



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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The Epiphany of the Lord 1/2 January 2022

Gospel Reflection for the Epiphany of our Lord

The word Epiphany means to reveal or to make known. This Sunday, these strangers whom we call kings, who were led and drawn by the light of a star to come and do homage to Jesus. They arrive with strange gifts as they bend low and kneel in front of the King of Kings. These kings from far off lands are humbled in the presence of Jesus. The birth of Jesus is no longer meant just for the People of Israel, but for the whole human race.



People reacted differently to the birth of Jesus. The shepherds recognised one of their own in that animal shed; someone who would later say of himself, 'I am the Good Shepherd.' The kings, too saw one like themselves; someone would later say of himself, 'Yes, I am a King.' Herod, however who was a powerful and influential king was worried, anxious and even threatened by this child. It was Jesus who had the real power, not Herod.

Angels came and told the shepherds where Jesus was to be found. The kings followed the light of a star that led to Jesus. Today, we experience God in far more ordinary ways. God continues to break and burst into our world and our lives in many different ways. We have to be looking for them or else we will miss them. An act of kindness, compassion or generosity from someone reminds us that God is with us. A silent hand on our shoulder when we are struggling can reveal God to us. An apology made and a hand offered as a sign of peace; these are all small daily epiphanies. These are the ways and times that God continues to break into our world time and time again each and every day. The feast of the epiphany of the Lord is not about something that just happened along ago – this great feast reminds us to look for and find God within and around us.

The Irish poet Patrick Kavanagh wrote that God is in the bits and pieces of every day. The ways we experience God are not always in loud and dramatic ways. God often just whispers to us gently and nudges us to hear something, notice something or do something. We have to be looking and searching for these signs or we will miss them. We have to be listening or we will miss the whisper.

The kings had the wisdom and courage to follow the star wherever it led them. Today in my own daily life, do I have the courage, wisdom and faith to let God guide and direct me? On this great feast of the Epiphany of our Lord, we pray for ourselves and all people of good will who are searching for God. May we have the light of faith to guide us through the ordinary events of our daily lives.

Michael Moore OMI (Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate)

*Best wishes to you all for a safe,
happy and blessed New Year.*

Masks are mandatory inside the church

Roster for December/January

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
1/2 January	Judy Bartels	Sr Cecily Foster	Eileen Duncan	Julia Dixon
<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Paul Bartels	Karen Birtles	Hannah Arkinstall	
Communion Minister 1/2 January	Deborah Hall	Marie Deuble	George Arkinstall	Matthew Crossley
PowerPoint Clicker 1/2 January				
Collectors/Marshall				
8/9 January	To be confirmed	Chris Maher	Wilma O'Connell	Amelia Cebulski-Marino
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	To be confirmed	Kirsty Stevens	Phill Ryan	Matthew Crossley

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Dr Kevin Hourigan

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Max, Alan and Jennifer Leutenegger, Eve, Noel and Peter Turnbull, John Hele, Hugh McBride, Bernie McBride, Eric Brumpton, Roman Pavlyshyn, Bruce Woolnough, Florance Hinson, Doren Haine

Those who are unwell:

Deanne O'Shea

Mass times for the month of January 2022

Tuesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Friday 9am

There will be no Mass on Mondays or Wednesdays during the month of January

Date Claimer

St Agatha's Feast Day, Saturday 5 February 2022. Mass at **4pm**, followed by BBQ and Disco at the Presentation Centre, St Agatha's School. More information will follow in the new year.

Preparing for next Sunday's readings

The Baptism of the Lord - 9 January 2022

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7;

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Fr Nev on leave in January

Fr Nev will be taking leave for the month of January and we will be welcoming Fr John Fowles to celebrate the weekday and weekend Masses in the Parish for the month of January. We sincerely thank Fr John for his kind assistance to our Parish.

May God be with you through the New Year and fill your life with comfort, love and cheer. May this day and the days ahead, hold many blessings for you and yours.

Happy New Year!!

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

JANUARY 2022

Tuesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Friday 9am

Support St. Agatha's Parish

Your financial support of St Agatha's Church is always appreciated.

Ways to financially support your parish:

Direct debit, Place your offerings in the collection plates during the Mass or Planned Giving Envelopes

The Parish Giving App.

Hover the camera on your smart phone over the QR code and tap on the link to the Parish Giving facility.

If you are not part of the Planned Giving Program and would like to contribute via online internet banking, details are as follows:

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