

# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

5 January 2025 - The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C



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## SUNDAY READINGS

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is exalted.

**Psalm 71:**

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

**2nd Reading:**

Ephes. 3:2-3, 5-6

Paul declares the Gentiles co-heirs to the kingdom.

**Gospel:** Matt. 2:1-12

The Wise Men journey to the infant Jesus.



We welcome our new  
Capricorn Coast  
Parish Priest  
Fr Stephen Hanly.

Fr Stephen will commence  
Masses next weekend.



## LITURGIES

Date	Time	Mass
Tues 7 Jan	9:00am	Mass, Mary Immaculate
Wed 8 Jan	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
Fri 10 Jan	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	2:00pm	Rosary, Sacred Heart
Sat 11 Jan	5:15pm	Mass, Mary Immaculate
Sun 12 Jan	8-8:30am	Reconciliation, Sacred Heart
	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	5:00pm	Mass, Sacred Heart

*We pray for all those in our community who are sick, recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



**GOSPEL MEDITATION:** Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer. - Father John Muir ©LPi

**Office Closed: 23 December to 7 January**

Messages and emails will be diverted during this time.

*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.*



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**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.

**Historical  
 context**

**The Magi**

*In some translations, the 'wise men' of this passage are referred to as 'Magi'. Magi was the name given to the Persian priestly caste. Persia (now, Iran) lies to the east of Israel. These wise men are also sometimes portrayed as astrologers, but that is largely because of the reference "We saw his star as it rose". It is interesting that the passage describes 'some' wise men; tradition has developed a specific number of three – based on the three gifts presented. These anonymous (and purely literary) figures have been given names and their 'relics' lie in honour beneath the Cathedral of Cologne.*

**GOSPEL FOCUS**

**Going home**

*The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way. How could they do anything but go home another way – indeed, go home as different people? They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind. When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.*

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