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**Sunday, 06 Jan 2019**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

God prepared for the coming of his Son over the centuries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming and he prepared for it specifically through the Old Testament, culminating with John the Baptist who was the last and greatest of the prophets. We

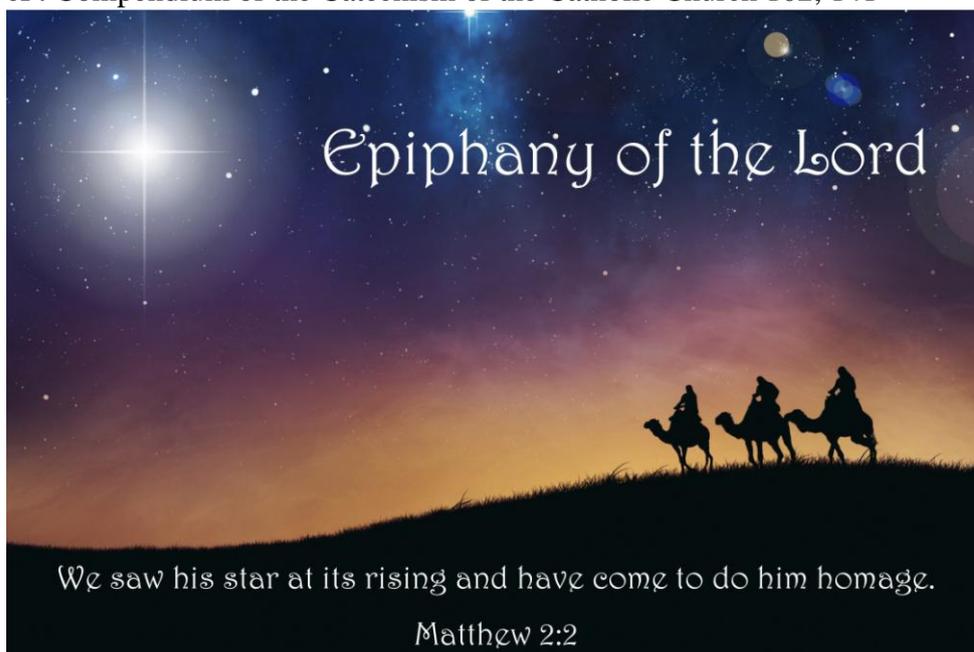
relieve this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration of the season of Advent. The Holy Spirit filled John the Baptist, who was the last prophet of the Old Testament. Under his inspiration John was sent to “prepare for the Lord a people well disposed” (Luke 1:17). He was to proclaim the coming of Christ, the Son of God. \*

John appears in the liturgy of this Sunday through St Luke’s Gospel, with his call to repentance and preparation for the coming of the Lord. He was a truly remarkable man, a prophet even before his mother Elizabeth had given birth to him. His joyful pre-birth wriggling in the presence of Mary and Jesus, and his adult pointing out of Christ, the Lamb of God, are messages for us today too.

This week, may we each be attentive to John’s voice, and examine our conscience, and prepare a pathway for the Lord to enter our hearts and minds.

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean*

\* cP. Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church 102, 141



*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!**



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

*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!**



**Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**



*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.*

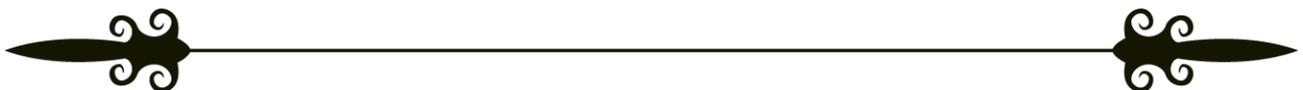
After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the 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**



<b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass); 12.15pm 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 - 5.25pm Saturday: 11.30am - 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
<b>Vespers (Evening Prayer)</b>	Saturday: 5.30pm Sunday: 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)  <b>NOTE: There are <u>NO</u> Weekday Vespers 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.

<b>CATHEDRAL CLERGY</b> <i>Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP</i> <i>Father Donald Richardson, Dean</i> <i>Father Brendan Purcell</i> <i>Father Emmanuel Yoon Jae Seo</i> <i>Father Pierluigi Passoni</i>	<b>CATHEDRAL STAFF</b> <i>Chris Backhouse – Cathedral Sacristan</i> <i>Thomas Wilson – Director of Music</i> <i>Helen Morassut – General Manager,</i> <i>St Mary’s Cathedral Precinct</i>
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**SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEW LOOK CATHOLIC WEEKLY  
OR PURCHASE A COPY FOR \$2.**

**ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES**

The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this mass.



Please note: you can continue to donate with cash  
or pass the plate on.

