



# St Bernadette's Parish

Under the Pastoral Care of The Paulist Missionaries  
59B Westmoreland Road, North Sunshine

Presbytery 9311 2977 - School 9311 8872 - Augustinian Sisters 9312 3953  
Parish Email: sunshinenorth@cam.org.au - Parish website: stbernadettesparish.com.au



## The Epiphany of the Lord

Year C

2nd January 2022

### Parish Staff

Fr John Taliana MSSP	Parish Priest
Miss Amanda Browne	Pastoral Worker
Mrs Joyce Cutajar	Parish Secretary (Mon, Thurs & Fri)
Mrs Bev Tessari	Office (Tuesday)
Miss Josie Desira	Office (Wednesday)
Mr Brendan Gill	School Principal



### SUMMER EDITION

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday - 9.15am

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> -

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> -

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> -

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - St Raymond of Penyafort

### Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6.30 pm Vigil Mass,  
Sunday- 8.30 am, 9.45am (Polish) 11.00 am and 7.00pm  
12.30pm Vietnamese (1st & 3rd Sunday)

### Reconciliation

Saturday  
By Appointment

### Baptisms

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



### LATEST COVID - 19 GUIDELINES

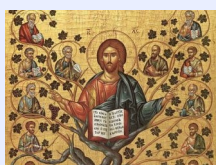
#### To attend mass we need to abide by the Government requirements.

We NO LONGER require to see your Vaccination Certificate but everyone over the age of one will still have to check-in using the QR Code and show the Welcomers.

Masks are highly recommended.

We understand this may be inconvenient but please remember that these rules are a way of keeping us all safe.

#### Please come early to Mass.



The Greek word Epiphany (*epiphanos*), which means

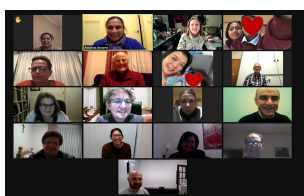
*Appearance or manifestation* or showing forth, is used to describe Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. Originally the word Epiphany referred to the visit of a king to the people of his provinces. "Epiphany" refers to God's Self-revelation as well as to the revelation of Jesus as His Son to all mankind. Epiphany is an older celebration than the feast of Christmas, having originated in the East in the late second century. In Italy and Spain, the gifts traditionally associated with the Christmas season are exchanged today, on the feast of the Epiphany. Among Italians, it is believed that the gifts are brought by the old woman, *Befana* (from Epiphany), whereas Spanish custom attributes the gifts to the *Kings* or *Magi*. In the Western Church, the feast commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. In the Eastern Church, the feast also commemorates the Baptism of Christ. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed him to the Magi, who had already received hints of Him from the Jewish Scriptures. Later, God the Father revealed Jesus' identity to Israel at his Baptism in the Jordan. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah. Finally, Jesus revealed himself as a miracle worker at the wedding of Cana, thus revealing his Divinity. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Our Scripture reflection sessions are on Thursday evenings. These sessions are via ZOOM video platform so you do not need to leave the comfort of your own home to attend.

If you haven't already attended these sessions, but would like to, please send Amanda an email to brownieab75@gmail.com and she will send you the ZOOM link weekly.

These sessions focus on reflecting on the scripture for the following Sunday and they are a chance for you to connect, not only with the Word of God, but also with the other Parishioners that join.



### New Details for FR DENIS

If you would like to visit or talk with Fr Denis he is at Rosary Home, Odessa Ave, Keilor Downs.  
His direct phone number is 9365 3545 or  
Rosary Home's Office 9367 7722.



### Please Pray For

All who have died recently, for all whose Anniversaries

occur at this time and

for all those  
who are sick  
and dying.



**First Reading:****Prophet 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 John*

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! 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.**