



# St Bernadette's Parish

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## Epiphany of the Lord

Year B

7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Parish Staff

Fr Silvio Bezzina mssp	Parish Priest
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Miss Josie Desira	Office (Wednesday)
Mr Brendan Gill	School Principal



### SUMMER EDITION

Dear Parishioners and friends,

This weekend we are celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord. It is a moment for us to acknowledge the fact that God wanted to manifest himself to people of good-will, whether believers or not. To achieve that he used their study and knowledge of astrology. They believed that the rising of a new star signified the birth of the king of the Jews. As it traced its path along the heavens, they decided to set forth and follow it, expecting festivities, but finding something quite different. The Mother and her child Jesus brought joy to their hearts and made them realise something special. Offering gold, frankincense, and myrrh, they acknowledged him to be God made man, the Saviour of the world.



Maximus the Confessor, an ancient writer, says this: *The word of the Law and the Prophets, when it is understood with faith, is like a star which leads those who are called by the power of grace to recognise the Word incarnate.* Truly, the word found in scripture points to Jesus, the Word of God incarnate, and helps us to encounter and build a relationship with Him.

As we walk on our journey, we discover many stars that help us along the way. God provides us with family, friends, circumstances, the reality of daily life, the opportunities that present themselves to us, and much more to show us the way. We too may serve as stars for others. Let us acknowledge this reality and be stars for one another.

God bless you

Fr Silvio

### Weekday Masses

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** **Baptism of the Lord**  
**7.30pm** tối thứ hai hàng tuần có Thánh Lễ và lần chuỗi LCTX

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** **Beginning of Ordinary Time**  
**9.15 am** Mass  
**10.30 am** Funeral for Rita Bajada

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**9.15 am** Mass  
**6.30 pm** Novena, Rosary followed by  
**7.00 pm** Mass

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** **MSSP Mission in Philippines Begins**  
**9.15 am** Daily Mass

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**9.15 am** Daily Mass  
**10.30 am** Funeral for Anastazia Kolanowicz

### Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6.30pm Vigil Mass,  
8.00pm Neo-Catechumenal (Pioneers Hall)  
Sunday - 8.30am, 9.45am (Polish) 11.00 am,  
12.30pm (Vietnamese) and 7.00pm.  
2nd Sunday of the Month 2.00pm (Samoan)  
except in November and at Easter time.

### Reconciliation

Wednesday Evening - 6.30pm to 7.00pm  
Saturday - 11.00am to 12 noon (at the Presbytery)  
and 6.00pm to 6.30pm

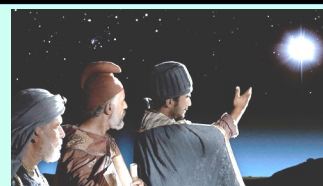
### Baptisms

By Appointment Only.  
Held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month at 11.00am.



## Epiphany of the Lord

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.



*Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart.*

*Jesus, I trust in You.*

## WEEKEND READINGS

### First Reading:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

*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.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

**RESPONSE:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

*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.

**Thanks be to God.**

### 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

*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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**