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Reconciliation Times

10.30am Saturdays— St. Mary's
4.30pm Saturdays — Holy Spirit
5.00pm Saturdays - St. Joseph's

MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Thornbury

Sunday: 10.00am English/Italian
5.30pm English
Weekdays: Wednesdays 9.15am
Italian

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 11.00am Eng/Italian
Weekdays: Tuesdays 9.15am
English

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 9.30am
Weekdays: Thursdays 9.15am
Italian

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English
Weekdays: Fridays 9.15am English

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

9 Jan: The Baptism of the Lord
13 Jan: St. Hilary

Recently Deceased

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI;
Elishwa Joseph Kaniampuram (Fr.
Shabin's Aunt); Maroun Mtonios
Najib Taouk

Anniversaries

Cirillo Minato; Pedro Peters; Ivan
Rosa Fakhry; Wilfred Lindsay Davies.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

7/8



On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

"Epiphany" means manifestation. And the "Epiphany of the Lord" is Jesus' manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it's also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were "wise men" who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the "star" that God is using to call you. It's closer than you may think.

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.

Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way.

Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission. **Catholic Daily Reflection**

This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

FIRST READING Is. 60.1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
 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. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 83: 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13.

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.

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.

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.

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: Lord every nation on
 earth will adore you.**

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah: 49:3,5-6
 Psalm: 39:2,4,7-10
 1 Cor:1: 1-3
 John 1: 29-34

SECOND READING Eph. 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
 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 Jesus Christ, through the gospel.
 The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mat. 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
 We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord
 homage. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt. 2:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
 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. The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Prima Lettura Is 60,1-6

Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Àzati, rivestiti di luce, perché viene la tua luce,
la gloria del Signore brilla sopra di te.

Poiché, ecco, la tenebra ricopre la terra,
nebbia fitta avvolge i popoli; ma su di te risplende il
Signore, la sua gloria appare su di te.

Cammineranno le genti alla tua luce, i re allo
splendore del tuo sorgere.

Alza gli occhi intorno e guarda: tutti costoro si sono
radunati, vengono a te.

I tuoi figli vengono da lontano, le tue figlie sono
portate in braccio.

Allora guarderai e sarai raggianti, palpiterà e si
dilaterà il tuo cuore, perché l'abbondanza del mare
si riverserà su di te, verrà a te la ricchezza delle
genti.

Uno stuolo di cammelli ti invaderà, dromedari di
Màdian e di Efa, tutti verranno da Saba, portando
oro e incenso e proclamando le glorie del Signore.
re». E si prostrarono là davanti al Signore.

Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 71

R: Ti adoreranno, Signore, tutti i popoli della terra.

1. O Dio, affida al re il tuo diritto,
al figlio di re la tua giustizia;
egli giudichi il tuo popolo secondo giustizia
e i tuoi poveri secondo il diritto.

2. Nei suoi giorni fiorisca il giusto
e abbondi la pace,
finché non si spenga la luna.
E d'omini da mare a mare,
dal fiume sino ai confini della terra.

3. I re di Tarsis e delle isole portino tributi,
i re di Saba e di Seba offrano doni.
Tutti i re si prostrino a lui,
lo servano tutte le genti.

4. Perché egli libererà il misero che invoca
e il povero che non trova aiuto.
Abbia pietà del debole e del misero
e salvi la vita dei miseri.

R: Ti adoreranno, Signore, tutti i popoli della terra.

Seconda Lettura Ef 3,2-3.5-6

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo agli Efesini

Fratelli, penso che abbiate sentito parlare del ministero
della grazia di Dio, a me affidato a vostro favore: per
rivelazione mi è stato fatto conoscere il mistero.

Esso non è stato manifestato agli uomini delle
precedenti generazioni come ora è stato rivelato ai suoi
santi apostoli e profeti per mezzo dello Spirito: che le
genti sono chiamate, in Cristo Gesù, a condividere la
stessa eredità, a formare lo stesso corpo e ad essere
partecipi della stessa promessa per mezzo del Vangelo.
Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo (Mt: 2.2)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Abbiamo visto la sua stella in oriente
e siamo venuti per adorare il Signore.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt. 2:1-12

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

Nato Gesù a Betlemme di Giudea, al tempo del re Erode,
ecco, alcuni Magi vennero da oriente a Gerusalemme e
dicevano: «Dov'è colui che è nato, il re dei Giudei?
Abbiamo visto spuntare la sua stella e siamo venuti ad
adorarlo». All'udire questo, il re Erode restò turbato e
con lui tutta Gerusalemme. Riuniti tutti i capi dei
sacerdoti e gli scribi del popolo, si informava da loro sul
luogo in cui doveva nascere il Cristo. Gli risposero: «A
Betlemme di Giudea, perché così è scritto per mezzo del
profeta: "E tu, Betlemme, terra di Giuda, non sei
davvero l'ultima delle città principali di Giuda: da te
infatti uscirà un capo che sarà il pastore del mio popolo,
Israele"».

