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SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF
CHRIST THE KING IN BRAYBROOK AND
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP IN MAIDSTONE



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (B)

Members of the Western Highway Deanery
7th January 2018

Today we celebrate the *Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord*. “Epiphany” means manifestation. The birth of Jesus is meant not only for the people of Israel but for all nations, represented by the Magi or the “Three Kings.” May this revelation shine forth on everyone so that the gift of salvation may be shared by all.

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

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

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Prayer: Lord of light, hear our prayer.



Epiphany of Our Lord: Radiate the light of Christ to all

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

TODAY, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This observance is originally called the “Feast of the Wise Men” from Persia who arrived in Bethlehem to adore the new-born Messiah.

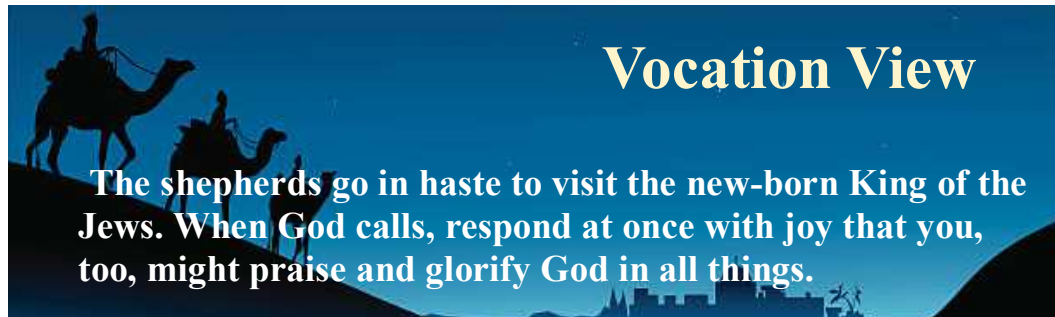
In many Eastern Christian Churches, the Epiphany on January 6 is the primary celebration of the birth of Christ. In the Roman Catholic Church, Vatican II moved the date of the celebration from January 6 to the first Sunday after New Year’s Day. In many cultures, Epiphany marks the culmination of the Christmas season, being the twelfth day of Christmas.

Epiphany means “to make known” or “to reveal.” Today’s celebration focuses on our Lord’s manifestation to all men and women of goodwill of his divinity albeit in his human forms – in the person of the infant Jesus Christ. The Gospel reading today reminds us of the magi who represent the Gentiles and all non-Jewish peoples of the world, paid homage to Jesus. This act of worship by the wise men, which is related to the prophecy of Simeon that this child Jesus would be “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” (Luke 2:32), was one of the first signs that Jesus was sent by the Father to save all mankind, regardless of race or gender and that the work of God in the world is universal.

This day is set aside by the Church to remember that our Lord Jesus came for all and not for a select few. The light of Christ illumines all men and women and must likewise be radiated by all who believe in him so that more and more people may come to know, worship, and serve him and thereby share in the gift of salvation.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is a fitting time to nourish our oneness and Christian fellowship and to heal all wounds of division in our communities brought about by man’s sinfulness. We thank the good Lord for shedding the light of his love and life upon us. We pray for his continued presence among us so that we may not only come to worship him, who is the true “Light of the world” but also radiate his saving light to all by our witnessing to his Gospel values.

Happy Solemnity of the Epiphany!



Vocation View

The shepherds go in haste to visit the new-born King of the Jews. When God calls, respond at once with joy that you, too, might praise and glorify God in all things.

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

St. John's	8:00 am
Christ the King	9:30 am
Our Lady's	10:00 am
Vietnamese Mass	3:00 pm ¹
Filipino Mass	3:00 pm ²
Christ the King	5:00 pm
Our Lady's	6:30 pm

MONDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	8:00 am

TUESDAY to SATURDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am

WEDNESDAY

Our Lady's	7:00 pm ³
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SATURDAY (Vigil Mass)

Our Lady's	5:00 pm
Christ the King	6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after the morning Masses and 30 mins. before the evening Masses.

