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The Epiphany of the Lord (Yr. B) - 7th January 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6, 10-11; **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; **Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 8 January: 6.30am

The Baptism of the Lord

Wednesday 10 January: 9am

Thursday 11 January: 9am

Friday 12 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 8th**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

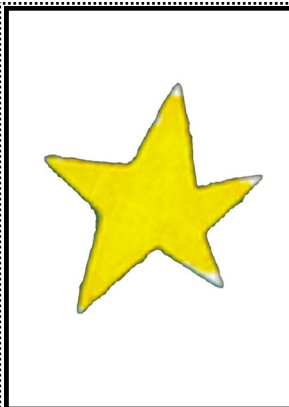


DATE SAVER

Sunday 4 February 2018,

9am

ST AGATHA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS



In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?" For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

Dear Friends,

We have begun a new year, and our new year resolutions are now a faded memory. But of this feast of the Epiphany, we can ask ourselves, "What light are you or I following? What has brought us here? What lights lead us in our everyday choices?" We are all searchers – seeking answers to all sorts

of spoken and silent questions. The wise men were wise, not because they knew all the answers, but because they knew what their questions were. "What does this light mean?" they asked themselves. Today – the Feast of the Epiphany – is the feast day of all searchers; those who aren't sure about the meaning of life but are wise enough to continue to journey with their questions. The answers rarely come easily, but we need to realise that by our human nature, we are a basically questioners. We will always have questions, things that we are seeking the answers to, and usually we will plod along like the wise men, in the dark, sometimes following only the dimmest of lights. But it is because we have questions, especially the silent ones, that we sense there must be an answer, even if it is a silent one. The wise men knew to continue their pilgrimage no matter what. They were wise. May we be wise enough to follow their lead. Let us discover the joy of encountering one another along the way. And in discovering the joy of encountering one another, we also discover the joy of encountering God. other human beings.

On this feast day, in this festive time, may we be particularly conscious of our bond as a human family. We called to see one another, all others, as our sisters and our brothers. Let us turn our thoughts and prayers to the needs of the greater human family, and may true and active compassion be the fruit of our prayer and reflection. *Fr. Anthony*

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Christmas has above all a *taste of hope* because, for all the darkness in our lives, God's light shines forth. His gentle light does not frighten us. God, who is in love with us, draws us to himself with his tenderness, by being born poor and frail in our midst, as one of us. He is born in Bethlehem, which means "house of bread". In this way, he seems to tell us that he is born as *bread for us*; he enters our life to give us his life; he comes into our world to give us his love. He does not come to devour or to lord it over us, but instead to feed and serve us. There is a straight line between the manger and the cross where Jesus will become *bread that is broken*. It is the straight line of love that gives and saves, the love that brings light to our lives and peace to our hearts.

Clayfield Conversations

Epiphany Proclamation 2018

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and in the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25. In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday (which was last Sunday), the upcoming dates were "proclaimed" after the gospel in this way:

Dear brothers and sisters,
the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return.
Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the **Easter Triduum** of the Lord:
his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated
between the evening of the Twenty-Ninth day of March
and the evening of the Thirty-First day of March.

Easter Sunday being on the First day of April.

Each Easter - as on each Sunday—the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed
by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.
From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the Fourteenth day of February.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on Sunday, the Thirteenth day of May.

Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the Twentieth day of May.

And, this year the **First Sunday of Advent** will be on the Second day of December.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God,
in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history,
be endless praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



This weekend we welcome Fr John Sullivan for all the Masses.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Shaun Cochrane

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Craig Andrews, Blue Doyle, Stan McKenzie

Those who are sick:

Maureen Long, Anne Seymour, Bev O'Brien, Margaret-Mary Hayes, James Elliott, Kahyam Baines, Paul Gaynor, Lorraine Atkinson-McEwen, Camille Butler-Storms, Mary Ann Marcelo, Isabel Leddick, Carmel Elms, Helen Orosz, Lisa Bowes, Sophia Horrocks, Mario Di Filippo, Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, Dell McHugh, Fr Michael Cooney, Craig Gerran, Ken Kipping, Paul White, Edward Clark, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Ann Tully, Patrick Gallagher, Eileen Clarke, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente

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

	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
<u>READERS:</u>				
6/7 Jan	Marian Nolan <i>Volunteer</i>	Annette Riba James Robinson	Michael Crutcher Eileen Duncan	Life Teen Mass
13/14 Jan	Phil Zammit Eric van der List	Kirsty Stevens Mark Burton	Wilma O'Connell Dominic Ryan Clare Smethurst	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS:</u>				
6/7 Jan	Edward Foley	<i>Volunteer</i>	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
13/14 Jan	Jan Zammit	Paulette Archer	Julianne Ryan	Life Teen mass
<u>ORGANISTS:</u>				
6/7 Jan	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
13/14 Jan	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass