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**Daily Mass will resume on  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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

✚ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ is the light of all the nations and peoples of the earth. Let us go with the Magi to worship the infant Christ, who is fully divine and fully human.

Entrance Hymn

**From the eastern mountains,  
pressing on, they come,  
Wise men in their wisdom,  
to His humble home;  
Stirred by deep devotion,  
hasting from afar,  
Ever journeying onward,  
guided by a star.**

**There their Lord and Saviour  
meek and lowly lay,  
Wondrous Light that led them  
onward on their way,  
Ever now to lighten  
nations from afar,  
As they journey homeward  
by that guiding star.**

Prayers at the Crib

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
King of the Universe!

**From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

At the offering of the Gold

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe: to you be praise and glory forever! As gold in the furnace is tried and purified seven times in the fire, so purify our hearts and minds that we may be a royal priesthood acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God forever!**

At the offering of the Incense

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe: to you be praise and glory forever! As our prayer rises up in your presence as incense, so may we be presented before you with penitent hearts and uplifted hands to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

**Blessed be God forever!**

At the offering of the Myrrh

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe: to you be praise and glory forever! As you give medicine to heal our sickness and the leaves of the tree of life for the healing of the nations, so anoint us with you healing power that we may be the first fruits of your new creation.

**Blessed be God forever!**



Final Hymn

**Worship the Lord  
in the beauty of holiness,  
Bow down before Him,  
His glory proclaim;  
Gold of obedience  
and incense of lowliness,  
Bring and adore Him  
-the Lord is His Name.**

**Low at His feet lay  
Thy burden of carefulness,  
High on His heart  
He will bear it for thee;  
Comfort thy sorrows  
and answer thy prayerfulness,  
Guiding thy steps  
as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter  
His courts in the slenderness  
Of the poor wealth  
thou wouldst reckon as thine;  
Truth in its beauty,  
and love in its tenderness,  
These are the offerings  
to lay on His shrine.**

**These though we bring them  
in trembling and fearfulness,  
He will accept  
for the Name that is dear,  
Mornings of joy  
give for evenings of tearfulness,  
Trust for our trembling,  
and hope for our fear.**

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The Blessing

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** May God who has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light pour out in kindness his blessing upon you and make your hearts firm in faith, hope, and charity. **Amen.**

And since in all confidence you are follow Christ, who today appeared in the world as a light shining in darkness, may God make you, too, a light for your brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

And so when your pilgrimage is ended, may you come to him whom the Magi sought as they followed the star and from whom they found with great joy, the Light from Light, who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✚ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Epiphany is the earliest Christmass feast, originating in the East in the third century and passing to the West in the fourth. It celebrates the divine 'manifestation' or 'coming'. In the East it commemorates the baptism of the Lord and in the West the visit of the Magi. The mystery of the incarnation is now revealed to everyone in the world, represented by these wise men from foreign lands.

The great thing about the Magi was their faith. Even though they were outsiders (Gentiles), they recognised Christ as the Saviour of the world. They are models of faith for us. Let us ask the Lord to increase our faith so that we may recognise his presence and welcome him with joy into our hearts.

*The Altar Wine used over  
Christmass and New Year  
is given to God's glory  
and in loving memory of  
**Jeff Dick,***

*May the Lord grant him rest and peace.*

**Next Sunday: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018AD  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
9.00 am Sung Mass  
5.30 pm Mass**

### Prayer over the Gifts

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks & praise.**

*The Preface is sung, after which all sing:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of host, Heaven & earth are full of your glory Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

*The Eucharistic prayer continues,*

The mystery of faith:

**Christ has Died: Christ is Risen: Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer concludes:* Amen:

**Lo! Star-led chieftans,**

**Magi, Christ adoring,**

**Offering incense, gold, and myrrh;**

**We to our Saviour**

**Bring our heart's oblations:**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**Christ the Lord.**

### Lord's Prayer

As the wise men did homage to the Christ child, so we give praise to the Lord:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### Breaking of Bread

We who are many are one body in Christ  
**For we all share in the one bread.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**Prayer after Communion:**

