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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 4 January – 11th Day in Christmas Octave

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 5 January – The Epiphany of the Lord

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am Mass - Miami
8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Monday 6 January

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 7 January – St Raymond of Penyafort

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 8 January

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 9 January

5.00pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass – Mudgeeraba

Friday 10 January

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 11 January

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 12 January – Baptism of the Lord

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am Mass - Miami
8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5 January 2025

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This Week's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Next Week's Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Today the Church is celebrating the feast of the arrival of the Three Kings. According to the Gospel of Saint Matthew, the wise men came from the East to worship the child Jesus in Bethlehem. Three truths emerge about them. First, they were searching for God in the stable. Second, they offered their best to God. Third, their lives got a new direction.

Today is the day when Lord Jesus revealed himself to the non-Jews. Today's festival is also known as 'Lord's Epiphany'. The Greek name of this festival is 'Epiphania' which literally means 'revealing oneself'. God revealed the eternal Word Lord Jesus to the world.

It is clear from the beginning that Lord Jesus came to this world not only for the Israelites but also for the non-Jews, not because the Jews rejected Lord Jesus but it was God's plan that the whole world should receive salvation through him.

We are all Gentiles, so this is truly our feast. Today Jesus reveals himself to you and me. We are happy because we have been united to the Lord through the Church. We are happy because we have come to know the gospel of his healing and freedom. We are also happy because we have received salvation through him.

Along with this abundant joy, we have also been entrusted with some responsibility. That is, we have to fulfill God's will by following the path shown by Lord Jesus. We who openly proclaim Lord Jesus, realize and accept that we need excellent thoughts and behaviour. Apart from this, it is also our duty to tell our neighbours about the Lord.

This festival has been given a very important place in church history. History is a witness to the fact that the practice of celebrating this festival was prevalent in Christian communities even before Christmas was celebrated.

The belief behind celebrating this festival in the Catholic Church was that Lord Jesus first revealed himself to the non-Jews, the three wise men were a symbol of this. These wise men set out on an unknown and dangerous journey to discover the meaning of the new star and this journey ended in the worship of the child in Bethlehem.

Our lives will be successful only when we allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit of God. The joy of receiving a gift is momentary, the joy of winning a competition is temporary, but the joy of the Spirit of God is complete and true. We will experience the Holy Spirit only when we walk in the light of Christ.

Let us pray to God to enable us to recognize His presence constantly visible before us and to reveal it to others as well.



GATHERING

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain, moor and mountain
following yonder star.

***O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to the perfect Light.***

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a deity nigh,
prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshipping God most high.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***All nations. All nations shall fall prostrate
before you, O Lord.***

COMMUNION HYMN

The first Noel, the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

***Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel***

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three
and rev'rently upon their knee,
they offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Now let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who made both heaven and earth from nought,
and with his blood salvation bought.



THANKSGIVING

Born in the night, Mary's child,
a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary's child,
born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light, Mary's child,
your face lights up our way;
light of the world, Mary's child,
dawn on our darkened day.

Truth of our life, Mary's child,
you tell us God is good;
prove it is true, Mary's child,
go to your cross of wood.

Hope of the world, Mary's child,
you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's child,
walk in our streets again.

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RECESSIONAL

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone cold tomb

***O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to the perfect Light.***

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice:
Heav'n sings "Alleluia!"
"Alleluia!" the earth replies.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

William Korab, Jess Hall, Michael Onn, Fred Grioli, Mary Wagner, William & Gladys McCleary, Peter Flynn, Anthony Metzen, Hannes Rieck, Quetta Mace, Doreen Kennedy, Bernard Clark, Irene Garland, Caitlin Ibbotson, Edward Tudor, Dick O'Halloran, Lynne Nunan, Petrina Stewart, John Christopher, Deirdre Irwin, Paul Holford, Warren Wilson, Doug Tronc, Evelyn North, Margaret Russell, Jose Antonio, Chris Grioli, Mary Ann Rogers, Roy Goodger, Audrey Griffin, Joan Elsie, Doreen Coop, Tom Pritchard, Lee Capri, John Love, Noah Page, Lyn Hundt, Therese Baggaley, Sister Eleanor Marie, Pat Dunlop, Leah Bolland, Marcia Tudor, Sue McKinnon, Patricia Cruzado, Trish Harvey, Robert Breckell, Magdalena Gitau, Peter Gannon, Suzanne Fullarton, Marnia Ryan Raison, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

*Please ensure you receive permission before placing a name in the prayers list.
Contact the Parish Office if the name is no longer required to remain on the list.*

PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for those anniversaries occurring at this time, Frank & Ross Gaudry, Alphonse & Akesa Gabriel, Alice & Patrick Shannon, Margaret Kennedy, Linda Ledbrook, Neata Jones, Karen Kerrigan, Esma Adams, Alan Bugeja, Vincent Bugeja, Neville Fullarton, Angela Gatt, Alfred Gatt, Julie Jones, Roland Cramer, Norah Zipf, Hal Ward, John Devassy. Also praying for all for whom Masses have been requested.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen