

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 6 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 7 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 8 January - The Baptism of the Lord
9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 9 January
7.30am Mass – Burligh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Wednesday 10 January
5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 11 January
5:15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 12 January
10:00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Saturday 13 January – St Hilary
8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

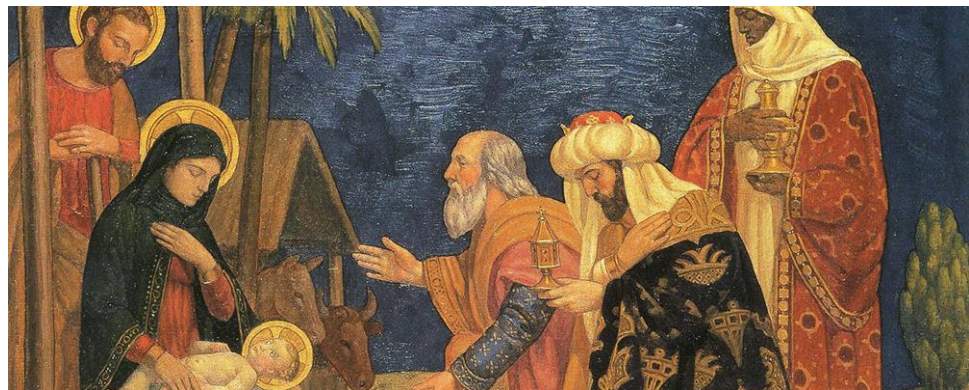
Sunday 14 January – Ordinary Time 2
7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am Mass - Miami
8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)
5.00pm Reconciliation – Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Year B/2

7 January 2024

This Week's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Next Week's Readings: 1 Sam 3:3-10; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



By the time we get to **Matthew 2**, Jesus is a toddler and sleeping in a bed. His family thankfully upgraded to a house, which may have been connected to all those glorious angels. Anybody witnessing that spectacle surely scrambled to make more room available. The family still resides in Bethlehem, where they're famously visited by a collection of exotic magicians from the east, described by tradition as three kings or wise men, easily the strangest guys to show up in the gospels thus far. Scholars conclude they were likely astrologers, who, having checked their skies, determine an important king has been born who is worth checking out. With the kind of fervour currently reserved for any royal birth, these astrologers trace a star toward Jerusalem, Israel's capital city. They drive straight to the palace, since that's where you'd expect a king of the Jews to be born.

The irony is unavoidable: Pagan astrologers travel the long distance to adore Israel's Savior, but Israel's ruler just wants him dead. And not only that, but Israel's religious leaders, who know the prophecies inside and out and actually believe, fail to join the journey even though for them it was only a six-mile trip. Why bother?

People still seek Jesus in places you'd normally expect to find a king: amidst respectability and success, security and contentment. We presume the Lord to be present mostly when there's money in the bank, the career's intact, our relationships are enjoyable, the kids succeed, our bodies are fit, and the weather is nice.

New birth feels like death sometimes, because being born again means death to the sinful life you've been living, and that can hurt. Yet as painful as new birth can be, the new life it brings gets described, and experienced, as both abundant and eternal, full of grace and joy. We read that the Magi were "overwhelmed by joy" upon coming to Jesus—and he was still just a toddler. They bow before him and pay homage though he'd yet to speak a word or do a miracle. "They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praises of the Lord," just like the prophet said they would.

By Daniel Harrell

GATHERING

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

***O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!***



Lo! star led chieftains, magi, Christ adoring,
offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
we to the Christ child bring our heart's oblations.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above,
Glory to God in the highest.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All nations, all nations shall fall prostrate before you O Lord.
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COMMUNION HYMN

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.

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



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

RECESSIONAL

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King";
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

***Hark! the herald angels sing
"Glory to the new-born King!"***

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.



Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Sue Mulholland, Therese Baggaley, Stella Brown, William Korab, Jess Hall, Michael Onn, Jason Hill, Katrina Kerkow-Hill, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Mary Wagner, William & Gladys McCleary, Ron Cale, Kai Colless, 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, Linda Ledbrook, Paul Holford, Leah Bolland, Warren Wilson, Doug Tronc, Evelyn North, Margaret Russell, Jose Antonio, John Faye the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for those anniversaries occurring at this time, Paul Tonna, Enid Galt, Darrell Towell, Raymond Watters, Ludwik Szczotka, John Hill, Virginia Mackie, Angela Gatt, Helen Dunn, Betty Georgiou, Isabel Little, Mary Cavallo, Margaret Devcic, Noel Bugler, Marion McCabe, Daniel McDonald. 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.