

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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Readings - Year A
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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.

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 - 8 January 2017

Recently deceased and those who are grieving	Tatura:
Anniversaries	Kyabram:
	Tatura: Marianne Woods
	Kyabram:
Sick and their carers	Tatura: Kevin Wood, Dennis Smith
	Kyabram: Carmel McCarthy, Bill Nicholson, Kaydn Mitchell, Bailey Guinan, Gisela Crook, Julie Shaw, Jim O'Donovan, Jessica Vile, Lyn Carey, Anthony Lingard

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	9 Jan	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	10 Jan	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	11 Jan	9.15am Mass	5pm Mass
Thursday	12 Jan	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Friday	13 Jan	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	14 Jan	6pm Mass	No Mass
Sunday	15 Jan	8am Mass	10am Mass
Saturday	14 Jan	11.30am Reconciliation	
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass		

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Charlotte Rose & Penelope Grace Corbo

who are being baptised today. We welcome them into our faith community.

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counters
Sat Jan 14 th 6pm	Marli Kelly	Denice Bourke	Denise Woodman	D Corrigan J Harford	J Webster S Finlayson P Baldwin	Simon Cowan
Sun Jan 15 th 8am	Simon Cowan	Rob Miller	Bernie Maher	M Feehan S Gregg	L Cowan T Miller B Curtis	

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

8 January 2017



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 49:3,5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



Liturgical Jottings

Epiphany has been the customary time for the blessing of homes. Our homes are places of rest, nurture and refuge from the cares of the world. In our homes we learn to communicate, love, forgive and extend the Christian virtue of hospitality to our neighbours. A priest or the head of the house blesses the home with the words "May peace be with this home and with all who live here." They write above the front doorframe with white chalk an inscription: "20+C+M+B+17" which is the year (eg 2017) four crosses and the initials of the Latin *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (Christ bless this house). They are also the initials of the names later given to the wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.



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Looking at the Readings

The two gospel accounts of the infancy of Jesus (Matthew and Luke) tell very different stories because they have each been used to place the rest of the gospel in a particular context. Unfortunately, the two stories have been woven together that we now have one notion of the Christmas story that is a poor amalgam of the two unique narratives.

In the gospel of Luke, Joseph and Mary are living in Nazareth and travel to Bethlehem and are forced to give birth in a stable because there is no room at the inn. The ones who bear witness to the birth in this account are shepherds – some of the lowest of the low – as the gospel of Luke identifies Jesus as having a preferential option for the lowly ones. In the gospel of Matthew, Joseph and Mary are living in Bethlehem and give birth in a house. They later flee to Egypt and then settle in Nazareth. The two towns are named in some of the ancient prophecies about the Messiah. In the gospel of Matthew, the witnesses to the birth are wise men, dignitaries from another land. The Matthew writer wants to emphasise the 'kingship' of Jesus and it is fitting that foreign dignitaries present gifts on the birth of a king.

The two stories deserve to be dealt with uniquely to offer us a two enriching Christmas themes and imagery.

Pope Francis Quote

Let us follow the light which God offers us. The tiny light which streams from the face of the infant Christ, full of mercy and fidelity. And when we find him, let us worship him and present him with our freedom, our understanding and our love, our gifts he has given us. ... For here is the wellspring of that light which draws to itself every individual in the world and guides the journey of the peoples along the path of peace. *Pope Francis' Homily, Epiphany 6/1/16*

Feast during of the Week: The Baptism of the Lord

In 2017 the feast is on Monday 9 January. It usually celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, but this year it is transferred to the Monday. It completes the Christmas Mystery of the revelation of Christ to the world: at Bethlehem to the shepherds; to the visitors from the East; and now to John and his disciples at the River Jordan where a voice from heaven is heard "You are my Son, the beloved, with you I am well pleased. (Mark 1:11)

On the Lighter Side

For Christmas a man gave his wife a beautiful diamond ring. A friend said, "I thought she wanted a sporty 4WD." He replied, "She did, but where could I buy a fake Jeep?"

