



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Epiphany of the Lord – 7 January 2018



MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Brighton

Monday: Returns Feb 5

Sandgate

Tuesday: Returns Feb 6

Thursday: Returns Feb 7

Eucharistic Adoration begins 12 noon Thursday and continues until 11pm.

Friday: Returns Feb 8

Regis Aged Care:

TBA: Feb

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:

Eventide Chapel: 9.30am

Brighton Church: 5pm

Sunday:

Brighton: 7am

Sandgate: 9am & 5pm

Name Tag Sunday:

4th weekend of the month

Parish Council Meeting:

1st Thursday of the month

SCHOOL MASSES

St Kieran's School:

Date: 9am Thursday 1 Feb

Principal: Ben Gray

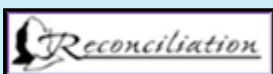
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Sacred Heart School:

Date: TBA, 2018

A/Principal: Julian Cotter

Phone: 3269 3427



Saturdays

Sandgate: 11.30am – 12pm

Brighton: 5pm (2nd Rite)

1st Saturday of the month
(Returns Feb 3)

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.

BE WISE THIS YEAR: SEEK CHRIST

The point being made today is that Jesus is the fullest manifestation of God's glory promised in prophecy, and revealed as God's 'light' to the nations (Is 60:1-3). This revelation is not about any philosophical, abstract idea. It is the presence of *the person of Jesus* believed as Son of God made manifest in the flesh (Eph 3:2-3). Everyone is invited to be wise in seeking Jesus (Mt 2:1).

The themes in our first reading point to Jerusalem as beaming with light and flourishing with justice. The psalm refers to the kings of various kingdoms arriving with gifts: all look forward to the great future awaiting the people to whom God shines as light. The prophetic image draws the attention to a perennial truth namely, that the *presence of God is included in what truly causes a city to shine and its people to prosper.*

The Magi were esteemed and honoured individuals in their own native lands. Whether they be astrologers, seers or kings as they have variously been depicted in history, the short combination of it all portray them as wise people. They made the effort to find Jesus—leaving forever, the sign that in Jesus, God is revealed and that **the truly wise seek God.**

The Christian New Testament credits St Paul with use of epiphany, for in his letter to Titus (2:11), Paul was the first to speak of Jesus' incarnation as God's grace which has *appeared (epiphaino)* to all people. Paul equally refers to our Christian hope for Christ's second coming as the 'manifestation' (*epiphaneia*) of his glory (v.13).

The connection of Isaiah's great light with the guiding star of the Magi in the Gospel indicates

God's self-manifestation in Jesus. This is not merely for the Jewish nation alone, but to all nations and for everyone willing to be wise. In this way, today's feast celebrates the fulfilment of the revelation that **Jesus Christ came for all peoples.** He is God's 'glory bestowed on Israel', but also God's 'light to the nations' (Lk 2:32).

In Epiphany, the Church calls her children to accept and celebrate, the solidarity of one large Christian family enriched with unity, tolerance, mutual respect, simplicity and openness. This feast challenges all and sundry to **return to Jesus' presence to do homage and be grateful.** It reiterates that the truly wise are not really the highly informed in the sense of today, but the simple and the open who realise that they can never know everything, but must remain open to the star of faith.

The Epiphany is about deepening ones' conviction afresh in 'the person' of Jesus, whose glory we still see, know, encounter and therefore, preach through faith in the Church. Conviction in what is preached fuels the journey of faith, helps to set aside personal whims, and opens the treasures to lend support for the cause of the Gospel.

Today, Gold for Christ's kingship, frankincense for Christ's priesthood and divinity as well as myrrh for Christ's sacrifice: all need to be the fruits of our personal faith-conviction.

Fr Modestus





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CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH: The Pastoral Council would like to formally thank all those who donated, worked towards, cooked, made, helped in the set up and pack down and all those who volunteered on the day. It was a wonderful celebration with 43 people in attendance. Not only did we have a feast on the day but we were able to send people home with meals for the coming days as well. Again, our sincere thanks.

AUSTRALIA DAY DATE CLAIMER: Friday 26 January - Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church at 8am followed by our parish celebration. Some hints for you...food, games, singing. More to follow next week.