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE

3 months-notice required.

¹ Sunday Masses in Vietnamese are held at Our Lady's Church every 2nd and 4th Sundays and at Christ the King Church every 1st and 3rd Sundays.

² Sunday Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every third Sunday of the month.

³ The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

The Intentions of Buttigieg & Irons families and Frances Tonna.

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Eric Raveza, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Vin Beasley, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Patricia Shires, Jose Mastruzzo, Glad Trevillian, Tony Rabusin, Nell Monagle, Fortunata Scalzo, Leone Morganti, Jamie Dumapias, Richard Brown, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Marie Henwood, Benjamin Raj, Maria Ta Thi Hue, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Lawrie Green, Nigel D'Silva.

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Antonia Tucci, Felix Brincat, Garry David Considine, John & Maureen Williams, Francis Oh & Helena Pek, Harry Ang, Stephano Do Van Thin, Lucia Pham Thi Hong, Anna Pham Thi Chat, Joseph Nguyen Van Phan, Maria Pham Thi Lua.



MINISTRIES & SERVICES

ST. JOHN'S & OUR LADY'S

13th & 14th January 2018

Mass Time	5.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm
Readers:	C Joward Sawadan R Jeresa Sawadan	Anna Nguyen Antionette Pezzano	Claire Lawson Peter Anastasi	Fred Lipana Albert Leung
E Ministers:	1 Agnes Attard 2 Yvonne Jose 3	Kath Crowley	Lorraine D'Silva Guisepina Genovesi	Rose Sobredo Antonio Sobredo
Music:	Mary's Choir	Recorded Music	Parish Choir	Exxemoz
Counters Team:	3 D. Do	R. Bernal		
Cleaners Team:	3 Thi Cuc Vu	Le Anh Mach	Thi Thanh Huynh	

CHRIST THE KING

Mass Time	6.30pm	9.30am	5.00pm
Readers:	C Catherine Seymour R Theresa Seymour 1 Coral La'Toille 2 Alicia Alcantara 3	Merri Balaucan Christopher Chu George Tawaf Samia Tawaf Julia Alcantara	Kelly Maglalong Brendon Sarabia Helen Delmo
Music:	St Cecilia's Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
Data Projector:	Radley Cardente	Kristine Nguyen	Tom Luu
Parish Bus:	14-Jan	Igor	
Counters Team:			
Cleaners Team:			

Next Week's Readings

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
John 1:35-42

Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany

The Epiphany is indeed a great Feast, and the joy caused us by the Birth of our Jesus must be renewed on it, for as though it were a second Christmas Day, it shows us our Incarnate God in a new light. It leaves us all the sweetness of the dear Babe of Bethlehem, who hath appeared to us already in love; but to this it adds its own grand *manifestation* of the divinity of our Jesus. At Christmas it was a few Shepherds that were invited by the Angels to go and recognize THE WORD MADE FLESH; but now, at the Epiphany, the voice of God himself calls the whole world to adore this Jesus, and hear him.

The mystery of the Epiphany brings upon us three magnificent rays of the Sun of Justice, our Savior. In the calendar of pagan Rome, this Sixth day of January was devoted to the celebration of a triple triumph of Augustus,



the founder of the Roman Empire: but when Jesus, our *Prince of peace*, whose empire knows no limits, had secured victory to his Church by the blood of the Martyrs, then did this his Church decree that a triple triumph of the *Immortal King* should be substituted, in the Christian Calendar, for those other three triumphs which had been won by the adopted son of Caesar.

The Sixth of January, therefore, restored the celebration of our Lord's Birth to the Twenty-Fifth of December; but in return, there were united in the one same *Epiphany* three manifestations of Jesus' glory: the mystery of the Magi coming from the East, under the guidance of a star, and adoring the Infant of Bethlehem as the divine King; the mystery of the Baptism of Christ, who, whilst standing in the waters of the Jordan, was proclaimed by the Eternal Father as Son of God; and thirdly, the mystery of the divine power of this same Jesus, when he changed the water into wine at the marriage feast of Cana.

