

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

7th January 2024 - The Epiphany of the Lord



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home. — Father John Muir
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The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon & Mary Immaculate, Emu Park acknowledge the Darumbal People the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging.

For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.

LITURGIES

Date	Time	Mass
Tues 9 Jan	9:00am	Anointing Mass, Mary Immaculate
Wed 10 Jan	9:00am	Mass, Adoration & Rosary, Sacred Heart
Fri 12 Jan	9:00am	Anointing Mass, Sacred Heart
	2:00pm	Rosary
Sat 13 Jan	5:15pm	Mary Immaculate
Sun 14 Jan (2nd Sun of Ord. Time)	8:00 -8:30am	Sacred Heart, Reconciliation
	9:00am	Sacred Heart
	5:00pm	Sacred Heart

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

1st Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Psalm 71:

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

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Psalm: 39

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

WEEKEND ROSTER			
This weekend - The Epiphany of the Lord 6th & 7th January			
	5.15pm Sat Mary Immac.	9am Sunday Sacred Heart	5pm Sunday Sacred Heart
Commentator	Colette Bowman	Sean Fallis	Margaret McAuliffe- Harris
First Reader	Jan Mussig	Maurice Conway	Parishioner
Second Reader	Gail Goodman	Gordon Gauld	Parishioner
Next weekend - 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year B 13/14 Jan			
Commentator	Gail Goodman	Warren Middleton	Mark Kennedy
First Reader	Kathy Maloney	Karen Quinn	Parishioner
Second Reader	Peter Maloney	John Quinn	Parishioner

Pray for



The sick:


Veronica Loudon-Riley, Terry Groser, Ollie Miles, Michael Jones, Carolyn Perkins, Doreen Quinn, Anthony Withoos.

The recently deceased:

Ken Holmes, Susan McCamley, Merle Donovan, Kevin Davids, Lynette Aboud, Louise Page, Gavin Massie, Tom Harris, Richard Reed.

Those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Phillip Quinn, Briona McKone, Dawn Abraham, Lea Alejandre, Marie Mitchell, Jack & Joan Grimes, Anton (Tony) Schick, Warren Williams, Shane Hocking, Anthony Bowman.



Have you thought? Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewishness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.