

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: YANCHEP: 6 p.m. Saturday Vigil, St James Anglican Church, 2 Lagoon Drive. GUILDERTON: 8 a.m. Sunday, Guilderton Community Hall, Wedge Street. LANCELIN: 9.45 a.m. Sunday, 33 Gingin Road, Lancelin.

Confessions: before Mass on request

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 a.m. at the presbytery, Wednesdays 3 p.m. at Bethanie Beachside Aged Care.

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We pray for the sick of our community, especially:

Pat Murphy, Ken and Toni Meek, Delores Servais, Michael Ford, Jim Walsh, Paula Cope, Pat Barone, Josephine del Bene and Len Sims.

We pray for all departed souls from this Pastoral area, and we ask them to pray for us.

Mary Crawford, Des Elliot, Barry Murphy, Jim and Marion Ferguson, Pat O'Prey, John Sheahan, Carmen Germann, Yvonne Wytenburg, Frank and Netje Walser, Ian Kinner, Dennis Galora, Tom Cox, Alice Greig, John Bird, Ray Knapp, Giuseppe Del Bene, Bruno Rogalski, Bill Fleming and Ronnie Spratling.

Communion Antiphon † cf. Mt 2:2

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

Reflection by Fr John Speekman (continued)

Jesus has been sent by the Father in accordance with the Father's plan and it is the Father's will to make the Child known: ...*a joy to be shared by the whole people* Lk 2:10).

But observe how the Almighty goes about this. He sends an angel to announce the birth of the Redeemer first to some poor shepherds in a field watching over their sheep in the dead of night: *And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour* (Lk 2:13-14)'.
 Heaven opens its splendour and delivers its glorious message to a handful of nobodies. It's as though the entire spectacle of Sydney's New Year's Eve fireworks were to be presented to just three or four individuals. A modern marketing manager would say to the Father, 'Step aside, Lord, I'll show you how to get your product out there.'

The Father's next 'grand move' seems, humanly speaking, even more puzzling. By the guidance of another heavenly manifestation, this time *a star*, he draws three pagan astrologers from the East (Iran?) to the house where the infant Jesus is to be found with Mary and Joseph. Just three men from a foreign land!? Again we have the same 'cosmic' proclamation made to a tiny group of individuals.

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Sunday Bulletin

Year B

Epiphany

**Entrance
Antiphon | Cf.
Mal. 3:1; 1 Chr.
29:12.**

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

**First Reading †
Isaiah 60: 1-6.**

Arise, shine out
Jerusalem, for
your light has
come,
the glory of the
Lord is rising on
you,
though night still
covers the earth
and darkness the
peoples.
Above you the
Lord now rises
and above you his
glory appears.
The nations come
to your light and

kings to your dawning brightness.
Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.
At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,



*Adoration of the Magi, Domenico Ghirlandaio, 1485-1488,
Tempera on Panel, Ospedale degli Innocenti, Florence.*

and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm † Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13.

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

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish
and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

Second Reading † Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6.

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation † Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel † Matthew 2: 1-12.

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east.

'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.'

When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.'

Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage.

Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Reflections on the Epiphany by Fr John Speekman.

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This miracle of presence is very much in evidence in the Christmas gospels. Jesus doesn't do anything at all; he just arrives. Nevertheless, everything is different; the whole world has changed. We could almost say that the rest of the Scriptures, indeed the rest of human history, is really nothing more than the story of what individuals and groups do in response to this 'presence in our midst'; a presence which 'discovers' us. The divine Infant has entered the world and now rests peacefully in his mother's arms. Perhaps it would not be altogether wrong to recall here the words of Isaiah: *He does not cry out or shout aloud or make his voice heard in the streets... (42:2).*