



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	8 th January	
4 th	Jan	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm-4.50pm	Reconciliation
5 th	Jan	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
6 th	Jan	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday - Baptism of the Lord	9th January
7 th	Jan	Fri	9.00am	Mass		Mass
Please wear your mask.					9.00am	Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord

Year C

2nd January 2022



Showing

The Feast of the Epiphany is the celebration of God who revealed Himself to people from the East. There was no explanation for calling people from the East in different

titles. Some called them the Magi, others the wise men, and others again, the three kings. They were wise in their search for the purpose and meaning of life. They had everything that people were longing to have, and yet they were able to leave it all behind, including their throne and power and wealth, in searching for the new born King, the author of life. When they found the new born King, they humbled themselves, kneeling in front of a baby to pay Him homage. This revealed the true humility deep in their hearts. Prior to meeting the new born King, they came to consult King Herod on the where about of the new born King, they received the royal welcoming protocol. They had prepared well for the journey. They prepared not just for their own needs on the journey but as well as gift for the new born King. People kneel before their king, not the other way round. Disregarding their social status as king, meeting the new born King, the Magi knelt before Jesus. This act alone meant they confessed Jesus was their King and they were His people. Their offering Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to say they were sincere, and honest in their respect.

The final week of the liturgical year, just before the Advent Season, we celebrate the Feast Christ the King of the universe. The Feast of the Epiphany confirmed the Feast Christ the King, where earthly kings, who came from the far end of the world, went in search to worship the heavenly King. Their visit implied Jesus was born for the whole world. Their visit showed Jesus revealed Himself for people of good will. There is no different between East and West, North and

South. We are all the same, all equal before God. Jesus first showed Himself to the poorest of the poor, the shepherds; Jesus then showed Himself to the richest of the rich, kings. Jesus is King of the voiced and the voiceless. Jesus chose to be born in the wilderness to show He was not king of the material world, but King of eternal love, and those who are thirsting for everlasting love come to Him, and God made them His children. Because of their love for God, the three wise kings were able to know God through their observing of the star, *'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage'*. Mat 2,3. The star revealed not God but its lights show the way leading the Magi to the Lord. It meant God revealed Himself to us through God's messenger, through others and through God's creation. We all see the stars in the sky but decoding the signs of the stars requires a special gift. Not one but all three wise men had received the gift in a mysterious way.

King Herod told the Magi,

'God 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' Mat 2,8.

He told them that he would act in an honest and honourable way, but in reality he acted in a horrible, corrupted way, that imposed immeasurable pain and suffering for his own people, whose parents mourned day and night for the innocent death of their children. God could see Herod's words and his heart which was disunity. Herod tried to fool the Magi. He could have fooled them, but not God. In their dream, God's angel told the Magi to return home by a different way.

Jesus the rising star shining the way leading to the Father. The rising sun is the imagery of light associating with God's salvation.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Thank you

Many thanks to Jim Walsh for putting his skill and time into reinforcing the pews. Thanks to his efforts, they will undoubtedly last for many more years to come.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Mass Precautions during COVID

As part of the COVID Protocols, the Mass format for all Churches have had to be amended (since March 2020):

- No wine for Communion – just prayer;
- Communion is given to the hand – currently given to the tongue is not permitted;
- Extraordinary Ministers – must wash hands before and after Mass with soap and water;
- The use of signing Peace – shaking hands, kissing and hugging is not permitted;

Fr Tuong is also not permitted to shake hands after Mass

Responsorial 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!

PASTORAL MATTERS



Prayer for the Sick

Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy, Nyaweir Ring, Kylie Herbert, Tony Ryan, Elisapeti Pati, Filo Laulu, Amanda Harding.

Reading – The Baptism of the Lord – 9th January 2022

1 st Reading	Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2 nd Reading	Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel	Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



.Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 16th January 2021
Please keep in touch with the Parish Office as the current restrictions may change at any time.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Home Visit

Due to COVID, the priest is not currently available for any home visits. Please contact the parish office for any further updates.

Reborn in Eternal Life 3rd December – 9th January

Della Wilks, Ellen Smith, Henryk Rudak, Bridget Mckelvey, Mary Fryars, Dorrie Hall.

Recently Deceased

Gregory James Donovan, Malofou Leituala, Tapulesatele Taulapapa Tiumalu Tamasone Metuli Mauteni Esera.



Loop System The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK – 9th JANUARY 2022



Flowers

Noela Leituala



Cleaning

Princeton & Tina Vaoiva

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Happy New Year!

A very warm welcome to all visitors to the parish over the festive season. We pray for safe travel for all those who are travelling during this period. Thank you to everyone who has helped throughout the year & especially to those who have made this time of year so special!

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Reminders

The next meeting for RCIA catechumenates is Saturday 15th January at 11am in the Presbytery. The office is closed for New Years, and will reopen on the 4th January.

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