

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 71)

ANTIPHON: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

RESPONSE: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

LECTOR: 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. **R.**

LECTOR: 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. **R.**

LECTOR: 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. **R.**

LECTOR: 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. **R.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3; 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

NEXT WEEK (Baptism of the Lord, Year B) Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1: 7-11

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3 January 2021 Epiphany Year B

In the Church's liturgical calendar, the feast of the Epiphany signals the end of the Christmas season. In the secular world, Christmas is seen as an end-of-year celebration of success and good fortune. The value of our presents is seen as a measure of our financial success. Like all good 'hero myths', the secular version of the Christmas story ends with rewards for those who have triumphed over adversity. However, in the scriptures, Christmas is the start of a different hero story and, accordingly, its celebration presents us with a different vision of success.

In the gospels, the story of Jesus is told in the tones of an antihero. Born in obscurity, known only to poor shepherds and foreign stargazers, Jesus was not a success by the standards of the world. His ministry was limited to the hill country of Galilee and the back streets of Jerusalem. His audience were poor farmers and fisher folk who eked out a bare living from the soil and the sea, most of which was taken for taxes or tithes. His words were strange and unconventional. His followers were marginal people.

In terms of success, Jesus owned little but the clothes on his back. His family thought he had gone "out of his mind" (Mk 3:22). The authorities thought he was dangerous. His life ended on a cross and the ignominious death of a criminal. Yet, as Paul says in Philippians, "God raised him up and gave him a name that

is above all other names" (Phil 2:9). Today's readings remind us that while Jesus is a hero, his heroic quest is not what one might expect. In the gospels, Jesus' quiet heroism in the obscurity of backwater first-century Palestine holds out a fresh vision of what we should consider 'success' to be. It is not found in money, big cars, fancy houses, expensive presents, or a huge table of festive fare.

True success is found in the dedication and commitment we display amidst the consumerism of popular culture. It is found in the moments of healing we bring to others by our concern and care. It is found in the courage we give to our family and friends with simple words of support and encouragement. The feast of the Epiphany marks the end of Christmas, but also points forward to Easter. The wise men give gifts that include myrrh, an aloe used for anointing dead bodies (Matt 2:11), and a jealous secular King orders the massacre of innocents to try to destroy the "newborn king" (Matt 2:16-18).

The birth of Jesus derives its full significance from his ultimate death and resurrection. For it was only in the light of that experience that Jesus' followers eventually came to see that Jesus was God incarnate and that his birth was the centre-point of history.

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NEXT BAPTISM ENROLMENT TALK SUN DEC 6 AT 4PM IN PARISH HALL. NO APPT NECESSARY!

Sat ~ 9am, 6pm;

Sun ~ 6.30am & 8.30am

Mon & Wed ~ 6.30am;

Tues & Fri ~ 9am

Public Holidays ~ 9am



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CATHOLIC LEADER
MATILDA POWICK, LOVED FROM HEAD TO HER LITTLE TOE

Christmas special

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YEAR **B**

Archbishop Mark's message for Christmas for you...

In this country, and even more dramatically elsewhere, the pandemic has taken a new and darker turn with the appearance of new strains and a resurgence of infections. So while Christmas will be more subdued here, it will be celebrated hardly at all in other countries. Some are saying that Christmas has been cancelled. But that's impossible. Nothing can change the fact that God became one of us in the birth of Jesus long ago. Nothing can change the fact that Jesus comes to us now, even in the midst of COVID-19. And nothing can change the fact that Jesus will come again at the end of time. So Christmas is like the coronavirus: it mutates. It has mutated in countless ways from age to age and from culture to culture. It is still mutating, and nothing can stop it. Christmas celebrates God-with-us; and in a time like this we need God close to us more than ever. We need the Child in whom God enters all our vulnerability.