WHAT ARE OUR 20 HOTTEST HYMNS? The Pastoral Council has decided to go into competition with Triple J (who look for the Hottest 100 songs) and ask you to vote for what you think is the most favourite hymn of all times. We will run this throughout January and our "Hottest" 20 will be announced towards end of the month with some singing involved with that announcement. We will have forms at the back of the churches next week that you could fill in and put in the boxes provided. Alternatively, you could download the form from our webpage, fill it in and email it or you could vote under the event on our Facebook page.

WELCOME! If you are new to the Parish or are visiting, we are glad you have come to share Eucharist with us today. New Parishioner cards which can be left on the collection plate are at the rear of the Church. Welcome!

REVISED MASS SCHEDULE: Fr Modestus has travelled home for his annual leave. A reduced Mass schedule will be in place until his return. A complete copy will be posted on the Church doors and noticeboards. We thank you all for your anticipated consideration during this time.

OFFER YOURSELF: This is the time of year to consider seriously your commitment of time within your parish. We have lots of openings – readers, cleaners, counters, altar servers etc. There are parishioners who have selflessly served the parish for years. They grow older. They have to step aside for health reasons. How about you? Will you put your hand up to serve? You won't always have the health to serve in these ways, so DO IT NOW. Contact the Parish Office – offer yourself!

BRIGHTON – NEW VIGIL MASS TIME: Beginning from **Saturday 6 January**, the new Mass time for the Saturday Vigil Mass is at the family friendly time of 5pm.

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT: Our next Wine and Cheese gathering will be at Brighton on **Saturday 6 January**. Why not stay after the 5pm Mass and share the blessings of the New Year with fellow parishioners. All welcome!

FIRE & SPIRIT: Held on the first Sunday of each month from 3:30-5pm. Come and join us **Sunday 7 January** in a powerful afternoon of praise, worship and sharing of the Word in the Bracken Ridge Catholic Church. All ages welcome. Enquiries. Gabrielle 0432 833 439.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS! PARISH COUNCIL, FINANCE COUNCIL, CLEANERS, READERS, EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, HOSPITALITY MINISTERS. Have you filled out a Volunteer Data Form, Code of Ethical Behaviour Form and Confidentiality Form? Forms are available in the yellow Volunteer pouch on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Any queries, please contact Andrea Barton in the Parish Office. Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

NO SPARE CHANGE? Why not try the digital collection plate using direct debit or credit card? Forms are available at the back of the church, on the parish website or contact the parish office. Thank you.

YEAR OF YOUTH: The Year of Youth has officially begun. This Year will focus on young people, faith and vocational discernment, in line with the Synod of Bishops called by Pope Francis, to be held in October 2018. This year will particularly celebrate young people aged 12-30. There are a number of events planned throughout the Archdiocese this year. For more information, please check out the Catholic Collective website www.catholiccollective.org.au/events. *“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.” St Therese of Lisieux, 24 years old, 19th Century contemplative nun.*

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: There is a Parent Information Night on **Monday 19 February** for parents of children preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist in March/April this year. Parent attendance at this meeting is required to continue through the program. This meeting will be held in the Sandgate Parish Hall beginning at 7pm.

ADORATION: During the month of January, Adoration will continue at Sacred Heart Church from 12 noon every Thursday through to 11pm. During Eucharistic Adoration, we 'watch and wait', we remain 'silent' in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. Why not spend an hour with the Lord? If you would like more information about the parish Adoration program, please contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Baptism Preparation will resume in February. The next classes will be held on **Monday 5 February** beginning at 7.30pm in the Sandgate Parish Hall. No need to book, just turn up!



VOCATION VIEW: No one is humanly worthy to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother. No one is worthy to stoop and untie the sandal straps of Jesus. But He still calls us and favours us to do His work. Will you serve?



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PARISH ROSTER

Volunteers strengthen the bonds of community life and make God's reign visible in our midst. We thank you.

TBA means we have a vacancy on the roster. Will you offer yourself?

