



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## The Epiphany of the Lord - 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### Readings

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6; **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; **Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 9 January:** 6.30am

*The Baptism of the Lord*

**Wednesday 11 January:** 9am

**Thursday 12 January:** 9am

**Friday 13 January:** 9am

### WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday** 5.00pm

*(1st Rite of Reconciliation:*

*Saturday 4.30pm)*

**Sunday** 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

### Parish Calendar

#### JANUARY

##### • Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

##### • Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Finance Meeting 6pm Parish Office

##### • Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

Australia Day 9am Mass

##### • Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

The Little Kings's Movement Annual Appeal

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3 March 2017



*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.*

Dear friends,

This year, because of Christmas Day falling on a Sunday, we won't celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on a Sunday. We will celebrate it tomorrow. As we embark on a new year, it is always good for us to contemplate the meaning of our own baptism. We are baptised people — but what does that mean? At our baptism, something happens to us. As believers, we say that baptism does something to us. We say this even about those who have forgotten their baptism. That is not to say that the baptised are somehow better or superior to those who aren't baptised — who certainly know that isn't the case — but it is to say that the "God-like seed" that exists in every person is somehow watered or ignited in a particular way. In truth we say, if we weren't baptised, we would be different people. But nothing magical happens in baptism. Baptism is not just one day in our life; real baptism takes a lifetime.

At Jesus' baptism, he heard a voice that claimed him as "the Beloved". May we hear the same voice who spoke to Jesus at his baptism. May we hear the same words which were first whispered to us on the day of baptism. Let us take the words that were said to Jesus and make them our own: "(Insert your own name), you are my son/daughter, my Beloved. My favour rests on you." Take a moment to say it to yourselves — and take time to hear it.

Our personal story begins at birth, but we are bathed in the immense ocean of a much larger story at our baptism. This story does not drag us down into the depths, but raises us to the heights. Even if we forget, the God of our baptism never forgets us. Let us take this thought into the year ahead.

*Fr. Anthony*

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The Magi mentioned in the Gospel of Matthew are a living witness to the fact that the seeds of truth are present everywhere, for they are the gift of the Creator, who calls all people to acknowledge him as good and faithful Father. Like the Magi, countless people, in our own day, have a "restless heart" which continues to seek without finding sure answers — it is the restlessness of the Holy Spirit that stirs in hearts. They too are looking for a star to show them the path to Bethlehem.

## Clayfield Conversations

### An Epiphany Reflection

*Stars guide the way of pilgrims.  
They are pin-points of light, beacons of hope, sprinkles of promise.*

*The prophet tell us that a light has shone —  
that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
Surely this is one of the most beautiful images in all of scripture.*

*We have been preparing to hear these words. We have been waiting for the day.  
The dawn's glow is now a burst of light shinning on us.*

*But yet, there is still too much darkness.*

*There is war and destruction, there is poverty and desolation, there is hatred and rivalry,  
there is bitterness and sorrow, there is torment and anxiety, there is sickness and loneliness.  
There are our fears and our instinct to look after only ourselves.  
There is still too much darkness.*

*And yet, amid this darkness there are stars that guide our way.*

*Stars serve as a reminder and a promise; a remnant and a guarantee —  
The Great Light will one day shine on us.*

*But only if we first pledge to shine;  
Only if the darkness in us is conquered by the divine light which God gives;  
Only if we glow with a greater goodness whose source comes from beyond us.  
Only if we light a lamp of faith and keep somewhere near our heart and soul.  
Yes, there is darkness still, but there is more than enough light.*

*There is the promise of the dawning of our salvation, like the rising sun coming to greet us.  
And there is us, and others, like stars spread across the face of night and shadows —  
pin-points of light, beacons of hope, sprinkles of promise.*

*Pilgrims, look to the stars and wait for the dawn, for the dream of the prophet will come true!  
Today is the day when we echo his cry:  
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!*

### In our prayers we remember

#### Those who have died recently :

Junie Phelan, June Blanshard, Maria Fernandes, Allan Metcalf

#### And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Philip Collins, Sue McSweeney, Peter Stephenson, Craig Andrews, Blue Doyle, Dell Murphy, Grace Russo, Stan McKenzie

#### Those who are sick:

Carmel Elms, Angie Sturges, Helen Orosz, Marie Ho, Trevor Simpson, Lisa Bowes, Sophia Horrocks, Mario Di Filippo, Betty Beaton, Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, Rakesh Akhil, Dell McHugh, Fr Michael Cooney, Craig Gerran, Ken Kipping, Paul White, Edward Clark, Alexandra Manning, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Ann Tully, Matthew Gray, Frank Wilkie, Patrick Gallagher, Eileen Clarke, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente, Philomena L'Hiullier.



### PARISH ROSTERS - Please arrange a substitute if you are unavailable on your rostered day.

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

#### READERS:

7/8 Jan	Lauren McMullan Eddie Foley	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Wilma O'Connell Trish Ryan Clare Smethurst	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Jan	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Mark Burton Annette Riba	Heidi Cooper Jane Arkinstall Michael Crutcher	Life Teen Mass

#### COMMUNION MINISTERS:

7/8 Jan	Volunteer	Helen Roberts	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Jan	Jan Zammit	Paulette Archer	Volunteer	Life Teen Mass

#### ORGANISTS:

7/8 Jan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Jan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass