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Growing in care, love and service**

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(A Parish of the Diocese of The Murray)

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**Next Wednesday:** 9.00 am Holy Eucharist: St Margaret:

**Next Saturday** 5.30 pm Holy Eucharist: St Stephen

**Next Sunday: Baptism of Our Lord**

9.00 am Holy Eucharist: St Ann

9 00 am Holy Eucharist: Christ Church

10.30 am Holy Eucharist: St Margaret :

10.30 am Holy Eucharist & Healing: St Nicholas

11.00 am Holy Eucharist: St James

**Readings:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-22



**Epiphany Worship**

**Acknowledgement of Country:** We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nation Peoples & are thankful for the community we share together. We pay our respects to the Kaurna People.

**Epiphany of our Lord, January 2 2022**

**Sentence**

They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshipped him.

Matthew 2:11

**Collect**

Eternal God, who by a star led Magi to the worship of your Son: guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Thought for the Week:**

For anyone who wants a bit of glitz and glamour with their Christmas story, today's the day. What must have Mary and Joseph made of their exotic visitors? What we do know about the visitors is that they were overjoyed when the star hovered over the place where the Holy Family was because they knew that they were close to the long-looked for Jesus. But with all the joy, something unsettling, perhaps even sinister – the Cross foretold in the gift of myrrh, the unguent used for embalming corpses. What would Mary and Joseph have made of that?

- Lord, no matter how far I might have to travel to look for you, or how long I might have to spend to find you, may my heart always be filled with joy because of you.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

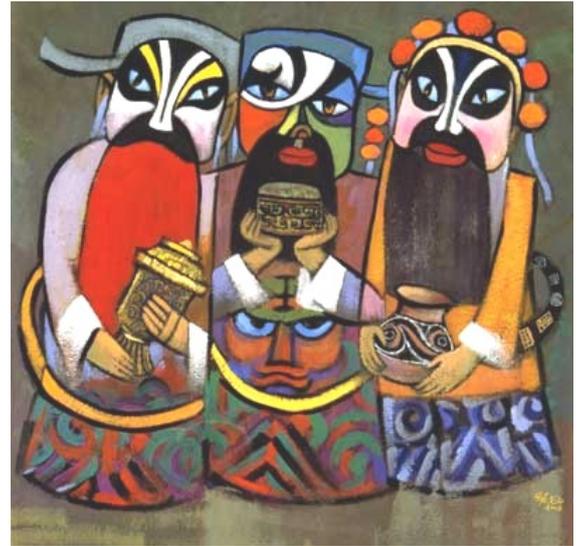
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## Isaiah 60:1-6

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*Hear the word of the Lord;  
thanks be to God.*



## Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

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

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.  
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. **R.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.  
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. **R.**

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.  
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. **R.**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.  
May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service. **R.**

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.  
He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.  
From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight. **R.**

## Ephesians 3:1-12

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Hear the word of the Lord,  
thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East:  
and have come to adore the Lord  
**Alleluia!**



### Matthew 2:1-12

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew .Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## *In the Parish This Week*

All items for Church Chatter should be either e-mailed ([sanderwt@bigpond.com](mailto:sanderwt@bigpond.com)) or texted (0410 548 040) to the Editor by Wednesday evening. Thank you for your cooperation.

Today: Gold Coin Donation for Schools Ministry

Monday: Another day to be with the Lord

Tuesday: Another day to be with the Lord

Wednesday: Another day to be with the Lord

NO Scripture Study S. Margaret

Thursday: Another day to be with the Lord

Friday: Another day to be with the Lord

Saturday: Another day to be with the Lord

No Saturday Night Out



### ***Prayer of the week***

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles.: mercifully grant, that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life be led to the vision of your glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Church Chatter:***

**Christian Care and Support Centre**— needs supplies for January 2021. Place staple items in the outside basket or deliver to the Centre. Forget? Make a donation!

### ***Those we pray for this week:***

We pray for ABM and the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and we pray for Anglican MU Australia & Vision for the Future. We give thanks for The Big Picture Story Bible, Timor Leste. We pray for the Diocese of Adelaide, Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, Assistant BPs. clergy & people. We pray for BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer Neville Naden & Kathryn and for the Nomads Coordinator, Greg Lay & Jocelyn; and Defence Force Bishop's staff .

In our Diocese we pray for Bp Keith Dalby and for his wife Alice and family; and for Parishes and Pastoral Districts, We commend to ministry of the Diocesan Legal Officers, Dr Robert Tong and Bret Cowell. We also pray for Pastoral Care worker, Karen Michelbach, Seaford Rise Secondary College.

### ***Those we continue to pray for:***

Izabelle; Peta; Mariette; Joanne; Peter G, Peter C; Samantha; Fiona; Brenton; Sue; Pat; Brendon; Bill; David H; Diane; Jean; Carolyn; Allison; Angela; Carol; Shirley; Lucy Ann; Margaret, Lyn; Irene; Linda; Tina; Wendy; Chris; Trevor; Liz; Tristan & Trish S; Carole and family; Peter, Eleni and Nicholas; Jac Bishop, Joanie; Andrew; Kerrie; David Jones; Claire; Jean; Dan Thomas; Trish; Claire; Fr Graham & Catherine; & Blair; Aileen; Ann; Tom & Nick; Stephen, Bill, Eileen Cook; Tessa; Yvonne Scrutton; Sylvia; Gabrielle, Brenda; Judith; Ted & Joyce and Miriam; Fr Graham Cooling & Catherine; and *any others we wish to remember.*