

Kyabram Catholic Parish

St Augustine's-Kyabram ~ St Patrick's-Tongala ~ St Sebastian's-Merrigum

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We come to worship we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land

The Epiphany of the Lord – Year C – Sunday 2nd January 2022

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to you. May we take the time to get to know you.

Help us to truly celebrate the gifts you have graciously given us and use them to serve you and to spread your word.

May we also see and love you in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see you in us.

We especially pray for an end to Covid around the world, and for all those families who have lost loved ones due to the pandemic.

We pray that 2022 will be a year of peace and healing for us all.

Amen.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome

Ellie Petrie

and

Nate William Taylor

into our faith community.



Please keep Ellie and Nate and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Craig Rosendale, Catherine Anderson, Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: -

Marie Wearden, Michael Hogan

Anniversaries: Joseph Bowman

(Please email the Parish Office to add names)



DIARY DATES

Mon	3 Jan	-
Tues	4 Jan	Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Protection of the Unborn)
Wed	5 Jan	-
Thurs	6 Jan	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	7 Jan	-
Sat	8 Jan	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	9 Jan	Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Tongala
Mon	10 Jan	-
Tues	11 Jan	Mass 5.00pm (Intention – Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life)
Wed	12 Jan	-
Thurs	13 Jan	Mass 9.15am
Fri	14 Jan	-
Sat	15 Jan	No Mass
Sun	16 Jan	Mass 8.30am

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 8th January at 6.00pm:

Commentator – W Mulcahy; Lector – M Radanov;
Special Minister – C Stewart

Sunday 9th January at 8.30am:

Commentator – N Watt; Lector – M Finn;
Special Minister – J Stockdale

Sunday 9th January at Tongala at 11.30am

PHILIPPINES TYPHOON APPEAL

Our prayers and thoughts are with the people of The Philippines after Typhoon Rai, particularly the people of Cebu, which is home to many of the Filipino priests and seminarians who serve in our Diocese. Caritas Australia has pledged to support the emergency response and rebuilding efforts after Typhoon Rai.

There will be a leaving collection today to support this appeal, or you can donate by calling 1800 024 413; visit www.caritas.org.au or post to PO Box 130, Numurkah 3636.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / C

2 JANUARY 2022

DAWN OF A NEW ERA

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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.**

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As the Gentiles responded to the preaching of Paul and others, they knew that the vision of Isaiah was becoming a reality as former enemies were now united by their faith in Jesus. The dividing wall of hostility had been broken down through the death of Jesus (Ephesians 2:14) and a new human family was being born where the Gentiles and Jews were all members of the one body.

Matthew wrote his Gospel sometime after Paul's letter to the Ephesians but shared in the same vision of Isaiah and Paul. He knew that the birth of Jesus meant not only the dawn of the time of the Messiah but also the dawn of a new humanity where Jews and Gentiles would be united in their belief. The Magi were the first of many Gentiles who would come to see Jesus as their Saviour, their King, and their Lord. As they worshipped before Jesus, Isaiah's vision and dream had become a reality, one that is still in the process of being fulfilled.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

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 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.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-13

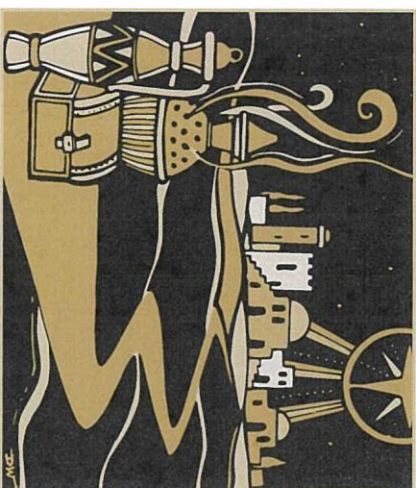
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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 falls./He shall rule from sea to sea,/from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

3. The kings of Tarsish 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.

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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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Allleluia, 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.

We have come from the East to worship the King.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in