



# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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## Parish Newsletter The Epiphany of the Lord 5 January 2020

**Holy days of Obligation:** In Australia we have the Feast of the Assumption (15 August) and Christmas Day (25 December).



### Mass Times and Services

#### Weekend Mass

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7.00am, 9.00am &amp; 5.00pm</b>

#### Weekday Mass

<b>Mon to Friday</b>	<b>6.30am</b>
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#### Exceptions

<b>Thursday</b>	6.30am Liturgy of the Hours
<b>Saturday &amp; Public Holidays</b>	<b>8.00am</b>

### Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition held after Mass  
Friday 7am - 9am.  
All are invited to join this devotion.

### Reconciliation

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm-5.30pm</b>
<b>Or by appointment</b>	

### Baptism

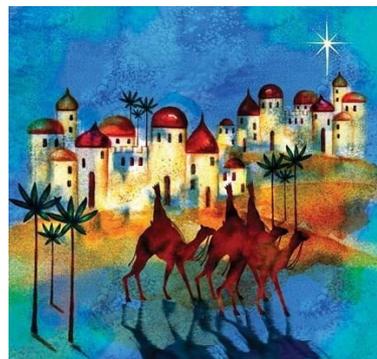
**Infant Baptism:**  
2nd and 4th Sunday after 9am Mass  
**Baptism preparation:**  
3rd Saturday 10.30am

*Isa 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Matt 2:1-12*

Today's feast, of revelation or manifestation, employs one set of readings for use every year, but provides two sets of antiphons and prayers for the Masses: one for Saturday evening and one for Sunday. They present several ideas intermingled richly. According to an ancient rabbinic interpretation of Deuteronomy 33:2 (*Sifre Deuteronomy* 343), God offered the Torah (the Law) to all nations in turn; the Jews were last, and they alone accepted it. But rather than claiming an exclusive relationship with God, it was understood as Israel's being entrusted with knowledge of God on behalf of all peoples such that through Israel all peoples would be blessed, and all nations would bless Israel for it. Thus related passages and interpretations see in this mutual choosing, this covenant, the establishment of Israel as custodian of the knowledge of God for all peoples, and therefore, metaphorically speaking, as light to the nations—the expression found in Isaiah 42:6 (in the first Servant Song: "I have appointed you as covenant of the people and *light of the nations*, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those living in the darkness from the dungeon"), 49:6 (in the second Servant Song: "It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you *the light of the nations*"), and 51:4 (following the third Servant Song: "Listen to me you nations; from me comes the Law, and my justice will be *the light of the peoples*"). This expression is also found on the lips of Simeon in the ad libitum gospel reading for the feast of the Holy Family in Year B, and from that form was derived the phrase *lumen gentium* which opens the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. In Isaiah this image comes to a climax in 60:1-3, the first half of today's first reading, with the other verses being an imaginative description of the nations' coming to Israel and God in symbolic gifts; among these are gold and frankincense.

Sometimes that image of being light for other nations is posited in Israel as a whole, sometimes in Jerusalem, and sometimes in its anointed king, as it is in today's Psalm 72(71); however, our abbreviated form of the psalm is missing v.17, "All the nations will be blessed in him; they will call him happy/blessed."

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## Liturgy of the Word

### The Epiphany of the Lord

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60: 1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 1-2

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### Acclamation of Faith:

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

## Prayer Requests

We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are facing difficult times.



We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

**CONDOLENCE:** Let us also remember those who have died. Especially: Rita James, Cole Miller, Anthony Daniel Machin

**SICKNESS:** Our prayers are asked for the sick, the housebound, and for all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes. Especially: May Holmes

If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, Mass Intention envelopes can be collected at the Church or from the Parish office.

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Understandably, Christians reflecting on all these interlinking passages interpret them as speaking of Christ and of his Church. On this feast Jesus is celebrated as the newborn king, foretold of old, and now revealed as the light of the nations. Matthew's account of the visiting Magi evokes, and thus declares fulfilled, both the Isaiah passage and the psalm. Indeed, it is the connection between these texts that led to the Magi being depicted as kings in art and nativity scenes. They are foreigners, and in them, symbolically, the Gentiles (the nations) are led by the light of the star to the newborn king; and falling before him they present their gifts to him, who is the gift to the world.

While the prayers of both Mass settings stress the light that is and comes from Christ, there is a surprise in the preface: it contains the first of only two instances of the phrase *lumen gentium* in our Missal, the second being in the preface of the Presentation of the Lord; there it is Christ himself who is titled "the Light of the nations", but here it is "the mystery of our salvation in Christ", and thus the Church herself, that is said to be "light for the nations". This is also found in the Communion antiphon at the Saturday evening Mass, in which the brightness of God illumines the holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem, of which the Church is the earthly sacrament; the nations walk by God's light in this city.

In the Missal therefore we find reflected that ancient ambivalence by which all three—the kingdom, the city, and the king—may each be *the light to the nations*. This feast is indeed one of manifestation, revelation; but in pondering our mortal nature being united to Christ's immortal nature, we find that in the Church, the Body of Christ, people of all nations are blessed, and in her all nations bless him. The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord continues the reflection on the mystery of the Incarnation.

*Excerpt from Homily Help - Liturgia - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Epiphany Year A*

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**mission**  
*Reach out. Give life.*



## Thank You From Catholic Mission!

Your gift will support Sister Stan and the children at Nazareth Home for Gods Children, as well as many other similar project around the world!

