



Wodonga Catholic Parish

Including Bethanga, Dederang, Mt Beauty, Tangambalanga, Tallangatta, Corryong Communities



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January 3rd - 2021 The Epiphany of The Lord

Pope Francis on the Epiphany:

In the Gospel (Mt 2:1-12), we heard the Magi begin by stating the reason why they have come: "We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him" Worship is the end and goal of their journey. Let us ask ourselves this question: Do we find time for worship in our daily schedules and do we make room for worship in our communities? It is up to us, as a Church, to put into practice the words we prayed in today's Psalm: "All the peoples on earth will worship you, O Lord". In worshiping, we too will discover, like the Magi, the meaning of our journey. And like the Magi, we too will experience "a great joy". *Pope Francis Homily 6 January 2020*

Looking At The Readings:

The Mystery of the Epiphany of the Lord has many layers of meaning for us. An obvious mystery is the identity of the wise men. Who are they? From where do they come? To where do they go? How many are there? What are their nationalities and their names? What do the gifts mean? What star did they follow? Various traditions have supplied some theories concerning kingship, number, names and meaning of the gifts. Old Testament prophecies supply insights. Isaiah and the Responsorial Psalm speak of Kings from the East on camels bearing gifts of gold and frankincense.

Epiphany also reveals the insights into the mystery of the coming of Christ. He brings light to the peoples everywhere: to come and see God's action and presence in their lives. Also celebrating the Epiphany gives us hope and assurance to be sharers in the promises of Christ Jesus. *(Second Reading)*.

Quote of The Day:

What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this child be truly God? Do you become foolish, O Wise Men? Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise. *St Bernard of Clairvaux*

Fr Shibu

For two years we have been graced by the presence and ministry of Fr Shibu. His beautiful smile, gentle nature and dedication have all been experienced by many in our Parish including Mt Beauty, Dederang, Tangambalanga, Corryong, Tallangatta and to our CEW schools. He is being appointed to the Cathedral on the 9th January. We thank him for being a lovely presence in our parish. To thank Fr Shibu, as we farewell him at our Masses in Wodonga this weekend, 2/3 January, we will take up a leaving collection for him. With gratitude.

Fr Junjun

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WEEKEND MASSES

WODONGA

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 5:00 pm.

Sunday 8:30 am 10.30 am

4th Sunday of each month

Youth Mass 5:00 pm

TANGAMBALANGA

Our Lady Help of Christians

2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30 am

BETHANGA

St Francis No Masses

DEDERANG

St Joseph's

1st, 3rd, Sunday 10.30 Mass

5th Sunday 10:30 am Liturgy

of The Word and Communion

MT BEAUTY

St Joseph's

1st to 4th Sunday 8.30am

5th Sunday 8.30am Liturgy of

The Word and Communion

WEEKDAY MASS:

Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

SATURDAY

St Augustine's Church

Saturday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 9.00am to 9.30am

Country Churches: Before Mass

Recent Deaths: Eileen O'Reilly, Frank Reardon (Sr Eileen Reardon's Brother)

Anniversaries: Anthony Horne

Sick: Zak Oliver, Kath Twycross, Salome Ramirez, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, Ricky Ellul, John Radcliffe, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers

Mt Beauty Community:

To Sue Ryder, who has supplied us with beautiful Christmas flowers for the last 4 or 5 years, our church looked lovely, many, many thanks.

To Debbie, who did the overhead, Stuart usual overhead person away.....many thanks, job well done.

To John Arter, Elder of St. Joseph's Mt. Beauty, for presenting our parting gift to Father Shibu, was just perfect. Can't beat a mature person!

A big thank you to **Dot Montebello**, who cleans our church house after our gatherings on the 3rd Sunday of the months, many, many thanks Dot.

Father Shibu, we are sad you are leaving, but so very, very glad to you been with us..... Love your homilies when they include your family, such familiarity you share with us all, and your singing... ..and the rolling of your eyes.....and your beautiful smile, special.

S special **H** humble **I** interesting **B** beautiful **U** u and us, a great marriage.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Readings this week:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Reading next week

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 or 55:1-11

Act 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.