

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8 JANUARY 2023

MASS TIME

Our Lady's

Friday 10:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

Communion Service

Wednesday 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Saturday:
10:30am – 11:00am

St Ambrose's

Thursday 10:00 am
Sunday 10:30 am

Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Second Saturday:
10:30am – 11:00am

St Joseph's

Wednesday 10:00 am
Saturday 6:30 pm

(Resumes on Saturday 5 February)

Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Saturday:
10:30am – 11:00am

St Fidelis'

Tuesday 9:15 am
Friday 9:15 am
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 11:00 am

Italian Mass:

1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:
10:30am – 11:00am



THE EPIPHANY ON THE LORD

On this Solemn feast of The Epiphany of the Lord, let us give thanks to the merciful God, who has made us worthy, to share the position of the saints in light and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. In the words of the prophet Isaiah prophesied: *"the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwell in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned"* (Isaiah 9:2).

OFFICE OPENING HOURS DURING JANUARY 2023

St Ambrose's offices will reopen on Tuesday 10th January 2023.

However, St Fidelis and St Joseph's offices will reopen on Tuesday 24 January.

During this time, if you have any enquiries or any urgent matters, please email or call the parish mobile 0452 180 037. A priest will be monitoring the emails and the phone and will attend to your enquires as soon as practicable.



SCRIPTURE RELECTION and COMMUNION SERVICE

*"Receive the message not as human words,
but as truly the word of God."* Thess 2:13

**TUESDAY at 10.00am at
St. Joseph's West Brunswick.
ALL WELCOME!**

PRAYERS OF INTENTION:

Recently Deceased:

Loredana Scidone

Anniversaries:

Maria La Ferlita (1 year), Eileen Butters (1 year), Donato Vincendese (1 year), Umberto & Vilma Sansico, Xavier Krikori, May Longley, Dr. James Cross, Alfred Sultana, John and Francesca Curmi and Rosalbino Vescio

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

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

(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

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world. There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace. The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.