

**First Reading**

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.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm****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**

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 the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

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.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter

## The Epiphany of the Lord Year B 3rd January 2021

**St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde  
Blackwood

**Our Lady of the Way**

4-6 Laffers Rd  
Glenalta

**Introduction:** For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

Lord hear our prayer.

**Memorial Acclamation:**

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup. We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again

**Communion Antiphon:**

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

**St. Michael the Archangel prayer**

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*

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**BAPTISMS**

By appointment

**WEDDINGS**

By appointment

**MASS TIMES****St. Paul of the Cross (SPC)**

Tuesday 9:30am  
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Friday 11:00am  
Sunday 8:00am

**Our Lady of the Way (OLW)**

Wednesday 7:00pm  
Thursday 9:30am  
Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am

**CONFESSIONS**

SPC - Friday 10:30 to 10:55am  
OLW - Saturday 5:30 to 5:50pm

**HOLY HOUR**

OLW - Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30pm

**ROSARY FOR PEACE**

OLW - Monday 10am

**THANK YOU**

A special thank you to the COVID Marshals who all went above and beyond for our Christmas Masses. All Masses were well attended and managing social distancing was a challenge, but they did a brilliant job. So, thank you!

Thanks also to Fr. Tony and Deacon Tee Ping who continue to provide spiritual guidance to us all. We should also extend our thanks to their families as well. While they are caring for our spiritual needs they are unable to spend this special time with their own families. We would not be a parish without them so thank you to Fiona and Mary Ann and their families for supporting them and in doing so supporting the entire parish.

**Morning Tea** will NOT be held this Sunday 3rd January 2021 at either Our Lady of the Way or St. Paul of the Cross, but will be held in February, subject to any COVID restrictions.

**Sunday 3rd January. Mercy Grove**

Mercy Grove is in need of some tidying and there will be a working bee at 11.30am on Sunday 10th January. Please attend, as many hands will make light work.

Whipper snippers will be particularly useful as some of the weeds are quite advanced.

Terry Tierney

**Sick List**

Parishioners, could you please notify the Parish Office if you would like names of any relatives or friends who are unwell and would like their names placed on the list so prayers can be said for them, or any who have now recovered and could be taken off. Thank you

**Please Pray for friends**, some named previously, some wishing to remain anonymous

**Sick:** Jacob Van Eyk, Teresa and Tony Lavers, Siew Eng Ling (Tee Ping's mother) Gary Stafford, Greg Collins, Margaret Granger, Anna Mackie, Roger Sawley, Laura Fazzalari, Dieter Marwede, Jemima Leydon Janine Kinnear, Sheila Ko (Tee Ping's sister) Bruce Daw (Trish Tonkin's uncle), Stephen Wooding (Janet's husband)

**Recently Deceased:** Zvonko Nemcic, Marie Fisher

**Anniversaries:**

**COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING THE EVENTS LISTED BELOW WILL RESUME IN 2021**

**Morning Tea at Our Lady of the Way**—first and third Sunday of the month after 10am Mass

**St. Paul of the Cross** - first Sunday of the month after 8am Mass

**Community Breakfast** - in the Cottage—to be advised

**Mainly Music**—when school resumes date to be advised

**Card and Board Games**—February

**Youth Activities** — when school resumes

**Yoga Sessions**—to be advised in January

**Knitting Group**—to be advised

**17th February**—Ash Wednesday

**4th April**—Easter Sunday

**COVID UPDATE**

Venue capacity can return to 1 person per 2 sqm. This allows us to increase numbers in both our Churches, with the maximum being 78 at St Paul of the Cross and 116 at Our Lady of the Way. However, the 1.5m social distancing remains between groups not within immediate families or those who regularly associate with each other. Please ensure the safety of your family, friends and our community by ensuring that the appropriate distance is maintained if you do not know the person next to you at Church.

No singing remains in place.

There is still no Sunday obligation so you may attend at any time during the week to meet the need to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

**QR Codes**

It is mandatory for all venues to now display their QR Codes. Once you have downloaded the mySA GOV app and scan a code you will be asked for your details. A one-off code will be sent to your phone and when you enter this it confirms your identity. There has been some confusion as the check in screen gives you the option to change your details rather than just checking in. This is so you can add other people who are with you who may not have a mobile phone. If you do not need to scan anyone else simply click the check-in button at the bottom of the screen.

Remember that the next time you try and scan yourself in you will need to change the details back to your own. Children are not required to be scanned in with the QR code but must still be included in the overall head count at all venues. Manual contact tracing will still be available at all venues.

***If a Priest is required  
Please Call 8278 6619***

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*“...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. Firstly, 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!!

**Parish Census and Ministry Renewal****Parish Census**

COVID-19 has highlighted the need for the parish to update its records and renew ministries as restrictions are relaxed. Up to date and accurate contact details are essential to ensure Fr. Tony, deacon Tee Ping and our Pastoral coordinator, Charlie, can maintain contact with parishioners. We would be particularly keen to get as many email addresses as possible as this is a fast and reliable way to inform you of changes and developments within the Parish and Archdiocese. So please, if you have internet access and an email address let us know. If you are aware of other parishioners who have not yet returned to Mass please take a form and give it to them, this will give Fr. Tony and our pastoral team the opportunity to make contact.

**Ministry Renewal**

Many of you have indicated in the past which ministries you are interested in being involved with but with the COVID restrictions ministries were placed on hold. We are taking this opportunity to ask everyone to complete the Ministry Renewal form on the back of the census form to indicate how they can support the parish as things begin to return to normal. The Altar Society have started with the flower roster and the readers roster will be next. Even though you may have offered your time for a particular ministry in the past we are asking that you confirm your continued willingness to participate by completing the form.

Some of you may feel that you can no longer participate and we take this opportunity to thank you for the time you have given in the past but please do complete the contact information regardless. All information we receive on these forms is for parish use only and will not be shared with any other organisation or group.

Please collect a form from either church and make sure you fill it out and return it as soon as possible.

Thank you