Excerpted from *The Liturgical Year* by Abbot Gueranger O.S.B.

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."

- COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone

Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, 4 February 2018

@ Our Lady's Church,
46 Ballarat Road, Maidstone

2:30pm—Rosary

3:00pm—Holy Mass followed by a
procession & Benediction

Triduum Prayers & Rosary at Our Lady's Church

7.00pm Thursday 1st February

7.00pm Friday 2nd February

6.10pm Saturday 3rd February

EVERYONE IS INVITED
TO PARTICIPATE!!!

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$124.20
Church	\$297.60

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$1,181.75
Church	\$1,527.80

Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$793.40
Church	\$1,005.25

The first collection (Presbytery) supports the Parish Priest, his Assistant, the sick and retired Priests and the Archbishop

The second collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes) supports the Parish and the expenses of the Archdiocese.

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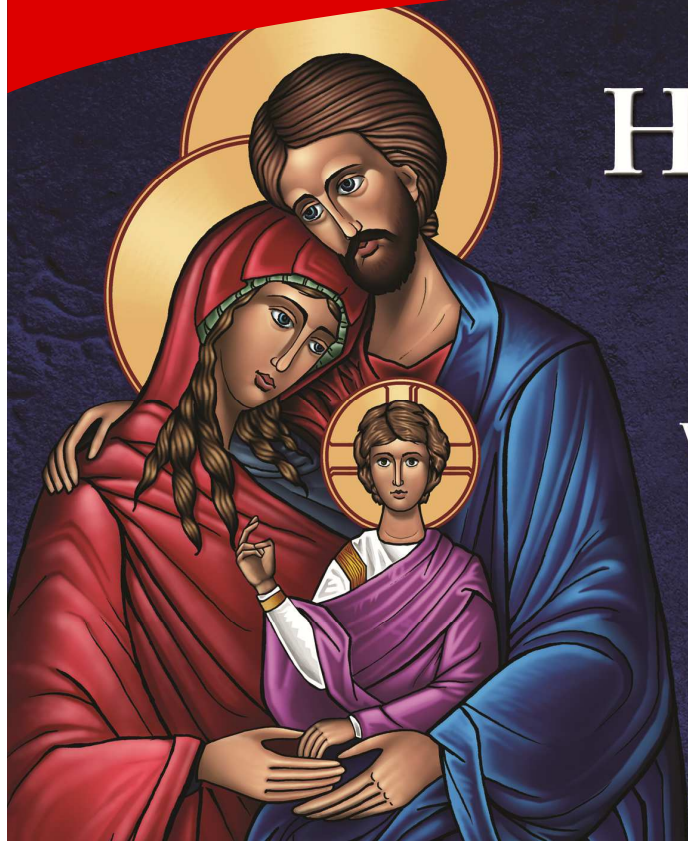
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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

incorporating the communities of
West Footscray, Maidstone & Braybrook

*Effective 15th of January 2018,
we shall be one!*



Preparation for CONFIRMATION

Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will commence on **22 February 2018 at 5.00 pm**. Children are expected to be accompanied by an adult. Venue will be at the Parish Presbytery Pavilion in Maidstone. Please contact the Parish Office to enlist your child. Your child must be in year 6 or at least 11 years old.

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EDGE is way more than effective catechesis. It's Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry that helps young people with life's most challenging years. Edge Nights takes place Friday evenings. Kids between 10-13 years old are invited and encouraged to attend. **Interested in helping out?**

Contact: Christine at chslkj@ychoo.com
Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm

Parish Office Hours
Tuesday-Saturday
9:00am to 12:00noon

To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact Huong or Tram at **9317-9298** from **Tuesdays to Saturdays between 9:00am to 12:00 noon** with email: maidstone@cam.org.au or visit our website at www.ckol.org.au



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