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# The Epiphany of the Lord - 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## First Reading *Is 60:1-6 A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11*

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

- 1. 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.)
- 2. 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.)
- 3. 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.)
- 4. 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.)

## Second Reading *Eph 3:2-3. 5-6 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

## Gospel Acclamation *Mt 2:2*

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

## Gospel *Mt 2:1-12 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. 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. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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## Stars and Seekers after Truth

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

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**Next Sunday, 15th January is the Feast of St. Paul the First Hermit. He is the Patriarch of the Pauline Order.**  
**A Novena is being said each morning at the 9:00am Mass.**

Do you wish to be part of St. Brigid's Parish? Please complete a Census Form located at the back of the church and return to the priest or drop on collection plate. Many thanks....

**Please Note:**  
From 26th Dec to 14th Jan Mass on week-days (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fr) will be at 9:00am  
There will be no Mass on Wed.

**CHURCHES**

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**MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH**

**Week Day Mass**

Starting 26th Dec. to 14th Jan.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Wednesday

Saturday Morning

9.00 am

No Mass

9.00 am



**Sunday Mass**

Saturday Vigil

6.00 pm

Sunday

8.30 am sometimes live streamed

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont Christmas Day 8.30am and  
1st Sunday of each month - 9.00am  
1st January 2023

Next Mass at St John's

**Rosary**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 6.30 am

Saturday at 8.30am. Sunday 8.00am

Divine Mercy Prayer Thursday

7.30 am

Adoration in Church Wednesday 5.30pm followed by 6.00pm Mass

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday

9.30 am

Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church Saturdays 8:15am & 5:15 pm and  
Wednesday 5:15 pm

Mass at Earle Haven -

13th January 2023 9:15am

**Tap & Go**

You will notice a new Tap & Go machine at the church entrance. This is a very handy method of giving to St. Brigid's. The machine has been pre-set so that One tap equals \$10, two taps equals \$20 and multiples thereof. This takes care of the problem of being caught without cash and is a great benefit to our parish. Please use before or after Mass, not during.

The Parish has been running an ad now for more than a month asking for volunteers to vacuum the church on a regular basis. Unfortunately to date, we have only had ONE response. If we heard from a number of people, it would mean only an hour or so a month to complete the job. If you are able, How about it? Taking care of our Lord's House can also be a form of praying.

**RCIA Program 2023**

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and being baptised as an adult? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will be starting soon and details are available from the Parish Office.

We here at St Brigid's Catholic Parish Nerang as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT & THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES. The Privacy Act impacts upon us all today and if you wish to peruse the Compliance Requirements and the Privacy Act, please go to the Archdiocesan Website [www.bne.catholic.net.au](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au). The Policy is on our website



**Have you thought?  
Epiphany**

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewishness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.

**We remember** all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus

We pray for the recently deceased : Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

We pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We also remember their families—may they be comforted in their loss by this Community of Faith.

We pray for those who are sick or in hospital: Michael Nolan, John Carney,

Our prayers are also offered for those who are elderly and in Nursing Homes.



**THE SHRINE OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
MARIAN VALLEY MASS TIMES**

Weekday Mass is at 9.00 am Monday to Friday

Saturday Mass time is 11.00am Sunday Mass times 11.00am and 4.00pm



**HOSPITAL CALLS**

Robina Hospital - Burleigh Heads Parish 5576 6466  
Pindara Hospital - Surfers Paradise Parish 5572 5433

John Flynn Hosp -Coolangatta-Tugun Parish 5598 2165  
University & Gold Coast PrivHosp-Southport Parish 5510 2222

**BAPTISM PREPARATION -**

The preparation meeting for Baptism of infants will be held on **Saturday 28th January 2023 at 10.00am. in the Parish Centre.** All parents who wish to have their children baptised in the next few months are encouraged to attend.

**BUY A BRICK CAMPAIGN**

HELP YOUR PARISH MAINTENANCE NEEDS The Buy a Brick Campaign was established in September 2022 to boost the parish finances. Your financial help is necessary so that the parish maintenance is completed. This is not the weekly collection, but an additional appeal directly to cover maintenance costs.

Information on this campaign is in a brochure at the back of the church.

Bank Transfer - BSB 064-786 Account 100025317 Ref: Bricks-Your name

If you require a receipt please email the parish.



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