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**Wise Men
Still Seek
Him!**

The
Epiphany
of the
Lord



Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am [1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month 5pm. **1st for 2023 Sun 22nd Jan.**

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

- After 9:15am Mass Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE: Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Church. **1st for 2023 on 27th Jan.**

Video Sunday Mass - 9am

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sunday 9AM

Link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/2757378>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

HOLY DAYS THIS WEEK:

Mon 9th: Baptism of the Lord

OFFICE CLOSED:

22ND OF DECEMBER TO 9TH OF JANUARY.

Open from Tuesday 10th January.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI,
May He Rest in Peace .

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.

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.

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.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Return dates 2023

- Parish Office Tuesday 10th Jan
- The Prayer Cenical: Tuesday 17th Jan
- St Macs Café: Wednesday 18th Jan
- Encounter Junior Youth Group: Sunday 22nd Jan
- Quinn's Place senior youth group: Friday 27th Jan
- Legion of Mary: Monday 30th Jan
- Baptism Information sessions Wednesday 1st Feb
- Gatherings prayer group: Thursday 9th Feb
- Minister Unto God: Tuesday 14th Feb
- Men's Night: Thursday 16th Feb
- The Meeting Room community café will contact us in the new year if they intent to use our Hall.
- Monday night rosary at 8pm will continue throughout the holidays.



Jokes of the Week



1) A 4-year-old boy was asked to give the blessing before Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes—even the Cool Whip. Then he paused, and everyone waited—and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, “If I thank God for the broccoli, won’t He know that I’m lying?”

2) A family celebrated Christmas every year with a birthday party for Jesus. An extra chair of honor at the table became the family’s reminder of Jesus’ presence. A cake with candles, along with the singing of “Happy Birthday” expressed the family’s joy in Jesus’ presence. One year on Christmas afternoon a visitor to the home asked the five-year-old girl, “Did you get everything you wanted for Christmas?” After a moment’s hesitation, she answered, “No, but it’s not my birthday, It’s Jesus’ birthday!”

FAREWELLING POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

On the morning of New Year’s Eve (7.34pm Melbourne time), Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI died at his residence at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in the Vatican, where the 95-year-old had lived for almost 10 years since resigning as pope in 2013. After his death was announced, a single bell rang from St Peter’s Square. The body of the Pope Emeritus is laid in St Peter’s Basilica for three days to offer the faithful an opportunity for prayer and to pay their final respect to the former Supreme Pontiff.

Pope Francis will preside over the funeral Mass in St Peter’s square on Thursday 5 January, followed by the Final Commendation and Valediction—the first time in modern history that a sitting pope presided over his predecessor’s funeral. After the Valediction, his remains will be taken into St Peter’s Basilica and then into the Vatican Grottoes beneath the Basilica, where they will be laid to rest. His body will be dressed in the vestments that he wore at World Youth Day in Sydney in 2018.

The Funeral of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI is available for viewing on the Vatican News English YouTube channel, beginning at 7.30pm Melbourne time on Tuesday 5 January.

NOTE: A memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be celebrated by Archbishop Comensoli at St Patrick’s Cathedral on Sunday 29 January, 6.30pm.

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