



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YR B  
7TH JANUARY, 2024**

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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**Context, Tradition and Wisdom Connections the Gospel of Mt 2:1-12**

**Context Connection:** Matthew, throughout his Gospel, makes it a priority to link Jesus to the Jewish tradition. In chapter one, Matthew emphasizes Jesus’s royal ancestry by providing a genealogy that reaches back to King David and even farther to Abraham. The forty-two ancestors of Jesus are listed in three groups of fourteen. The number fourteen is significant. In Hebrew, each letter of the alphabet has a distinct numerical value. The total value of the three consonants in the name David—*d, v, d*—equals fourteen. Stressing this number over and over again reminds us that Jesus is truly a descendant of David, Israel’s greatest king.

In chapter two, Matthew goes on to give us more information about Jesus’s being the long-awaited, anointed king. We learn that wise men from the east come looking for the newborn King of the Jews. The magi are a caste of priests from ancient Iran who have detected Jesus’s birth by identifying the rising of what they consider to be his star. They search him out to pay him homage. Some scholars have concluded that two texts from the Old Testament influence Matthew’s mention of the star and mention of the magi’s bearing gifts. In Numbers 24:17 we read: I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near—a star shall come out of Jacob. This was Balaam’s prophesy. Then, in Psalm 72:10, we find this interesting reference: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

These Gentiles from the east recognize the signs of the Messiah’s birth and come to honor him. This is a stark contrast to the way Herod, the chief priest, and the scribes react to the pending birth; they lose no time in plotting to destroy the child Jesus. The magi rejoice in the birth of Jesus, presenting him with precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (see 2:11). The wise men are true models of spiritual awareness, for they recognize God’s speaking to them in a dream and obey the message they receive.

The magi set out on a journey, not sure of who or what they would find. But their encounter with Jesus the Christ gives their lives, their quest, a profound spiritual dimension. They are never again the same. In fact, they return home by a different route.

Matthew does not give us the exact number of the magi, but according to tradition there are three, which corresponds to the number of gifts presented. Over time, names are attributed to the three.

**Tradition Connection:** The story of the Epiphany has been embellished over the centuries. In the fifth century, the three kinds of gifts that were given gave birth to the tradition of three wise men. By the eighth century, each wise man had a name: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. In some parts of the Christian world, people exchange gifts on the Epiphany rather than on Christmas Day. In other places, house blessings include writing on the door lintel the first letters of the wise men’s names in the middle of the current year. So, for example, the blessing on the feast of the Epiphany in 2006 would look like 20+C+M+B+06. The letters also stand for the expression “*Christus mansionem benedicat*,” which is Latin for “Christ, bless this home.”

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*St Joseph’s Church  
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*St. Joseph’s Parish Mass Times*

*Monday 8:00am , Wednesday 10:00am, Friday 8:00am,  
Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:00am*

*Reconciliation*

*Wednesday 9:30, Saturday 4:30pm*

*St John Bosco Church Kenilworth Mass Time  
Third Sunday of the month 10:00am*

*St Augustine’s Church Palmwoods Mass Time  
Third Sunday of the Month 5:30pm*



*St John Bosco Church  
21 Anne Street  
Kenilworth*

**Friday 5 January 2024**

8:00am Mass

8:30am Adoration

9:00am Baptism

*Henry Saggus (Roxanne & Evan)**Ambrose Williams (Philippa & Samuel)*6:00pm Benediction—*Deacon Adrian***Saturday 6 January**

9:00am Baptism Parent Information Session

11:00am Mass—Marion Movement combined Cenacle SS Coast—*Fr Jim; Deacon Adrian*

4:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

**Sunday 7 January***The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00am Mass

**Monday 8 January***The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00am Mass

**Wednesday 10 January**

10:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**Friday 12 January**8:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion. *Apologies from Fr Jim as he needs to attend a Funeral in Toowoomba of his long term friend Fr Don Murray***Saturday 13 January**

4:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

**Sunday 14 January***2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Mass

9:15am

Baptism: *Baby Charlotte Wong* (Claire & Yuan)

Fr Dudley McMahon

10:15am Novena for the Infant Jesus

11:00am Mass Infant Jesus Celebration—*Fr Jim*—followed by luncheon & dancing—*all welcome*

**Please pray for the Sick and needy** and all the sick and needy and their families, particularly Yvonne & Bob Reid, Aiden Doyle and Doreen Brennan and all those affected by any illness or virus, locally and globally, and their loved ones, and also those remaining the Parish Journal for the Sick.



**Mass on Demand** is available 24/7 on <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>. *Please advise the Parish office when you or your loved ones are well enough to be removed from the prayers.*

**Please pray for those who are seriously ill or suffering in hospital including** Wally Jankiwskyj, Tita Marshall, Peter Madue, Glenda Kassulke, Dave Pitt, Diane Price, Noeline Herdy Ferguson, Grant Allen (Kenilworth), Olivia McNamee (12 yr old), Jim McLeod, Maree Kruger, Val Chatterton, Baby Koa Pegler, Bruce Power, Marie Gannon, along with all those who work and serve in hospitals, in any capacity.

**Please pray for all Parishioners & Friends in residential or home care and those who care for them including** all those in the Parish Prayer petition book.

**The Prayer petition book** is present at masses where the larger list of names of the sick, seriously ill and residential people are placed. The petitions will be updated regularly and present at all masses.

**Please pray** for the holy souls in Purgatory, especially deceased relatives and friends.

**Anniversaries:**

Remember in your prayers Malcolm Pearce 9/1, Terence Hopkinson 31/12, Leo Juratowitch 24/12, Jan Pearson 2/1/22, Fr. Frank Heffernan 23/12/1996, and all those whose Anniversary occurs at this time and we pray for all their families and loved ones.

**Deceased:**

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of* all the recently departed especially Fr Don Murray (Toowoomba Diocese), John Sobey, John McGoldrick, Lachlan James Robbins 29 years old (Grandson of Joan & Barry Pobjoy) Please also pray for loved ones in their grieving.

**Funeral Notice:** On behalf of Gregson & Weight Funeral Directors we wish to advise the Funeral Service for the late John Sobey, husband of Carmel, father of Scott, Michael (Dcd) and Tod, will be held at *Buderim Gregson & Weight Chapel* on Monday 15th January at 10:30am.

**Context, Tradition and Wisdom Connections (cont. from page 1)...**

The salvation that Jesus brought is a mystery that unfolds during his lifetime and continues to grace the Church through the sacraments. The magi come to know through their encounter with Jesus that he is the Christ, the Messiah, a mystery larger than them.

Matthew, through telling the story of the visit of the magi from the east, wants the reader to understand that Jesus came to bring salvation to the whole world. Jesus is the universal sacrament of salvation who, through the Church, continues to bring about redemption (see CCC number 776).

**Wisdom Connection:** In the first two chapters of Matthew, the author makes the case that Jesus is indeed the Jewish Messiah. He seeks to accomplish this by emphasizing that Jesus is of the royal bloodline of King David. But from this point forward, it is through spiritual signs that people will come to accept Jesus's messiahship. Acceptance, then as well as now, is slow for some. We are all, however, on a journey of conversion. We are invited to be pilgrims on a spiritual journey with Jesus, seeking to encounter him in a real way and be changed forever. If we are fortunate, a lifetime of encounters awaits us. From each meeting, we come away changed, our path pointing us in a new direction. We seek Jesus without the help of stars and dreams, and we find him in people, prayer, and wholesome acts of kindness as well as in distressing situations, silence, and even emptiness. In faith, we have set out on a journey that is uniquely our own, hoping to encounter Jesus the Christ in the fullness of his kingship.

