



# St Mary's Cathedral

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**Sunday, 7 January 2018**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord – Year B**

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This week brings an end to the cycle of Christmas Feast Days, with the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord, and many of our Eastern Catholic and Orthodox friends will be having their most solemn and joyful festivities at this time. May the whole human family rejoice that a Saviour has been given to us, Christ the Lord!

It is still holiday time for many, of course, and I extend a special welcome to people who are visiting Sydney. May you have a happy time, and, protected by the intercession of Our Lady, Help of Christians, may you travel safely.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean



*Liturgy...*

**First Reading     Is 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 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.**

**Response: Thanks be to God!**



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**Responsorial Psalm   Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13**

*(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 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.)



*Liturgy...*

**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.**

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

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**Gospel Acclamation**

**Mt 2:2**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

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*Liturgy...*

**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. '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**

**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**



**CATHEDRAL CLERGY**

*Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP  
Father Donald Richardson, Dean  
Father Brendan Purcell  
Father Emmanuel Yoon Jae Seo  
Father Pierluigi Passoni*

**CATHEDRAL STAFF**

*Chris Backhouse- Cathedral Sacristan  
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**A COPY OF THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$2**

<b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass); 12noon Latin Mass in the extraordinary form; 6.00pm Mass
<b>Weekday Mass</b>	Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm; Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon Public Holidays: 9am (or as advertised)
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Monday-Friday: 12noon -1.00pm & 5.00pm to 5.25pm Saturday 11.30am- 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
<b>Vespers (Evening Prayer)</b>	Monday to Thursday: 5.00pm; Saturday 5.30pm; Sunday 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacraments)  <b>NOTE: There are <u>NO</u> Weekday Vespers and Sunday Benediction during the month of January</b>

**\*\*COELIACS:** Special Provision is made for Coeliacs at the Cathedral. Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion either from the Chalice or with a gluten low host. Application should be made to the Sacristan before Mass.