

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

BURLEIGH WATERS - MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY - 3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters

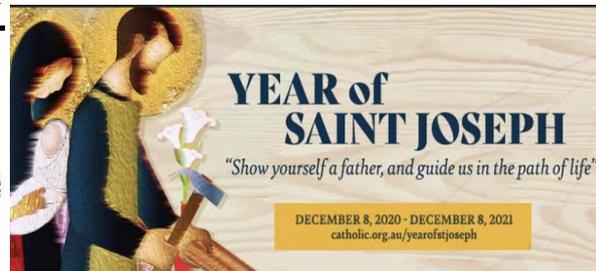
BURLEIGH HEADS - INFANT SAVIOUR - 4 Park Av, Burleigh Heads

PALM BEACH - OUR LADY OF THE WAY - Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach

MIAMI - CALVARY - Redondo Av, Miami

MUDGEERABA - ST. BENEDICT'S - Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

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The Epiphany of the Lord 3 January, 2021

Year B: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

next week's Readings: Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

The Greek word Epiphany (*epiphanos*), which means *appearance* or *manifestation* or showing forth, is used to describe Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. Originally the word Epiphany referred to the visit of a king to the people of his provinces. "Epiphany" in our today's celebration refers to God's Self-revelation as well as the revelation of Jesus as His Son to all mankind. Epiphany is considered to be an older celebration than the feast of Christmas. It originated in the East in the late second century. In the Western Church, the feast commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

Scripturally, Jesus' life is filled with many revelations: The angels revealing Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealing him to the Magi, who may have had hints of Him from the Jewish Scriptures. Later, God the Father revealing Jesus' identity to Israel at his Baptism in the Jordan, and in the synagogue at Nazareth during His ministry Jesus reveals himself as the promised Messiah. Jesus equally revealed himself as a miracle worker at the wedding of Cana, thus revealing his Divinity. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

The First Reading from Isaiah 60:1-6, is chosen partly because it mentions non-Jews bringing gifts in homage to the God of Israel. Here the Prophet Isaiah, consoling the people in exile, speaks of the restoration of the New Jerusalem from which the glory of Yahweh becomes visible even to the pagan nations. Thus, the prophet in this passage celebrates the Divine Light emanating from Jerusalem and foresees all the nations acknowledging that Light, enjoying that Light and walking by that Light.

St. Paul in the Second Reading affirms the mystery of God's universal plan of salvation in Christ which includes both Jews and Gentiles. Hence, there are no second-class members of Christ's body, the Church.

In the gospel, Matthew nowhere says that there were three wise men from the East. This assumption of number has probably been drawn from the fact that three gifts are mentioned, and it could easily be presumed that each of the Magi brought one, although this is going beyond what the text itself says. They are supposed to have been kings, but this stems from a very literal translation of a Psalm verse: 'The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts' (Ps 72:10).

The gospel offers us example of what we ought to be doing. Like the Magi in today's gospel, let us offer Jesus his gifts to us on this feast of Epiphany. The first gift might be friendship with God. The whole point of Christmas is that God's Son became one of us to redeem us and call us friends. God wants our friendship in the form of wholehearted love and devotion. A second gift might be friendship with others. This kind of friendship can be costly. The price it exacts is vulnerability and openness to others. The Good News, however, is that, in offering friendship to others, we will receive back many blessings. A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation. This gift repairs damaged relationships. It requires honesty, humility, understanding, forgiveness and patience. The fourth gift of this season is the gift of peace: seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life and daily meditation on the Word of God. It is out of humble gratitude that we give Him from the heart our gifts of worship, prayer, singing, possessions, talents and time. As we give our insignificant, little gifts to God, the good news is that God accepts them! Like the Magi offering their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, we offer what we have, from the heart, in response to what that Child has given to us - Himself.

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Parish Weekly Diary....

Saturday 2 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 3 January

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach

8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

8.30am **Mass** - Miami

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Monday 4 January

9.00am **Mass** - Miami

Tuesday 5 January

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday 6 January

8.00am Morning Prayer of Divine Office

5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday 7 January

5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday 8 January

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Saturday 9 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 10 January

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach

8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

8.30am **Mass** - Miami

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Music for this Sunday

Gathering: We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we travel 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 babe on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold we 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 on high.

Psalm Response:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Communion: The First Nowell

The first Nowell, 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.

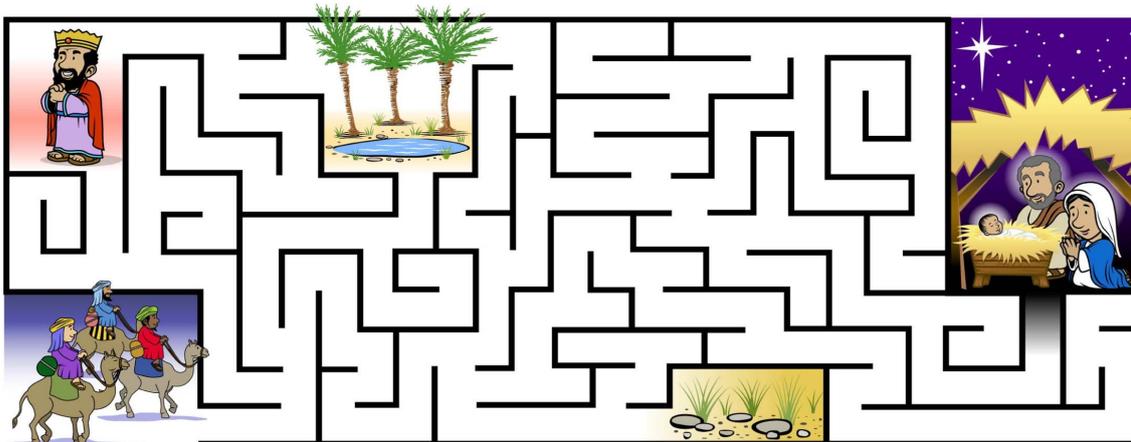
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

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.

For the Kids ...

Help the three wise men find their way to Bethlehem - watch out for King Herod!



Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angles singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all,
Christ the child is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you,
Christ the child was born for you.

Recessional: We Three Kings

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gath'ring 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 rise,
King and God and sacrifice:
Heav'n sings, "Alleluia!"
"Alleluia!" earth replies.

