

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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**As we come to worship we remember the Bangerang & Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians of this land
 We commit ourselves to actively working alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.**

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th JANUARY 2014

"May God bless you each day of the year and keep you in his loving care! "

A New Year Wish

'May we live in a world of grace, with awareness of God's love in every sunset, flower, baby's smile and every wonderful astonishing beat of our heart.
 May we smile and laugh throughout the year!
 May the Holy Spirit work in our hearts and communities to help bring peace to the world in 2014.

Quote
 'Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.' Corrie ten Boom, Holocaust survivor

WEEKDAY MASSES/LITURGIES - TATURA

Tuesday 7 th Jan	9.15am Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday 8 th Jan	9.15am Anointing Mass
Friday 10 th Jan	9.15am Mass
Sunday 12 th Jan	10.00am Mass

Congratulations Mary

Mary Smith will soon celebrate her 90th birthday and the family have arranged an open day at St Mary's Hall on Sunday 5th January from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.
 All welcome (no gifts thank you)

New Rosters are available in the folder in the Narthex.

CUPPA AFTER MASS NEXT WEEK

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sun Jan 12th 10am	Trish Miller	Lou Kerrins	Carmel White	C Serra T Muto	Paul Kerrins G LoPiccolo A M Nihill	L & D Worm

Typhoon Haiyan

Thanks to all for the extraordinarily generous response which is now at almost \$220,000.00 surpassing that of many larger dioceses. THANK YOU. And I understand there's still more to come. **Kerry Stone Diocesan Caritas Co-ordinator**

Anniversaries - Marianne Woods

Our sick - Lawrie Dwyer; Barry Butler; Mons. Jeffries; Margaret Woodland; Mons John White
 *** Frank Pemberton; John Hoskings; Tessa Stokes Glen Spicer; Carmel Rawlings;
 Gerard Berry



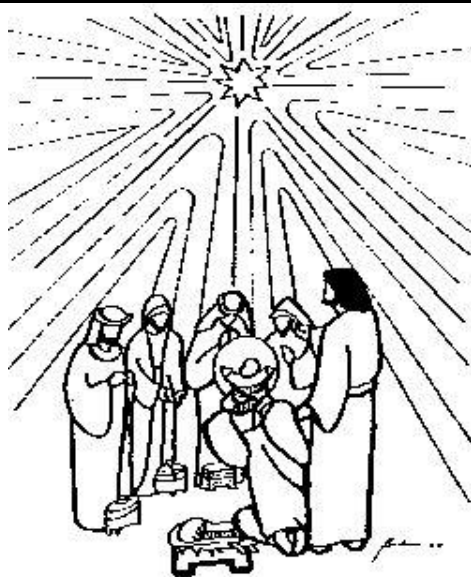
*Readings for
this week:*

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17



Liturgical Jottings

Two aspects of the feast of the Epiphany are celebrated in each Eucharistic celebration. The first is the centrality of gift giving. The gift we offer to God is ourselves - the work of our hands, the love we share with each other and the fullness of our faith in Jesus as the light of the world. We then receive in return the gift of Jesus, his whole life given for the life of the world. Each Eucharist is a cosmic event just as the humble, faith-filled meeting of the Magi with the child Jesus and his mother was a cosmic event in the journey of our humanity towards salvation.

From today's readings

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.

Looking at the Readings

Epiphany as a word evokes light. Epiphany, the feast we celebrate today, evokes in particular the light of the star which guided the Magi on their long journey to find the infant King of the Jews. We cannot say for certain who the Magi were but we know that they feature in the gospel story we read today to make the point that the infant they are seeking is to be the Light of the world. Certainly he comes as God's gift to the people of Israel but, more than that, he comes as God's gift to each and every human being.

The arrival of the Magi in Jerusalem perturbed Herod and his subjects, none of whom knew anything about the birth of a new king. A quick check made it clear to Herod, the chief priests and the scribes that the child the Magi were seeking would be born in Bethlehem. Herod's strategy for dealing with their unwelcome intrusion was to suggest quietly that they move on to Bethlehem to complete their search and then come back to inform him if and where they had found the child.

At that point the concept of light becomes especially important. As the evangelist makes clear, the Magi were filled with delight that the star appeared to them again as soon as they set off for Bethlehem. Then, as the evangelist again makes clear with beautiful simplicity, they found the child with Mary his mother. They paid homage to him and bestowed their gifts.

We have much for which to be grateful to the Magi. Like them we are on a journey of faith. Like them we are on a journey of understanding. The high point of that understanding is that this child is light for the world. The picture that emerges from their finding of Jesus as a helpless babe in the arms of his mother Mary is that he came into this world as the child of a loving mother who could not endow him with wealth or status but could enrich his life by her love.

Quotable Quote

Today's feast is a celebration of the fact that with the birth of Jesus we have indeed 'the light of the world' come amongst us. This child is a kind of living candle and his 'ordinary' birthday is the beginning of a season of humanity which will lead to a greater thing still, that thing or condition which we call resurrection, whose great annual emblem is the Easter candle, Christ's own insignia. *Peter Steele S.J*



A Prayer for Light

May the infant Jesus whom the Magi sought as they followed the star that rose in the East shine brightly in our hearts and minds and in the lives of all those we encounter in the days and weeks of the year just beginning. © Diocese of Sandhurst 2014