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6th January 2019 – The feast of the Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany brings the Christmas celebrations to an end. The gospel reading today (Mt 2:1-12) tells of the “magi” coming from the East to visit the baby Jesus. So these mysterious figures with their gifts are added to the crib scene. Scripture scholars remind us that this story is a Jewish literary form called “midrash.” Mary Coloe PBVM tells us that this is a way of connecting the present to the past as a means of understanding what God is doing now. She says “If we want to understand about the magi and the star, we don’t look up to the night sky but back into the scriptures of Israel” (see Mary Coloe, “A Friendly Guide to the Birth of Jesus,” p 16). We will explore this some more in the homily today.

Farewell to Sylvester. Sylvester Obeng has been a part of our parish scene for the last couple of years. This Sunday after the 9.00 am Mass in the meeting room we will have a cup of tea and the opportunity to farewell him as he prepares to depart at the end of the month for Robinvale where he has been offered a job as a teacher in the parish school there. All welcome to drop by and say farewell.

Over the next two weekends please welcome Fr John O’Reilly back to celebrate the weekend Masses at OLA. I will be in Israel with a group of Lasallian Educators and others on a tour organised by St Bede’s. On weekdays communion services will be conducted instead of Masses for the next two and a half weeks.

Another item for your 2019 diary – on Sunday February 10 we will welcome our new Archbishop Peter Comensoli who is coming to celebrate the 9.00 am Mass with us. At that Mass we will also commission our parish school teachers and staff for the year.

The week after the Archbishop’s visit we will welcome back Fr Ray Sanchez for our Parish Mission (Mark II). It promises to be as entertaining, informative and spiritually nourishing as was his first mission with us in February 2017.

The sale of Sr Sue’s cards before Christmas resulted in a sum of \$872 collected to assist her favourite charity, the orphanage in Thailand. Thank you all again for your generosity.

And thank you again for your many cards, very generous wishes, prayers, and gifts that you showered on me at Christmas time. Thank you also for the many Christmas Offerings the collectors took up at Christmas Masses. Traditionally the Christmas Offerings (and Easter Offerings) all go into the Presbytery account from which 5% goes to the Archbishop, 12.5% to the Remuneration Fund helping priests in poor parishes, and 12.5% to the Retirement Foundation, helping support our retired priests.

TODAY: (Epiphany) Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8,10-13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11;

Psalm103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30;

Titus2:11-14;3:4-7;Luke3:15-16,21-22

PURIFIERS: 6th January: Irene Dib 13th

January: Linda Foley

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ruth Strauss, Maureen Mowat, Kitty Mulrenna, Jim Bolger, Alice Robinson, Marjorie Anderson, Darryl Shillong and Maria Kirby

ANNIVERSARIES:

Philip Dunne, John Buckley, Barbara Callaghan, Margaret Charters, Kit Sunderland, Sr May chn, Bill Thorn, Jean Sedgwick, Christiane Robinson, Lou Clagnan, Kath Dunstan, Claudia & Serge Dada, Carlye Muller, John Grossi, James & Margaret Mitchell, and Clare Cinaglia.

Liturgy times: Communion Services will be conducted for the next 2 ½ weeks.

BAPTISM WELCOME: 11am: Jasper Morrison-McIntyre (son of Maxine & Grant)

PSALM REFLECTION:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

What is your image of the kingship of Jesus? Overlord of the Powerful? Judge?

Listener? Nurturer? Soft place to fall?

Or?????

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our Parish.

We, the people of OLA, acknowledge and pay respect to the Boonwong people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. May we walk gently here.

ARE YOU NEW TO OLA PARISH? Please take a copy of our Welcome Kit which includes a copy of our Parish History, then tell us about yourself by completing and returning the parish census card.

PLEASE FILL IN THE FAMILY BOOK: You are invited to write in the names of those you would like us to include in our prayers. When entering names of deceased loved ones we ask parishioners to please PRINT and add your name and phone number even if the deceased is not a family member.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated at 12.15 pm most Sundays of the year with 4/5 weeks’ notice required for bookings.

WEDDINGS: To book the church and a priest for your wedding please ring the office 95836161. At least 3 months’ notice is needed.

THANK YOU: ‘Ursula, Cathleen, Joanne, Lauren and families send their love and thanks to Fr Peter, Frances, Lisa and especially the wonderful parishioners who have sent prayers and love and came to celebrate Peter Hoey’s life on Thursday. A special bouquet of thanks to Lynn Dobson and all the many people who helped cater for refreshments after the funeral.

Words cannot adequately express our appreciation and love. May God bless you all



(See Luke 2:1-16) 12-24-2004
WHAT'S THE MOST AWESOME GIFT YOU HAVE?