

## Information desk

**The Covid-19 plan:** Places of worship must be supervised by a COVID Marshal who must have a copy of their training certificate available when conducting COVID Marshal duties and be clearly identified as a COVID Marshal.

As of December 1, all public buildings have been provided a **QR Code**. This code is to be scanned using the MySAGov phone app or using the camera on your smart phone.

**Arrangements listed below will be in force until further notice:**

### **Our Parish is Committed to Health and Safety.**

1. Please scan the **QR Code** located on the door or external wall of the church. If you do not have a smart phone, please write your name & phone number in the Register upon entry.
2. Use the sanitizing gel provided at the Church entrance.
3. Sit only in the designated numbered pews in the Church.
4. Except for families and household groups, people should be at least 2 meters apart.
5. Holy Communion is given only in the hand.
6. Ensure that there is the 1.5 m distance between you and the person in front when processing for Holy Communion.
7. Please remember to wipe down the area where you have been sitting/kneeling in the pews and use the sanitizing gel provided on your way out.
8. Keep the social distancing requirement when leaving the Church after Mass.
9. Please don't go back to the entrance door. Entry and Exit rule must be followed for your safety.
10. If you are unwell please consider the health of our community and stay home until you are better.
11. Your cooperation with these requirements is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

### **World Peace Day Message**

Each New Year's Day the Pope sends a message of peace to the whole world. For 2021, the theme is "*A culture of care as a path to peace.*" In the next few days, the Vatican will release the full message. It will be developing the thinking of Pope Francis' recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti/Brothers and Sisters All*. If you would like to get a summary of the message before New Year's Day, or support to promote the message on New Year's Day or throughout the coming year, please contact Peter Laffan at the South Australian Catholic Council for Integral Ecology at E: [mpe@internode.on.net](mailto:mpe@internode.on.net) or P: 0488 062 112.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

#### **OFFICE HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS**

The Parish Office will close at 12 Noon on 24<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas break. It will re-open again on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. If you urgently require a Priest over this time please call Fr. Roy on 0439 201 075.

### **ROSTERS for 2021**

#### **FLOWERS, READERS, COMMENTATORS & CHILDRENS LITURGY**

We will be preparing NEW Rosters for 2021. If you wish to be included, please add your name to the relevant sheet at the rear of the church. If you are currently on a roster & wish to continue please also add your name to the sheets.



#### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Obituary: Anna Buckler, Vic Benefield**  
**Departed souls: Thomas Amato**

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

**Sick:**

### **Direct Giving App**

You can now contribute to the first and second collections via your mobile phone. Download the Adelaide Archdiocese Find a Mass app or go to <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/app-home> to make a one-off donation or set up recurring donations to the parish (second collection) and for the support of the clergy (first collection) as well as to special collections held throughout the year.



**2021 "YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH"**

## Parish Bulletin

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The Epiphany of the Lord, Year B

2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021



Mary, the Holy Mother of God (1<sup>st</sup> January 2021)

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Roy John Elavumkal SMM

**Office Staff**  
**Parish Secretary**  
Karen Taylor  
Tue – Fri

**WHS/ Finance Officer**  
Divya Paul  
Monday

**Police Checks Unit**  
Hiacinta Msomi  
Monday

**Sacristan**  
**Weekdays:** Michael Pierce  
**Sundays:** Terence Yeow, Clare Boyle, & Roger Worth

**Mass Times**  
Sunday 9.30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9.15 am

**Confessions**  
Saturday 6.00 pm

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Adrian Grbin  
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**LOVE HEALS**

Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since we celebrate the *Feast of Mary, the Mother of God* on New Year's Day, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year? I pray that the Lord Jesus and His Mother Mary may enrich your lives during the New Year with an abundance of Divine blessings. Today's *Feast of Mary, the Mother of God* is a very appropriate way to begin a new year, reminding us to rely on the powerful intercession of our Heavenly Mother. The Church also observes the 53<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Peace on this day and invites us to pray specially for lasting peace in the world throughout the New Year.

The start of each new year is a time to reflect on the year just past, and make plans for the future. It holds a special magic, with a promise of new opportunities and the possibility to change our lives for the better. So welcome in the new year by sending inspiring messages to your loved ones to mark this special time of year. And given how challenging 2020 has been for us all with COVID-19, it feels especially important to express our hopes and dreams for better days ahead in 2021.

Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Hence, let us honour Mary, our Heavenly Mother, by practicing her virtues of trusting Faith, obedience to the word of God, purity, and humble, committed service.

Let us make the New Year meaningful by having every day a) some noble thing to dream, b) something good to do, and c) Someone to love, the first-person being Jesus. Let us sanctify every day of the New Year: a) by offering every morning, all the activities of the day for God's glory, thus transforming them into prayers, b) by asking for the anointing and strengthening of the Holy Spirit to do good for others and to avoid evil, c) by remaining faithful to our family prayers and Bible reading at night, d) by asking God's pardon and forgiveness for our sins committed during the day and e) by seeking God's special protection during sleep. Before we sleep, let us say, "Good night, Lord," repeating Jesus' last words from the cross, "Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit."