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### *The hymn continues*

**Thou Who in a manger once hast lowly lain,  
Who dost now in glory o'er all kingdoms reign,  
Gather in the heathen who in lands afar  
Ne'er have seen the brightness of Thy guiding star.  
Gather in the outcasts, all who've gone astray,  
Throw Thy radiance o'er them, guide them on their way.  
Those who never knew Thee, those who've wandered far,  
Guide them by the brightness of Thy guiding star.  
Onward through the darkness of the lonely night,  
Shining still before them with Thy kindly light.  
Guide them, Jew and Gentile, homeward from afar,  
Young and old together, by Thy guiding Star.  
Until every nation, whether bond or free,  
'Neath Thy starlit banner, Jesus, follows Thee.  
O'er the distant mountains to that heavenly home,  
Where nor sin nor sorrow evermore shall come.**



### Penitential Rite

*Here in the Lord's presence let us rejoice in his light and his love for us.*

Lord, you are King of all creation.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You are truly God and truly human.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You gave your life for us on the cross.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

✙ Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

### Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. *Glory to God...***

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. *Glory to God ...***

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

***Glory to God ... Amen.***

### Collect

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Today's Readings

#### **First Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6***

A vision of the light which Jesus will bring to a dark world.

#### **Second Reading: *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6***

Paul shows how the pagan nations are called to salvation.

#### Gradual Hymn

**Brightest and best  
of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness  
and lend us Thine aid;  
Star of the East,  
the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant  
Redeemer stayed.**

**Say, shall we yield Him,  
in costly devotion,  
Odours of Edom  
and offerings divine?  
Gems of the mountain  
and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest,  
or gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer  
each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts  
would His favour secure;  
Richer by far  
is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God  
are the prayers of the poor.**

### The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to *S. Matthew 2:1-12*

**+ Glory to you + Lord Jesus Christ +**

Three honest searchers for truth find it in the person of Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
True God from True God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
*by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He became incarnate from the  
Virgin Mary, and was made man.*  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to  
judge the living and the dead,  
and his Kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in One Holy Catholic  
and Apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection  
of the dead, and the life of the  
world to come. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Faithful

*God our Father brought the wise men from a great distance into loving closeness with his Son. He does the same for us now.*

**+ We pray for the Church of God: that with integrity and love we may proclaim to all people the hope of Jesus, born for us. Lord, hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.****

**+ For peace in our world: that, inspired by the dignity of each and every human being, those in authority will work to build justice and reconciliation between peoples and countries.**

**+ For ourselves, our families and friends: may the gifts of unity and peace be upon us and may the joy of the gospel be in our words and actions.**

**+ For those oppressed by homelessness, sickness or loneliness: that through the gift of Christ they might find comfort, healing and consolation. Amongst the sick for:**

**Lani Fear, Stephanie Bower, Jack Ryan, Margaret Hepinstall, Anabelle Morrow, Jamie Stow, Jocelyn Caddies, Ruth Jones, John & Frances Moules, Geoff Borham, John & Norma McLeod, Barbara Winter, Linda Frost, Pam Platts, Dianne Taylor, Brenda Daish, Alan Joass, David Choon, Peter Williams, Colin Lee, Moira Oliver, Joyce Searl, John Russell, Geoffrey Lowe, Sheila & Derek Cahoon, Tom Blunden, Robyn Roach, Fr Chris Butterworth,**

**+ We pray for the faithful departed, that they may have rest and peace, especially **May Gow,****

and all whose anniversary occurs:  
**Freda Turner, Geoff Richmond, Gerry Brown,**

**+ We commend ourselves and all people to the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, S. Joseph, S. Stephen our Patron and all the Saints as we present our own needs and thanksgivings to you, Lord.**

*Father, you know our deepest needs better than we know them ourselves. We offer you our hearts: come to our aid, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Greeting of Peace

We are the Body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### Offertory Hymn

**We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field & fountain, moor & mountain,  
Following yonder star.**

#### *Refrain*

*O star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign. *Refrain*  
Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, voices raising,  
Worshipping God on high. *Refrain*  
Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. *Refrain*  
Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies.**

#### *Refrain*

