

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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As Christ's disciples our mission is:

*to be inspired by Christ

*to actively live out Christ's message and the Gospel values by respecting, celebrating and honouring our Catholic traditions

*to provide welcome and sanctuary for all

*to foster a sense of social justice and to protect, nurture and support our Catholic community and the wider community by respecting life, self, others and the environment.



Readings - Year C
Year of Mercy



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Joan Dickman; Brendon Lane(Chair);

Pauline Shortis; Liz Withall

**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.**



The Epiphany of the Lord

3 January 2016



	Those who have died recently	Tatura: Doreen Anderson
		Kyabram: Delia Gundry
	Those whose Anniversary occurs	Tatura:
		Kyabram:
	Our sick and their carers	Tatura: Anne Heathman, Denis Smith, Margaret Woodland; Naomi Moon, Lisa Clark, Fr. Chris Reay, Fr. John Ryan, Peter Burns
		Kyabram: Bob Taylor, Jennifer Baker, Natasha Smith, Andrea Cocks, Jim O'Donovan, Eileen O'Donovan, Saxon Doidge, Clare Powles, Kelley Toohill

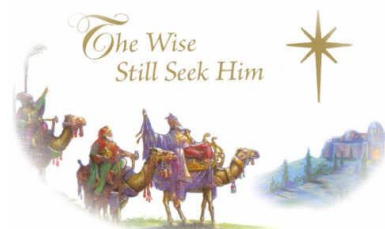
(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. To extend the time, please contact the parish office.)

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sun 10 th Jan 10am	Sue Nihill	John Harford	Mandy McGrath	Pat Baldwin	A M Nihill D Worm D Woodman	Trish Warnett

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	4 Jan	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	5 Jan	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	6 Jan	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	7 Jan	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	8 Jan	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	9 Jan	No Mass	6.30pm Mass
Sunday	10 Jan	10am Mass	8 am Mass
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Mass		

Dennis Woods is doing another order for the Columban Calendar. Please see Pat Baldwin if you would like to be part of this order.



We wish everyone a happy, healthy, safe and faithful 2016



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



Readings for
next week

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 55:1-11
Act 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11



Liturgical Jottings

After the annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church has no more ancient custom than celebrating the memorial of the Nativity of the Lord and of his first manifestations, and this takes place in Christmas Time. Christmas Time runs from Evening Prayer I (Eve) of the Nativity of the Lord up to and including the Sunday after Epiphany or after January 6. It includes the feast of Christmas, Holy Family, Mary Mother of God (New Year's Day), Epiphany and concludes with the Baptism of the Lord.



Prayer for the week

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.

Prayer after Communion.

Focus on the Gospel

The gospel according to Matthew does not relate the birth of Christ. It moves immediately from the annunciation to Joseph (unlike Luke's annunciation to Mary) to the visit of the wise men at Bethlehem. This gospel passage is rich with images each with reference from the Hebrew scriptures. Bethlehem (Micah 5:1), adoration of the magi (Micah 5:3), the flight into Egypt (Hosea 11:1), the slaughter of the innocents (Jeremiah 31:15) and the return to Nazareth (possibly Judges 13:5-7). The gifts themselves are symbols of kingship (gold), divinity (frankincense) and humanity/passion (myrrh).

The liturgy proclaims that the Epiphany happens today. The event related in the Gospel makes part of the history of salvation that transcends time and place. God holds the initiative and is the unseen main actor. The liturgy re-presents, that is, makes the hidden realities present and active today. Christ is the Light to the nations, his power - grace - comes to us now (see quotes below).

St Paul is clearly conscious of the mystery of the Epiphany: The mystery of Christ is made known (revealed - "an epiphany") to the nations by the Spirit. All become his heirs and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (second reading).

Quotes of the Week

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion. (*Entrance Antiphon*)

God revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. ... (*Collect of the Mass*)

... These gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. (*Prayer over the Offerings*)

On the Lighter Side

In a small US Southern town square a nativity scene had the three wise men wearing firemen's helmets. A Northern visitor asked in the local store about the helmets. She yelled "You dumb Yankees never read the Bible!" and ruffling through the pages of the bible she jabbed her finger at a passage. "See, it says right here, 'The wise men came from afar'."