## CATHEDRAL NOTICES .....

### **ST BAKHITA'S DAY – ETHICAL SOURCING SEMINAR AND EXPO**

Don't miss this important seminar (8 February) to ensure your business is prepared, informed and ready to take action to address forced labour, slavery and exploitation in supply chains. Executives from across the corporate and public sector are invited to attend the seminar at St Mary's Cathedral. The Expo will bring together international best practice, modern slavery survivor testimony, local case studies and practical step-by-step guidance to support ethical sourcing practices as part of a robust procurement framework. Program of speakers released later in January 2019. Event contact and to RSVP: Alison Rahill, Anti-Slavery Taskforce, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney [alison.rahill@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:alison.rahill@sydneycatholic.org) **0439 482 290**

### **PRAY FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL**

Across Australia, Catholics are gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith and the Church. Many parishes within the Archdiocese have commenced their journey towards the Plenary Council 2020, sharing and reflecting on the future of the Catholic church in Australia. Please continue to pray for the community of the Sydney Archdiocese that we will respond well to the call of the Holy Spirit, by engaging in the preparatory phase of the Plenary with open and humble hearts, listening to what the Spirit is saying to each one of us as we share our experiences of faith towards the preparation of the agenda of the Plenary Council. The Plenary Council Prayer: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/pray/> Want to know more or on how to become involved? Please contact **9390 5147** or email [plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org)

### **EMBRACE, YOUNG ADULTS GROUP.**

Embrace is St Mary's group for young people of 18-35 yrs old from all cultures and backgrounds. We meet **every Sunday at St Mary's Cathedral House, adjacent to the Cathedral, after the 6.00pm Mass.** Our Activities and youth projects are designed to support spiritual development and encourage active practice of our faith. All are welcome to join. Please ring/text the Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to [embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto:embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au).

**THE BENEDICT XVI RETREAT CENTRE** now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, and opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Reception on **(02) 4572 2899** / email [bxvi@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bxvi@sydneycatholic.org) to find out more or visit [www.benedictxvicentre.org.au](http://www.benedictxvicentre.org.au).

### **VISITING ROME? STAY AT DOMUS AUSTRALIA.**

Domus Australia is a 32-room Boutique Pilgrim Guesthouse established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims. Enquiries: [reservations@domusaustralia.org](mailto:reservations@domusaustralia.org) [www.domusaustralia.org](http://www.domusaustralia.org)

### **DRAWING AND GIVING LIFE – NSW PASTORAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2019**

How do we renew our pastoral structures to draw and give life in the post Royal Commission Church? In what ways are we called to move forward and strengthen our ministries to serve the mission of Jesus Christ? The day includes networking with ministry leaders around NSW and two opportunities to engage with a variety of workshops with on the ground practitioners offering strategies for renewing and strengthening our pastoral mission. Normal rate \$75. **Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. Tuesday 26th February 2019 / 9.30am to 4.30pm**

### **ROME PILGRIMAGE - 16 to 23 May 2019.**

To celebrate our Cathedral's 150 years it would be a great opportunity to join Fr Don Richardson, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral on a unique tour of Rome. Get your free pilgrimage kit today by ringing Rome Pilgrimages on **1800 753 959** or Email:

[pilgrimages@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:pilgrimages@sydneycatholic.org).

**FREE SUNDAY TOUR OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL:** Our tour guides would love to take you through the history of the Mother Church for Australian Catholics with a **free tour every Sunday after the 10:30am Solemn Choral Mass.** Please look out for the tour guide next to the organ console after Mass. All are welcome!

**WALK THE CAMINO PORTUGUÉS.** Catholic Mission 17-day Pilgrimage: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: **May 2019 and June 2019.** Small group led by Sr Veronica, OP, **(0451 387 906).** For more information visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues>

**AUSTRALIA DAY 26TH JANUARY 2019** will include our scheduled Cathedral Mass times at 9am, 12pm and 6pm with Reconciliation as per the Saturday schedule. The extra public holiday for Australia Day falls on Monday, 28th January 2019 where we will only have 9am Mass on this day.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT REFLECTION MORNINGS. Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm.** For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further info, please contact **(02) 9646 6908**

<b>CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	
<b>Open Hours</b>	6:30am to 7.30pm
<b>Mass</b>	9.00am 12noon 6pm Vigil
<b>Vespers</b>	5:30pm
<b>Reconciliation</b>	11:30am- 11:55am 4:30pm – 5:30pm
<b>Cathedral History &amp; Crypt Tours</b>	10.00am 10.30am 11.00am 12.00pm 12.30pm 1.30pm 2.30pm
<b>Bell Ringing</b>	9.50am (60 minutes)
<b>Organ Recital</b>	1.00pm 2.00pm 3.00pm