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

# Happy New Year 2021



## WE HAVE COME FROM THE EAST TO WORSHIP THE KING

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

**1st Reading** – Isaiah 60:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm** – Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**2nd Reading** – Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6

**Alleluia** – Alleluia, alleluia

We have seen his star in the East; And have come to adore the Lord. alleluia.

**Gospel** – Matthew 2:1-12

**Communion Antiphon:** We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

## Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St. Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.



# Happy New Year 2021

## EPIPHANY CROSS-WORD

*Fill in the blanks in the story to find the words for the puzzle!*

Around the time that \_\_\_\_\_ (2d) was born, some wise men from the \_\_\_\_\_ (8a) saw in the sky a special \_\_\_\_\_ (9a) at \_\_\_\_\_ (13d) rising, and followed it to \_\_\_\_\_ (11a) the newborn Saviour. First they came to Jerusalem where \_\_\_\_\_ (10d) went to ask \_\_\_\_\_ (15a) Herod if he knew where the new King would be born. \_\_\_\_\_ (12d) Herod did not know, he called the priests and scribes, who told them that the Baby would be born in \_\_\_\_\_ (18a). Then Herod told a \_\_\_\_\_ (17d) and said that he wanted to go and honour the Baby King too, and told the men to return once they had found him and tell him where the Baby was. The men were \_\_\_\_\_ (7d) when they found Jesus with his mother \_\_\_\_\_ (4d), and they did him homage, giving their gifts of \_\_\_\_\_ (16a), \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) and \_\_\_\_\_ (4a). But \_\_\_\_\_ (3d) night an angel appeared \_\_\_\_\_ (6a) them and told them to \_\_\_\_\_ (14a) go home by another road, since King \_\_\_\_\_ (5d) wanted to kill Baby Jesus.

# The Kids' Bulletin

January 1 and  
Epiphany Sunday January 3rd, 2021



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*Under what title do we honour Our Lady on January 1st?  
Use the code to find out!*

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## The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord: The Wise Seek Him

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord. It is easily recognized as the remembrance of the Three Wise Men who travel from afar to see the newborn King of the Jews. In this statement of remembrance there is a certain significance in the "who" that are remembered. Obviously the Three Wise Men and the King of the Jews. First let's consider the Wise Men. They are also known as "the Three Kings," or "the Magi." The designation of "kings" in our tradition, although not a designation from the Gospels, comes from the correlation of the prophecy of Isaiah in our First Reading today: "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." (Is 60:3) Where it is also said that they would "come from afar," and that those who would come to the Lord would be "bearing gold and frankincense." This prophecy should remind us of how St. Augustine describes the relationship of the Old Testament and the New: that "the New Testament is hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is revealed in the New."

After this consideration of the Wise Men of the Epiphany story, we should also consider what an epiphany is. According to Webster's dictionary, we find that it defines "epiphany" as "an appearance or revelatory manifestation of a divine being or a god." But it also defines it as a "sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something;" and "an intuitive grasp of reality through something (such as a commonplace event) usually simple and striking." With these definitions in mind, the manifestation of the divine, a sudden perception of the essential nature of something, we find the epiphany of the Lord in other places in the Gospels. The Epiphany event of the visit of the Three Wise Men, is the manifestation of the Messiah among us, but most importantly it is the revelation of the Messiah to the Gentiles, to "all nations" as Isaiah puts it. The Three Wise Men were from the east and not from within the Jewish population; they were Gentiles. And being so, they are representative of the Gentile nations.

Today the Church also celebrates two other epiphanies. One is the Baptism of the Lord, where a voice from heaven came down saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." This reveals Jesus as the Son of God. We also celebrate the Wedding at Cana as an epiphany event, where Jesus performed his first miracle, turning water into wine. This first miracle "revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him." (cf. Jn 2:1-11) Along with these three events celebrated liturgically, we could add The Transfiguration, where His divinity shines through His humanity. Next week we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which will bring the Christmas Season to an end, and we will enter Ordinary Time. As the Lord went forth from His Baptism to His Gospel mission, we will go forth into our ordinary lives. Ordinary but a life "by another way" to follow Jesus Christ as His mission continues in us.

Sunday Collection	25/27/12/20
<b>First Collection</b>	\$ 1608.45
”	\$ 337.85
”	\$ 1946.30
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$ 2318.90
<b>Special collection</b>	\$ 337.85
	27/12/2020
<b>First Collection</b>	\$ 567.45
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$ 1130.90
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 747.00
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	\$ 170.00
<b>Open Plate</b>	\$ 213.90

Happy New Year 2021

### Rosters for 9/10 January 2021

Time	Commentator / Reader
<b>6:30 pm</b>	Anne Marie Platten
	Chris Platten, Giulia Giuliani
<b>9.30am</b>	T. Yeow
	G. Yeow, D. Yeow
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	<b>Not resumed</b>
<b>Count Team No: 7.</b>	Lino Beltrame, Pia Beltrame,
	Anne Dudzinski, George Dudzinski
<b>Altar:</b>	Anita Caperna & Dolores Arboit

All those who volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that mass