MINISTERS OF THE WORD	6-7 January	13-14 January
5pm Saturday Brighton	H Boon P Ryan TBA	H Rodrigues TBA TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	P McNamara F Shepherd M Thompson	J Rosenberg D Madden R Mahon
9am Sunday Sandgate	S Bria J Flynn L Rodrigues	M Lynch L Kelly C McLaren
5pm Sunday Sandgate	F Pepper D Wood M Judd	Youth
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	6-7 January	13-14 January
5pm Saturday Brighton	E Harte P Madden J Moore	D Price L Isaak TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	P Pehrson P Cross M Cross	D Kelly C Rosenberg-O'Brien TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	J Murdoch L Kelly N Eyles	J North L North J Flynn
5pm Sunday Sandgate	D Kelly P Janbroers D Mitchell	P Morrison B Fallis TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	6-7 January	13-14 January
5pm Saturday Brighton	P Stronias	E Waite A Barge H Barge
7am Sunday Brighton	H Peters	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Cavanagh	B Rorke K Andes-Ollson
5pm Sunday Sandgate	C Gunn	A Barge H Barge M Tate
CHURCH CLEANING	6 January	13 January
Brighton	C Hickey	D Abberton
Sandgate	TBA	R & C Bolton
HOSPITALITY	7 January	14 January
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson D Price	M Thompson D Price
9am Sunday Sandgate	H Lees P Morrison	H Lees P Morrison
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	7 January	14 January
9am Sunday Sandgate	School Holidays	School Holidays
COUNTERS	8 January	15 January
Parish Office	D Abberton B Boyle	C Rosenberg-O'Brien P Ryan
ADORATION ROSTER	JANUARY: 11.45am Exposition – P Madden 5.00pm Reposition – V O'Brien-Cox 10.45pm Exposition – D Mitchell	
BAPTISM PREPARATION	February—M Jeays	
DINNER IN THE PARK	20 January—H Grant P Cross B Fallis	

READINGS: (YEAR B)

First Reading	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6	2nd Sunday Ordinary Time 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19
Psalm:	Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13. R. v. 11	Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9
Second Reading	Eph 3:2-3, 5-6	1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20
Gospel	Mt 2:1-12	Jn 1:35-42

The Epiphany of the LORD: THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Val BOEVINK, Annette BOYER, Genevieve CANNON, Agnes CHARNLEY, Lee CONSTABLE, David DOWLING, Darryl GLEESON, Marjorie GLEESON, Thomas HARTE, Helen HOGAN, Kellin HYDE, John JAMES, Pauline JOHNSON, Win JOHNSON, Margaret LUCAS, Chloe MASON, Tarryn MCDERMOTT, Jason MORPHETT, Maria PASHEN, Margaret PERIL, Christina PETERS, Eileen RANKIN, Colin ROBINSON, Kathy ROZIC, John SHEPHERD, Kay SIMPSON, Candice THOMPSON, David THOMSON, Samantha TSALIKIS, Susan WILKE, Dianne WILLIAMS and Valerie WORKMAN.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: We pray for Sr Clare MULCAHY RSM and Bishop John GERRY who died recently and for deceased members of the KEOGH and STATHAM families, Kevin TIMSON, Jim MacGINLEY and Bill FLANNERY whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13. R. v. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Mt 2:2) Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

MYSTERY OF FAITH: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (cf. Mt 2:2) We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

ENTRANCE HYMN: HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark, the herald Angels sing "Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic hosts proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**REFRAIN: Hark! The herald Angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King!"**

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the ever-lasting Lord.
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veil'd in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, th' Incarnate deity!
Pleas'd as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. ®

Hail! the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings. Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth ®

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

GLORIA: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains
prolong? Say what may the tidings be which inspire your
heav'nly song.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels
sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ,
the Lord, the new born King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Traditional

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: WE THREE KINGS OF
ORIENT ARE**

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

**REFRAIN: O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.**

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring, to crown Him
again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. ®

Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Pray'r and praising, all men raising,
worship Him, God most High. ®

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering
gloom; sorrowing, sighting, bleeding, dying, seal'd in the
stone-cold tomb. ®

Traditional

REFLECTION: WHAT CHILD IS THIS

What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping.

**REFRAIN: This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are
feeding? Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent
Word is pleading. ®

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant, King to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. ®

Traditional

RECESSIONAL: JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature
sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n
and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns!
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

*Text: Ps98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: George Handel, 1685-
1759 in T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833.
Traditional.*