Catholic Mission Gratefully acknowledges:

Our Lady & St Dymphna's Parish

For your donation of: \$1748.90

David McGovern, Diocesan Director-Brisbane

## Thank you from Father John

Throughout the Advent Season many people were involved in preparing for our Christmas celebrations:

- To the Liturgical Ministers: Musicians, Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, thank you for your continued dedication.
- A big thank you to Claude for setting up the beautiful Nativity Scene in our church.
- A big thank you also to Dennis for setting up the Christmas Lights on the church.
- To those who worked behind the scenes in providing our Liturgical environment, organising that all was in place: School staff members, crib and flower artists, cleaners, sacristans, and roster coordinators. Thank you.
- Your generosity in providing food and beautiful gifts for those whom you will never know is very much appreciated.

To those who assisted in organising, packing and ensuring hampers were collected we are grateful.

God bless each of you for your generosity,  
Fr. John.

### Volunteers Needed

The parish requests additional volunteers to assist with **Counting** collections.

We would be grateful that, if in your busy lives, you could find some spare time to assist.

This is not a weekly commitment and you may be able to be rostered according to your availability. Counters volunteer their time to count money from weekly Mass collections on Sunday morning every 11 weeks. We would be grateful for your help! Please consider this request and remember that

***"Many hands make light work!"***



### You are invited on a Pilgrimage Journey to the Holy Land

Departing 28th September 2020 14 nights/18 days

What an opportunity to walk in the land where 2000 years ago Jesus preached and taught us to pray to Our Father. Or, imagine sitting & meditating out on the Sea of Galilee! Your Spiritual Chaplain will be Fr Rafal Rucinski. Each day on the Pilgrimage, Mass will be celebrated in a special way you will remember forever.

For more info See brochure inside the Church or contact  
Marguerite McMahon: 0408 765 954 /  
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### PRAYER DURING FIRE & DROUGHT

Each day during summer across our nation  
We pray to you, our God, for the gift of life-giving rain,  
For those threatened this day by a dry land,  
High temperatures, strong winds, breathing difficulties  
And extreme fire alerts in parts of our nation.  
Wherever we are and whatever we do today,  
We pray for our sisters and brothers  
Who have died tragically during the bushfires,  
We pray for their families and friends and community members,  
And for those who have lost their houses and properties.  
We turn to you, our God, as we reach out to support each other.

We are family.

We pray for the many dedicated people fighting fires,  
And those providing emergency assistance.

We pray for those who continue to struggle  
With the ongoing drought and its devastation.

We pray for them and their communities.

We hear of the loss of livestock, animal and birdlife and habitat  
During drought and fire.

We pray for the land and its healing.

We pray for life-giving rain.

We pray as family that we work together.

We turn to you, our God,  
In this hour of need for  
members of our human family  
and for our common home.

Amen

*Fr Gerry Hefferan,  
2 January 2020  
Parish of St. Joseph & St.  
Anthony*



# Rosters

## Notice to Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers

Our Parish Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers perform an important role in the celebration of the Mass. In order to ensure that we have sufficient numbers of these ministries available for Mass on weekends, please ensure that if you are rostered for any of these ministries, you inform the Mass Coordinator for the relevant Mass of your arrival at **least 10 minutes** before Mass commences.

11/12 January 2020	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	L. Dutton (B) M. Cafe S. Stevens I. Dove D. Salvati	<b>First Reading</b> A. Borgeaud <b>Second Reading</b> F. Xavier <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> J. Pillai	TBA	Volunteer please	Judith Di
7.00 a.m. Mass	S. Vaz (B) M. Colebourne J. Colebourne D. O'Keefe J. Bissell	<b>First Reading</b> R. Campbell <b>Second Reading</b> G. Bortuzzo <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> M. Campbell	TBA	M. Blight	Nancy David
9.00 a.m. Mass	B. Neill (B) J. Ferris J. Patterson A. Ware C. Ware J. Fernandes T. Hoang	<b>First Reading</b> J. Ferris <b>Second Reading</b> C. Fernandes <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> J. Mascarenhas	TBA	Volunteer please	Yvonne Rod
5.00 p.m. Mass	S. Sherwood (B) S. Sherwood J. Bissell E. Lebajo K. O'Donnell	First Reading M. Hopewell Second Reading S. Tam Prayers of the Faithful B. Kent	TBA	B. Hopewell	Ike Soo Choon & Family
<b>Children Liturgy:</b> TBA 2020	<b>Cleaners 4 Jan</b> D.Francis <b>10 Jan</b> Volunteers <b>18 Jan</b> Volunteer & N.Hughes <b>25 Jan</b> Volunteers	<b>Counters 5 Jan</b> A. Dunn N. Dunn R. Heskett D. Salvati	<b>Counters 12 Jan</b> C. Smith D. Kehoe R. Volter J. Coates	<b>City of God</b> <b>Let Me Be your Servant</b> <b>I have Love You with an Everlasting Love</b> <b>Joy to the World</b>	

### Next week liturgy

#### The Baptism of the Lord

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 28:1-4,9-10 The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-38

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



#### VOCATION VIEW:

More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Centre: 1300 133 544  
[vocationbrisbane.com](http://vocationbrisbane.com)

### Dympna's Diary

Sun	5	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
Mon	6	
Tues	7	St Raymond of Penyafort, priest
Wed	8	
Thurs	9	
Fri	10	
Sat	11	
Sun	12	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>

**Date Claimers:**