This year's Christmas will be one like no other! Archbishop Mark Coleridge touches on the extraordinary year 2020 has been and reminds us that when the star of Bethlehem rises and shines, we will all still be led to Jesus.

Visit parish website and Watch now.

2020 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Watch Now



'Yoga by Carmel' resumes in hall weekly : Sat 9 Jan:

7am Basics & 8.30am

Chair Yoga

Tues 12 Jan: 2 classes of relaxing Yin Yoga at 6pm & 7.30pm.

NEW Wed Yin 6pm, Namaste!



Coming up in 2021...

FOR CHILDREN TO PREPARE FOR RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST IN 2021, PARENTS ARE TO ATTEND AN ENROLMENT & PARENT INFORMATION MEETING MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2021 AT 7.30PM
ENROLMENTS FOR PREPARATION CLOSE **1 WEEK** PRIOR TO THE START OF PREPARATION ON MARCH 13, 2021.

The 'New Norm'

- ◆ Stay home if unwell
- ◆ Sanitise your hands
- ◆ Sign In
- ◆ Social Distancing (1person or family / 2m²)
- ◆ Sanitise your space with wipes on exit
- ◆ Only Priests to distribute Communion
- ◆ Sign of Peace spoken greeting only
- ◆ Gifting boxes available at all doors for donations
- ◆ Take newsletter home with you, No Hymn books



RECENTLY DECEASED:
Nancy Guarrera, Joyce Byrne, Bianca Capelli, Clare Dugger, Dan Egan, Bart Gaffney, FT 'Bill' Hanley, Lucy Houghton, Dominic Vu

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack & Joy McNamara, Diane McNamara, Jack, Pat & Mick O'Connor, Ivan, Nancy & Stephen Garrett, Gloria & Anne Marie McMahon, Leo & Gay Ryan; Joseph Do, Vincent Vu, Maria Doan; Bob & Marie Ward, Anne-Marie Ward, Peter Ward, Rick Randell & members of extended Ward family; Mr & Mrs Andruczyk, Louise & Maurice Chappuis, Bill Cummins, Roy Gleadhill, John Scott, Tom Sternfeldt, Helen Shaw

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Joshua Chester, Pat Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Neil Cremin, Pat Dugger, George D'Allura, Loye Gardiner, Paul Heathwood, Allaura Hows, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, Paddy Logan, Katie Loveday, Trish McConnell, Fr Ron Mollison, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pam O'Reilly, Peter Owen, Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family

2021 Archdiocesan & Secular Calendar - January

- Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)
 - World Day of Peace (The Holy See)
 - New Year's Day Public Holiday (Monday)
 - The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)
 - The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)
 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - Conversion of St Paul (Feast)
 - Australia Day
 - Australia Day Public Holiday (Tuesday)
 - BCE School Term One begins
Term 1: Wed 27 Jan – 1 April.
 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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PROCESSIONAL @ Bob Dufford **LET HEAVEN REJOICE**

**Refrain: Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
Let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim to every land:
Hosanna to the King.**

V1 Sound the trumpet into the night;
The day of the Lord is near.
Wake His people, lift your voice,
Proclaim it to the world. **Refrain:**

OFFERTORY @ Traditional **WHAT CHILD IS THIS**

(William C. Dix. Tune: Greensleeves)

V1 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.**

COMMUNION **CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

REFLECTION @ Joe Wise **SONG OF GATHERING**

**Refrain: Neither Greek, nor Jew, nor slave, nor free,
Neither woman nor man, but children are we,
Of the same God, the one Lord,
The Father of all, let it be.**

[Final] ... **The Mother of all, let it be.**

V1 From the four winds, and the high seas,
From the lowlands, and the valleys
We come to the table; to the Saviour, to the call. R/.

V3 From the one cup, from the one bread,
At the one meal we are all fed
Once more in the body, in the Spirit, in the dream. R/.

RECESSIONAL @ Traditional

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

V1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

V2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song? **Refrain: Gloria...**

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