*Matthew 2:1-12*

## PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

**Sundays:**

6:00am TV Mass at Home ch10

**Tuesdays:**9:15am Tai Chi  
(recess from 21/11/23—20/2/2024)

Ryan Room

Enquiries 0427 690 072

**Fridays:**

6:00pm RICA - Ryan Room

**ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH KENILWORTH****Thursdays:**

9:30am Christian Meditation

**Sundays:**

9:00am Lay Led Liturgy of the word with Communion

**Third Sundays: Next: Sun 28th Jan**

10:00am Mass

**Fifth Sundays:**

9:00am Ecumenical Service

## 2024 Parish Study Program

1. On line learning with 'Transformed Catholics' Program
2. Group studies using DVD and workbook
3. Parish Book Club
4. Arete Residential and on line training - for 2025

Sign in to any, or all of the studies via:

- The QR Code opposite
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- The sign up page at the Church - The Parish Office will then register you

(please include your email address when you sign in)

Your early sign up will help gauge likely interest across the programs and allow more detailed information to be sent to you

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St Joseph's Church Nambour has set up an account for fundraising funds for the 2024 Parish Study Groups. Please support, it will be a great Christmas gift to the Parish, either by dropping off containers at the depot or the Parish.

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### HOLY MASS CELEBRATION OF THE INFANT JESUS



**SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY, 2024**

**@ St. Joseph's Church Nambour**  
**Commencing with Novena @ 10:15am**  
**Followed by Mass @ 11:00am**

*Everyone welcome to join in light luncheon and celebration in the Gathering space upon conclusion of Mass*



Congratulations and God's Blessings to *Henry Saggus, son of Roxanne & Evan and Ambrose Williams, son of Philippa & Samuel* who celebrated their Baptisms on Friday 5th January, with Fr Jim Smith as Presider.



**BISHOP TIM**

**HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU**

Happy New Year!

On 1 January 1967 - the feast of Mary, Mother of God - Pope Paul VI instituted the World Day of Peace. While some say it is futile to pray for peace as various groups in the world are involved in mortal combat, we Christians are of the opposite view. As Pope Francis did on 1 January this year, we pray fervently that 'swords may be turned into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks' (Isaiah 2,4). It is indeed a fine new year's resolution to work for peace wherever we can - in our families, our workplaces, our neighbourhoods. Happy peace-filled New Year!

#### ST JOSEPH'S USUAL MONTHLY DIARY

**1st Monday:**

- ◆ 5:30pm Monday Liturgy Meeting 5th February, 2024

**1st Wednesday:**

- ◆ 10:00am Anointing Mass
- ◆ 10:30am Seniors Gathering & M/tea—new Parishioners welcome
- ◆ 6:00pm Leadership meetings bi monthly

**1st Friday:**

- ◆ 8:30am—6:00pm 10 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Followed by Benediction concluding at 6:30pm

**1st Saturday:**

- ◆ 8:30am Baptism Preparation
- ◆ 11:00am Mass Marion Movement Combined Cenacle SSSCoast—all welcome

**3rd Sunday:**

- ◆ 10:00am Mass at Kenilworth
- ◆ 5:30pm Mass at Palmwoods

**5th Sunday:**

- ◆ 9:00am Ecumenical Service at Kenilworth

**Last Monday-bi-monthly**

- ◆ 5:15pm Helping Hands
- Next meeting tbc

**Last Friday:**

- ◆ 6:00pm St Joseph's Men's Group



#### Fr F.V. Hefferan Bursary & Awards 2024.

The Executive Committee for the Fr F.V. Hefferan Bursary & Awards wish to advise the 2024 round for applications will be a fallow year.

The 2025 round will be promoted in September 2024 with applications opening in November 2024.

**COUNTERS: This week:** Group 2: S. Brinnand, J. Bourassa, M. Murphy, D. Cuskelly

**Next week:** Group 3: M. & B. Barker, L. Richardson, M. Cross, J. Goggin, J. Bourassa



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