsch*



The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced to Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem. He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.—*Catholic Culture.org*



### IMPORTANT NOTICE CHANGE TO SATURDAY VIGIL MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES

*From next Saturday 13th January, Saturday Vigil Mass will start at 6pm and Saturday evening confession will be held from 5pm to 5.30pm only.*

*Please also note that when there is a public holiday, there will be only one morning Mass at 8.30am.*

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office and parish centre will be closed from **Friday 22nd December, 2017 and reopen on Monday 22nd January, 2018.**

The phone answering machine will be attended regularly, but in an emergency, please call the priory directly on 9276 8497.



### YEAR OF YOUTH

The Catholic Church in Australia has commenced the 'Year of Youth' which continues in 2018. This year involves an outreach to all young people aged 12 - 30 to engage with the Church through parish, community, family and school. The theme is "Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy: Young

People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment." For more information or resources on Year of Youth and local events for young people go to [www.cym.com.au](http://www.cym.com.au) or connect with Catholic Youth Ministry Perth on social media.



**PILGRIM STATUE:** This week is in the home of Mr & Mrs Mario Mathews; 558 Morley Dve, Morley. Ph: 0449 988 879.

### Parish Prayer Concerns

**Recently Deceased:** Jerry Lazaroo;

**Deceased:** Désiré Brû, Lilianne Conier, Josian Bouquet, Perla Cabrera, Nicole Marie and Tibye Hurree;

**Anniversaries:** John Nicoletto, Fred Ienco, Olive Giltrap and Leonard Strother;

**The Sick of the Parish:** Cecil Parnell and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"He will have pity on the weak; And save the lives of the poor"*

**Discovering Prayer—A 30 day prayer journey of encountering God, and love.** For anyone who is seeking to understand what it would be like to have God in their life. Available from Piety stall for \$3.20 per copy.

**Son of God Daily Reflections Year B2** by Fr Edward Tyler is now available from <http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/>

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

These classes are for the children attending non-catholic schools whose family wish them to receive religious instruction and also to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation. Please note that it is a requirement of this Archdiocese that all children receive at least 2 years' religious instruction prior to receiving their first Sacrament. Therefore, if you desire your child to receive one or all of these Sacraments, please start them in classes as early as pre-primary or year 1 level.

2017 has been a very productive and enjoyable year for us all. Thank you to the children, parents, grandparents, family members, guardians and catechists for your commitment and dedication to coming along each week during the school terms. We pray that baby Jesus will bless all your families with a Christmas filled with His love, peace and joy and we look forward to seeing you when classes start, on **Wednesday 7th February 2018.**



**PREP ENROLMENT DAY 2018:** Families who wish to enrol their children for the Parish Religious Education Program classes for 2018, please attend the enrolment day at ONE of the times below. You will be required to complete an enrolment form for each child and pay the annual fee of \$45 for one child or \$50 per family. New families are always welcome but please bring a copy of certificates of your child's Baptism and any other Sacraments when you come to enrolment day:

**WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2018: 2:30 - 3:30pm OR 5.30 - 6.30PM**

For any enquiries, please contact Sue Goodwin on 9276 8500 or email to [ijprep@gmail.com](mailto:ijprep@gmail.com)