

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B

FIRST READING – Isaiah 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 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – PS.71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. R.

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.

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.

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.

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 Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

■ The word of the Lord.

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

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.



ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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2nd & 3rd January 2021

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You can now follow us on Facebook too!

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Masses:
5.00 pm & 7.00pm
Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday & Tuesday: 9:15am
Wednesday: 7:00pm (followed by Novena to
Our Lady of Perpetual Help)
Thursday & Friday: 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

On Saturday mornings after Mass till 10:30am

Farewell

Today/ Sunday - Farewell to Fr. Dong Tran with the 10.00am Mass and afterwards. Fr. Dong's final Sunday in St. Kevin's Parish will be the 10th January.

From Outdoors to Indoors

It has been a magnificent achievement to create the situation whereby Sunday Mass over three weekends, and our Christmas Masses, could be celebrated without limits and even without having to book a place. The hired equipment as well as the coordination of a number of other aspects, including the sound, have enabled the free and fair coming together of parishioners outside the church. Weather conditions have tested us along the way, sometimes very hot, sometimes cooler, and quite often very strong winds have sprung up. A point has now been reached, not wanting to continue taking chances with the weather, that a shift can be made indoors, that is, a simultaneous combination of the church and the hall for our Sunday Masses. In shifting indoors it is possible to revert to the usual times of 9.00am and 11.00am on Sunday morning. The early times of 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm were chosen because of the expected heat.

Sunday Mass times:
Vigil Masses: 5.00pm and 7.00pm
Day Masses: 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

The Sunday evening Mass time is being kept at 6.00pm for the time being as I intend to initiate a survey for parishioners to either confirm a preference for the 7.00pm time slot or to indicate another preferred time slot, such as 5.00pm, 5.30pm, 6.00pm, 6.30pm.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

RCIA

On Friday 18th December the following candidates were received in the Catholic Church as full members of St Kevin's community. They missed out on the Easter Vigil Mass due to the Covid-19 lockdown and were eager to complete their initiation. Please welcome them:

Kudawash Mashatise, Sophie Munapenyi, Ruyimbo Nadine Mashatise, Laura Kartman, Silao Stanliauz, Sina Salu, Tito Toleafoa, Ingrid Karghoo

The next program is planned to start next October. If anyone is interested please contact the parish office.

Monique Cavalot



A big Thank you

2020 has been a year of uncertainty, with the fear and restrictions that were a result of COVID-19 having an effect on all of us. Keeping the hope and joy of Christmas at the forefront of our minds, we sought to organise our first big Parish Community Event -- Rejoice! Rejoice! A Celebration of Carols.

We would like to thank each and every one of you that participated in this event and would like to highlight our appreciation for the following groups of people --

Our choirs took time out of their busy lives to attend practices and polish up their singing (I'm quite sure a lot of them said their voices were rusty) even though we could not confirm whether we would have an audience or even a live telecast. I am sure it would have been at the back of their minds that the whole event could have been called off should restrictions need to be beefed up. This did not stop them practising in the hope that we could all get together as a community, even though we could only provide them with answers to their questions a week prior to the day. We couldn't have been happier to tell them that restrictions were lifted.

Our Social Group were also challenged with their inability to serve up the variety of food that they usually put out for us. They had to be in constant contact with the local authorities to understand what they could and could not do and again, could only plan after restrictions eased a week prior to the event. Given the paucity of time in which to plan and put out food for sale, they did a brilliant job and we would like to appreciate the extra effort they had to put in.

A number of people came forward and offered their services before and through the evening. Thank you to our volunteers, without whom the evening could not have run so smoothly.

A very special thank you to St Kevin's Primary School and the Principal, Jason for not only offering us the use of the school grounds/hall, but also for taking the time to meet with us, and not only offering their support in whatever way they could, but also providing us with firsthand information and sharing their experience on the COVID-19 guidelines.

A special mention must be made of our two young co-hosts, Aurelle and Sheldon, who put in a lot of thought and planning into how they would take us through the evening; and no, Sheldon, Santa would certainly not feel welcome if we sing, "I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus"!

Lastly, but certainly not the least, thank you to those who showed their support and appreciation by attending the evening and living the community spirit. There would have been no evening without you.

Thank you, once again, Fr Des and Fr Dong, for your support and trust in us.

Have a blessed and happy Christmas.

Howard, Kevin, Carlton and Candice

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Lynelle, Ronan Fernandez

For the sick: John Britto (2)

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Saramma Ambrose

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Privacy legislation requires the **written permission of an authorized person** before any name can be printed. Any list of the sick in the parish bulletin will undergo renewal according to a four week cycle. After four weeks a person's name on the sick list will be removed. However, once again on the basis of written permission of an authorised person the name can be re-added to the list.



Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

In this Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, "Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]" he has "recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary." This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph," on account of its closing words: "My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Let's Reflect....

“...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!