

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.

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QUEST FOR TRUTH

Truth, like greatness, can come to us in a variety of ways. Some search for it and others have it thrust upon them. What brought the wise men from afar on such a journey of great adventure, risk and discovery? They were indeed people seeking the truth, and even more importantly, they were open to the new and unexpected ways in which that truth came to them. As they brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the vision of that great prophet Isaiah is fulfilled. He knew that the call that Israel had received was one destined to be shared by all humanity, united in its worship of the living God. As a reward for their tireless quest for the truth, the wise men receive the gift of knowledge and understanding. It is not so with Herod. The truth is most unwelcome and is thrust upon him. The message of the astrologers from the East is decidedly unsettling for Herod: if this child is the newborn king of the Jews what will be Herod's status in the future?

Paul too has travelled, searched and wrestled with the truth that God wishes to be proclaimed to the world. It is a message that has the power to both liberate and discomfort. Gentiles who accept Jesus now share the same promises and inheritance as the people of Israel. They are part of the same body. Jewish Christians had to deal with the fact that what had been their exclusive privilege was now extended to the Gentiles and that this too was part of God's plan to be graciously accepted.

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.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.

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

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

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.

We have come from the East to worship the King.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east.

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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

Weekday Mass: Monday at 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 7:30am; Friday at 5pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil at 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday at 8am, 9:30am and 6pm

CCC Mass: Sunday at 11:30am (English/Cantonese)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 4pm-5pm

First Friday Devotion: Monthly at 4pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion: Monthly at 9am

Exposition and Benediction: First weekend of the month at all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

The Epiphany of the Lord

8th January 2023

PRAYER REQUESTS:



Recently Deceased: Pope Benedict XVI, Jackie Duncan, Dyan Kristina Lee Po

Our Deceased: Helen Curick, Roy Landon, Eric Michael, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Francis Murray; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Jan Brayan; all souls in purgatory.

Our Sick: Burkardt Foertsch, Peter McNamara, Graham Rumble, Ben Isaacs, Harriet D'Souza, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw, Ceferino Ramirez

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS:

The Baptism of the Lord 9th January

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PARISH NEWS:

- **This Sunday, 8th January, we welcome and thank Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA** for visiting our parish to preach about St Michael and St Faustina. Fr Peter will be celebrating our Sunday Masses and will hold a Eucharistic Healing and Devotion at 3pm and the blessing of our new Divine Mercy picture in the church. All are welcome to attend. We thank all the liturgical volunteers and musicians involved.
- **On Mon, 9th January, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we will have a Mass at 7:30am.**
- **Free Exercise Class for St Kevin's Parishioners: Classes will recommence on Tuesday, 10th Jan 2023.** Classes are held weekly at 4.15pm in the Haseler Centre. Suitable for most adults. Contact Michael Wilkinson - Personal Trainer M 0412 383 364.

• **Men's Midweek Prayer Reflection** will recommence on Wednesday, 11th January at 7:30pm in the Holy Family Chapel. **Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast:** First gathering for 2023 will be on Saturday 4th Feb at 7:00am in the parish hall (Haseler Centre).

• **Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy in Penrose Park:** The 13th day of every month is Fatima Day at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy in Penrose Park, Sutton Forest. There will be Mass and Procession.

St Michael's Hurstville has organised a Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy in Penrose Park, Sutton Forest on Friday, 13th January with Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA.

A 50-seater bus has been arranged by St Michael's Hurstville and are inviting parishes under the care of the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel, including St Kevin's Eastwood to join. The cost is \$35 per person. Please contact Valerie of St Michael's Hurstville on 0410 381 589 to add your name to the list for the bus or email St Michael's Parish Hurstville at: office@stmichaelhurst.org.au For more information contact St Michael's Parish Hurstville (02) 7252 3966 or visit their parish website: <https://www.stmichaelhurst.org.au/>

• **Michaelite 100 Year Jubilee Mass & Dinner, Sat 28th Jan 2023:** Michaelite priests and its parishes all over Sydney, including St Kevin's Eastwood, will gather at Holy Spirit North Ryde to celebrate 100 Years of the Michaelite Congregation. It will begin with a special Mass at 5pm, followed by catered dinner in the parish hall. All welcome. Cost: \$45pp (includes 3course meal), Children up to 16yo \$20. BYO drinks. Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend. For more information contact the parish office (02) 9874 2533.

• **To all liturgical volunteers:** To view rosters, see noticeboard or visit <https://www.stkevinseastwood.org.au/rosters/> Thank you.

• If you wish to offer a **Mass for the sick, deceased, or for other occasions**, please collect an envelope in the church foyer and include which weekday or weekend Mass would you like the name to be mentioned. Place them in the weekend collection bag or in the parish letterbox inside the church.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

• **Purpose Retreat 2023, 22-25 Jan at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre:** Inviting all young adults & youth leaders (18-35) to come along to a new archdiocesan retreat centred on the theme KNOW, LOVE, SERVE. **Speakers include:** Bishop Richard Umbers, Fr. Ben Saliba, Kristin Barlow, Sr Kathryn Kingsley MGL, Kevin and Helen Wagner, Fr Chris De Sousa and Fr Dan McCaughan. The retreat will offer fellowship, social time, food, sacraments, prayer, and more. Limited places available. Register now at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDXCV> For more info email: info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

• **Mass to honour Servant of God Eileen O'Connor at St Brigid's Church** (Cnr. Brook & Waltham Sts., Coogee) Tue 10th Jan at 11am. Celebrant: Emeritus Bishop Terence Brady.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.