



# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

2nd January 2022

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

### MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 8 am (weekday Mass),  
6 pm (Vigil for Sunday)

**Sunday:** 8.30 am (Italian & English),  
10.30 am, 5.30 pm

**Tue-Fri:** 8 am (until 15th Jan.)

### RECONCILIATION

on Saturday at 10am & at 5.30pm  
or by private appointment

### WEDDING THIS WEEK

**Andrew Ciabotti & Melissa Foresio**

*We pray for them as they begin  
their married life together.*

### CHURCH VACUUMING

TEAM 1  
(Thu) 6<sup>th</sup> January 8.30am

### CHURCH LINEN (JANUARY)

Maria Giardina

### SUNDAY LITURGY @ Home:

Please click on each link below to find  
guided reflection for the Epiphany of the Lord.

[For Adults:](#)     [For Families with Young Children:](#)

### PARISH NOTICE

- Parish Office is closed until 17 January.
- Please bring your mask and wear it when you enter the church.

### NEW YEAR GREETINGS

We hope that you had a blessed year 2021, even though it was another especially challenging year in many ways. However, there was more grace, indeed!

May your new year 2022 be filled with love, peace and much more laughter.

*With love of God,  
St. Monica's Parish*



### WE PRAY FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE SICK

**Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Stella Mammone; Gino Salvo; Rosa Di Pietro; Lucia Bordin; Justin Diviny ; Stephanie Jouhari; Anna & Garry Henneken; Nicholas Gillman; Jillian Eolzella; Loretta Bastian; Sally O'Farrell; Caterina Timpano; Charlie Tiang; Lena Savoia; Anne Ryan; Margaret Whelan; Geraldine Macken; Giuseppina Mammone; John Morello Snr.**

### RECENTLY DECEASED

*We remember in prayer*  
**Lilian Perera; Theresa Blake;**  
**Archbishop Desmond Tutu**  
(Anglican Church of South Africa)  
*May she rest in peace.*

### ANNIVERSARIES

*In Faith, Hope and Love,  
let us pray for repose of the souls of*  
**Ninnetta Indomenico; Dudley Eustus;**  
**Michael Whelan; Fr. John Lanigan**  
*whose anniversary occurs at this time.*

## The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

### 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.

**The word of the Lord.** — *Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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.)**

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.)**

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.)**

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.

**The word of the Lord.** — *Thanks be to God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**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.

**The Gospel of the Lord.** — *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.