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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (B)

03 JANUARY 2021



Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Mal 3.1; 1 Chr 29.12

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

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 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. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 71(72).1-2,7-8,10-13

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

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

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PARTS OF THE MASS

Penitential Rite

✠ Have mercy on us, O Lord.
✠ For we have sinned against you.
✠ Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
✠ And grant us your salvation.

✠ May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
✠ Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Credo | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Orate fratres

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours...

The people will stand and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Mysterium fidei

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Libera nos

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days...

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.

Ecce Agnus Dei

Behold the Lamb of God...

And together with the people, the priest adds:

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph

*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.*

TV / ONLINE MASS

TV Mass - Channel 10, every Sunday 06.00am
St Mary's Cathedral (Sydney) | Sunday 10.30am
<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

08 December 2020 to 08 December 2021
150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of
Saint Joseph as Patron Saint of the Universal Church



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 Lent & Holy Week

Wednesday	17/02	Ash Wednesday
Sunday	28/03	Palm Sunday
Thursday	01/04	Maundy Thursday
Friday	02/04	Good Friday
Sunday	04/04	Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

Church Grants Plenary Indulgence for Year of St. Joseph

The Apostolic Penitentiary has issued a decree granting special indulgences for the duration of the special Year of St Joseph to celebrate the anniversary and "to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian of Jesus."

The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (*sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions*) to Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on these occasions and manners indicated by the Apostolic Penitentiary:

- 1) Participate in a spiritual retreat for at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
- 2) Pray for St. Joseph's intercession for the unemployed that they might find dignifying work.
- 3) Recite the Litany of St. Joseph for persecuted Christians. Byzantine Catholics have the option of an Akathist to St. Joseph.
- 4) Entrust one's daily work and activity to the protection of St. Joseph the Worker.
- 5) Follow St. Joseph's example in performing a corporal work of mercy. These include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the imprisoned, visiting the sick, and burying the dead.
- 6) Perform one of the spiritual works of mercy, such as comforting the sorrowful, counselling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, and praying for the living and the dead.
- 7) Pray the rosary together with one's family in order that "all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family."
- 8) Engaged couples can also receive an indulgence from praying the rosary together.
- 9) Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, because St. Joseph "invites us to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God's will."
- 10) Celebrate the feast of St. Joseph on March 19 with an act of piety in honour of St. Joseph.
- 11) Pray an approved prayer to St. Joseph on the 19th of any month.
- 12) Honour Joseph with an act of piety or approved prayer on a Wednesday, the day traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph.
- 13) Pray to St. Joseph on the Feast of the Holy Family on Dec. 27.
- 14) Celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1 with an act of piety or prayer.

The elderly, the sick, and the dying who are unable to leave their homes due to the coronavirus pandemic also have special permission to receive an indulgence by "offering with trust in God the pains and discomforts" of their lives with a prayer to St. Joseph, hope of the sick and patron of a happy death. The decree noted that in this instance the person must have the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions for an indulgence, as well as a detachment from sin.

In your charity, please pray for

Our sick

Mary Anne Plater
Julie Parry
Emily Herden
Fr John Willis
Stephen Brown
Julien Ryan
Gordon Livingstone
Pearl Howard
Joy Makepeace
Johanna Turner
Bayly Turner
Cecilia Kelly
Rita Kelly

Our Deceased

+ Ronnie Umali
+ Amalia Sarrosa
+ Frank Fahy
+ Anne Therese Davenport
+Neryl Lee
+Bella Atangan

Mass Intentions

04/01 + Deceased members of the
Conroy Family
05/01 + Amalia Sarrosa
06/01 + Frank Fahy
07/01 + Margaret Harrison

Roman Martyrology

4/1 St Mavilus, *martyr*
5/1 St Telesphorus, *pope*
6/1 St Macra, *virgin*
7/1 St Raymond of Peñafort
8/1 St Eugenio, *martyr*
9/1 Sts Julian and Basilissa

*Omnes sancti Mártyres,
oráte pro nobis*

MASS THIS WEEK

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday to Friday	09.30am
Saturday	05.30pm
Sunday	8am, 9am, 5.30pm

BAPTISM

By appointment

ANointing OF THE SICK

By appointment

CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday 04.45 - 05.15pm

Weekly Collection

1 st Collection	\$ 456.05
Envelopes PG	\$ 751.00
Loose	\$ 104.40

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Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 2.2

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon | Cf. Mt 2: 2

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



Parish Census

May we request new parishioners to register with the parish and current parishioners that may need to update their details to complete a Parish Census Form. Available at <https://stedwardsparish.org.au/blog-3033> and send via email: southtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au or post to: Parish Secretary, PO Box 5002, South Tamworth NSW 2340. If you have any further questions please send us an email or call the office on 02 6765 9543.

Catholic Devotion: Blessing of Homes and Chalking of Door

January 6 | Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honoured Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2021 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C+M + B + 21**. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “21” at the end mark the year. The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be someone less well-known in Australia. It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work or visit them there. The timing for the chalking of the doors varies somewhat in practice. In some places, it is done on New Year’s Day.

More commonly, it is performed January 6 — the traditional Feast of the Epiphany — the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Traditionally the blessing is done by either a priest or the head of the family. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription and offering a short prayer. The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.” We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 21 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God’s Son who became human two thousand and twenty one years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen