

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8 January 2023

ORDINARY MASS TIMES

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**

Tuesday - Friday: **Please see the temporary time table on 3rd page**

Saturday: **8 am**

Reconciliation: Saturday 8.30 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Moonee Ponds and Strathmore Parish
Offices are currently closed
until 9 January.**

Dear friends,

Once again, during this season of Christmas, we are presented with a very familiar story in this Sunday's Gospel Reading. But there are a number of things which are not mentioned. All that Matthew's Gospel tells us is that the visitors are **wise men**. No mention is made of the number of them, no mention is made of them being kings, nor are they named.

All of this, though, means very little. When we come to celebrate this Solemnity of the Epiphany we are not simply remembering a past event. Rather, **we** are caught up in the action of God in our world **now**. Our celebration of any liturgy proclaims what happens **today**.

So, at Epiphany, we celebrate the fact that Christ is made manifest to the nations **here and now**. The glory of the Lord which Isaiah speaks about in the First Reading rises in **our** midst. The power of these events, the grace they bring, is present to us even as we speak.

With every blessing,

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

!! Please note that it is for 15 January.

MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	Sr Loretta (<i>Eng.</i>) V. Pizzichetta (<i>Ita.</i>)	R. Gonsalves S. Maurici
10.30 am	L. Connors D. Connors	A. Lim M. Sequerah
5.30 pm	J. Fernando (<i>please do all readings</i>)	J. Dobson R. Legudi

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 2

Thursday, 12 January, 2pm

CHURCH LINEN

in January

M. Giardina

***We are grateful for your volunteering works
for our parish community.***

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 2023



Know, brothers and sisters,
that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also
the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the 22nd day of February will fall **Ash Wednesday**,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 9th day of April you will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 21st day of May will be the **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

On the 28th day of May, **the feast of Pentecost**.

On the 11th day of June, **the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

On the 3rd day of December, **the First Sunday of Advent** of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED

*Let perpetual light shine upon all who have died recently,
Lord, especially:*

Mary McPherson
Thi Kim Oanh (Maria) Bui

ANNIVERSARY

*In Faith, Hope and Love, we pray for all whose
anniversaries occurs at this time, especially:*

Amato Nicola **Frank Sheehan**
Carmelo Munafo **John Sheehan**
Lucia Gianfriddo **Carmen Miranda**

PRAY FOR OUR ELDERS AND THE SICK

Marius Fernando	Dantina Frederico
Stella Mammone	Gino Salvo
Rosa Di Pietro	Lucia Bordin
Leo Gillman	Stephanie Jouhari
Jillian Eolzella	Loretta Bastian
Caterina Timpano	Charlie Tiang
Lena Savoia	Anne Ryan
Margaret Whelan	Geraldine Macken
Anna Vogl	Anna Henneken
Paul Duffy	Giuseppina Mammone
Antoinette Parrella	Antonio Galioto
E'jon Biscocho	



**THE EPIPHANY BLESSING -
MARKING OUR HOMES WITH BLESSED CHALK
FOR THE NEW YEAR**



The ancient custom of marking the door of the house with blessed chalk is a way of incorporating the liturgical solemnity of the Epiphany as a domestic ritual into the prayer life of our family. Chalk is first blessed in the parish church at Masses for Epiphany and then people are invited to take some home and to mark the lintel of their front door:

20 C + M + B 23

The letters C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men who come seeking Jesus: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters also represent the words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ Bless this Abode)*.

[***Click Here for the Epiphany Blessing to Use at Home***](#)

FR ANDREW'S THANKSGIVING MASS

Fr Andrew will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell on **Sunday 15th January at 10.30am** at Moonee Ponds - all parishioners are welcome to attend. Next weekend, there will be a special collection for a presentation to be made to Fr Andrew.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST

The Archbishop appointed **Fr Brian Muling** as our new Assistant Priest for Moonee Ponds and Strathmore. Fr Brian comes to us from Box Hill Parish and will commence his appointment with us on 18 January 2023. **Welcome Fr Brian!**

TEMPORARY MASS TIMETABLE AFTER CHRISTMAS

The temporary Mass timetable affects only Weekday Masses **from 27 December 2022 (Tue) to 13 January 2023 (Fri)**. Saturday and Sunday Masses (*including Vigil Mass*) will be celebrated at the usual time. Please see below:

	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat	Sun
<i>St. Monica's</i>	9.15 am	NO MASS	9.15 am	NO MASS	8.00 am	8.30 am, 10.30 am, 5.30 pm
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	NO MASS	10.00 am	NO MASS	10.00 am	6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)	9.30 am

Please take a bulletin home and read though.
Have a blessed week in Christ.

Readings at Mass
The Epiphany of the Lord

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

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.*

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.**

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.**

It 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 Jesus Christ, 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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