



ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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“Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you.” - Isaiah 60:1



READINGS FOR MASS:

Entrance Procession

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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 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.

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

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment. R.

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.

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.

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.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

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A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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 the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: *Matthew 2:1-12*

We have come from the East to worship the king.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

NOTICES:



- ❖ **Mobile Phones:** We ask the faithful not to use mobile phones in Church at all. The problem is that they have a light shining from them which can distract others; there is also the risk of messages and phone calls coming through during Mass which again distracts the user and those around them, even if they are on silent. At Mass we are supposed to be focussed on our Lord and on the prayers offered. It seems unhealthy if people cannot put them away for one hour to give themselves completely to our Lord.

- ❖ **Sunday School (Commencing Term 1 2021)**
The Parish is preparing to offer Sunday School lessons for school-aged children in Term 1, 2021. The program will focus on Scripture and Catechism. Lessons will be held in St Bernadette's Primary School, starting at 11am on Sundays during term and finish no later than midday. If you are interested in availing of catechism classes for your children, please let the parish office know.

- ❖ **Parish Office** will close on Wednesday 23rd December 2020 and will reopen Tuesday 2nd February 2021. For Emergencies: please leave a message on the answering machine.

- ❖ Parishioners please be reminded you have free access to the Parish's subscription to **'Formed' an online media platform at www.formed.org** Through this subscription you will have access to thousands of great Catholic content such as movies, video presentations, audio books, talks and eBooks. This is very useful for families with young kids and parents learning and teaching the Faith. Simply go to 'Sign Up' select 'Sign up as a parishioner' and search for your Parish name and location. You will then be prompted to insert your name and email address.

YOUTH NOTICES:

- ❖ **Catholic Central:** Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/3195895270470713/> for further information and to RSVP.

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ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 9-10 Jan 2021

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am
Readers:	B Heath	D Tudehope	T Nott
Altar Servers:	Samara Cliff Reshan Weerakkody. Burbridge Family Liam Maze Raphael Cipollone	Emily Billingsley Joshua Locke Ethan Choi Nicholas Chehade	Natalie Higgins Mierzanowski Family Rafael Baricevic William Firkin Jack Firkin
Acolytes:	Cameron McAuley	Nidhin Thomas	Franklin Orji
Flower donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi Ethel Kazzi Silvia Misitano		
Altar Gowns:	Maggie Elias		
Floral Arrangers:	Sylvana, Val, Socheata		
Altar Society:	G 1: Thurs 7/01/2021: Julie Nipperess, Violet Standfort, Nisha Thomas		
Cleaners:	G 5: Saturday 9/01/2021 @ 8.00am: I Cummerford, R Evans, L Cakmakci, T Fernandes, Jenni, Zack & Zoe Egan		

Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:

Ellie Eagan; Rima Sammour; Grace Wheatley; Jen Hogan; Lois Grant; Kathy Krahe; Emily Carter; Jan Joyce; Cosimo Arcorace; Isobel Espiritu; Oliver; and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Eileen O'Connor; Clotilde Nasri Canaan; Warwick Johns; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Cermelo Mifsud; Daniel Aramayo; Rena Davidson; Margaret Bonnet; Shan High Chau; Virhinia Chiu; William & Christmas Gardiner; Roly, Nohad & Wahib Maroun; Barbara Matthews; Vernon D'Cruz; Francesco Siciliano; Les Arnold; Marie & Alois Jurina; Leopold, Jan & Margita Achimsky; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

Saint Michael the Archangel,

defend us in the battle; be our protection against the malice and snares of the Devil. May God restrain him, we humbly pray, and You, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power cast into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: have mercy on us. (3 times)

Immaculate Heart of Mary: pray for us



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