Allora Erode, chiamati segretamente i Magi, si fece dire
da loro con esattezza il tempo in cui era apparsa la stella
e li inviò a Betlemme dicendo: «Andate e informatevi
accuratamente sul bambino e, quando l'avrete trovato,
fatemelo sapere, perché anch'io venga ad adorarlo».
Udito il re, essi partirono. Ed ecco, la stella, che avevano
visto spuntare, li precedeva, finché giunse e si fermò
sopra il luogo dove si trovava il bambino. Al vedere la
stella, provarono una gioia grandissima. Entrati nella
casa, videro il bambino con Maria sua madre, si
prostrarono e lo adorarono. Poi aprirono i loro scrigni e
gli offrirono in dono oro, incenso e mirra. Avvertiti in
sogno di non tornare da Erode, per un'altra strada
fecero ritorno al loro paese. Parola del Signore

A: Lode a te o Cristo.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 4 weeks, then a new request is required.

Mary Sellars; Dion Cassar; Lorenzo De Marco; Andy Sinn; Vittoria Calidonna and Julie Mamo

HOUSE VISITATIONS

Do you or someone you know require any of the following

- Annual House Visits
- Visits to the Sick
- Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Presbytery on 9484 2907 to arrange a time with Fr Shabin or Fr. Dixon.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND / MALATE O CONFINATE A CASA

Se conoscete persone che sono malate o confinate a casa e vorrebbero ricevere visite o la comunione a casa siete pregati di mettervi in contatto contact Parish Offices **9484 2907**

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, 5:30pm Mass during school terms.

This is a way for school aged children to gather and understand the Gospel at their age level.

Cancelled until further notice

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Thursday at Holy Spirit Parish Office room at 10-11am -Will resume February 2023 WELCOME!

Contact: Mirella at Thornbury@cam.org.au

BAPTISMS: by appointment only

- 1 Sunday of the month - St. Mary's
- 2 Sunday of the month - Holy Spirit
- 3 Sunday of the month - St. Anthony's
- 4 Sunday of the month - St. Joseph's

First Wednesday of the month.

St. Joseph's: 7.00pm: Baptism Preparation meeting the church.

By appointment only.

St. Mary's: By appointment only please call parish Office

St Anthony's and Holy Spirit :Baptism prep session 1st Saturday of the month 10am with Kevin and Katrina Jansz.

SENIORS

Last Friday of the month

St. Joseph's Seniors Mass every last Friday of the Month at 10.30am in the church.

Parrocchiani anziani di San Giuseppe sono invitati a partecipare alla **Santa Messa ultimo Venerdì del mese alle 10.30am.**

Finished for the year will recommence in February 2023.

First Wednesday of the month

St. Mary's 9.15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick first Wednesday of the month. Will recommence in February 2023

"Telephone Prayer meeting"

When: Every Tuesday at 11.30am

Dial: **07- 5660 6012** (call from home)

Access code: **722762 #**

Cost: Cost of a local call. Open to all.

Catholic Religious Education

St. Mary's: Sundays at 9.45 am. R.E Classes in preparation for Sacraments. Please contact Mirella 9484 2907.

St Anthony's and Holy Spirit :Sacramental program 5pm to 6pm in meeting room St Anthony's, six weeks before the Sacrament is received.

Safeguarding Children, Young

People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person: Moses El-Fahkri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has been remembered for his faith, humility and love for God. The former pontiff died Dec. 31 2022 in Vatican City at the age of 95.

In many cities the church's bells have tolled 95 times, once for each year of Benedict's life.

We give thanks and praise to God for the gift of life that was given over 95 years ago to Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger. Benedict "used his gifts so faithfully, humbly and lovingly to serve God and the church."

Benedict understood that faith and reason "are not opposed to each other, but, in his words, are natural allies."

Pope Francis issued his first encyclical several months after succeeding Benedict in 2013. Pope Francis said his text was largely based on work Pope Benedict had done and made available to him. A central figure in the encyclical is Abraham, who does not see God but hears his voice. Benedict, listened to God's voice.

At his final papal audience in February 2013, Benedict talked about hearing that voice. The pope said, "And now eight years later, I can say that the Lord has truly led me. He has been close to me. I have been able to perceive his presence today."

The church, the pope said that day, has highs and lows, and Pope Benedict felt like St. Peter in a boat on the Sea of Galilee. There are days when the catch is abundant, and others when the seas are rough. I have always known that the Lord is in that boat."

In talking about the late pope's humility, Bishop Koenig from Wilmington recalled that then-Cardinal Ratzinger preferred he not be selected to succeed Pope John Paul II in 2005, but that was not God's plan, the bishop said. Once he was selected, however, he appeared in the central loggia of St. Peter's Basilica and called himself "a simple, humble laborer in the vineyard of the Lord."

That reminded Bishop Koenig of St. Joseph, the adopted father of Jesus. Like St. Joseph, much of Benedict's life centred on caring for the church.

Pope Benedict's love for God. Bishop Koenig said encounters with Christ often give our lives a new horizon and a definite direction.

When Pope Benedict was a youngster in Germany, he was conscripted into the Nazi army. He wrote about his decision to desert despite the risks associated with leaving. Benedict knew that he could be executed if he was caught. One day, while walking down a road, he was stopped by Nazi soldiers, but they let him go because his arm was in a sling, so they told him to go heal.

"Thank God they were ones who had enough of war and did not want to become murderers," Pope Benedict wrote years later.

His experiences informed his teaching. "He spoke very clearly, warning us as a people of God of the dictatorship of relativism, not to be co-opted by the world around him."

In 2008 Sydney hosted the 23rd World Youth Day, presided over by Pope Benedict XVI. Around half a million young people from 200 countries attended the youth meetings during the week of 15 to 20 July with an estimated one million coming over the weekend to see the pontiff.

"May we be strengthened to grow in our love of God by Benedict's example."



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