



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR C SUNDAY 02 JANUARY 2022

Today we celebrate the Feast of The Epiphany. We hear the story of the Magi who, guided by the light of a star, came to Bethlehem to honour the Christ child.

The magi in today's Gospel would have loved a GPS device. Instead of relying on naked-eye navigation, the wise men could have journeyed to Bethlehem equipped with a suction-cup GPS stuck on the shoulder of a camel: "At the Inn, make a right turn. Your destination is one-kilometre ahead at the manger."

The Magi, embarked on a long journey, that took them to many unknown destinations. The Magi were true pilgrims: always open to new learnings, attentive to hidden meanings and ready to be challenged by new horizons.

They discover the God they were not looking for: the God of the poor and rejected; the God not of the palace but of the squalor; the God who breaks through boundaries of race, culture and social status.

As a Church, we must also have the courage to do new things; we must be open to the Spirit leading us to new horizons even as we tend to revert to the old ways.

The future of the Church, will not be revitalised by way of simply repeating what was done in the past. It will not be simply a restoration project or doing old things better. Rather, we must have the courage to do new things; we must be open to the Spirit leading us to new horizons.



We Acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Awabakal Peoples. And pay our respects to the elders past and present, and any that may be with us today.

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4. Mission and Outreach.		
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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Sunday	2nd January	9.30am
	Mass—	Morisset
Tuesday	4th January	9.30am
	Mass—	Morisset
Sunday	9th January	9.30am
	Liturgy—	Morisset
Tuesday	11th January	9.30am
	Mass—	Morisset

Due to still requiring to Physical Distance you need to Register your place via the Book for Services button on the Parish Website, or the Eventbrite App or Website:

<http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com> to guarantee yourself a seat.

CHECK-IN

Everyone is required to electronically check-in via the Service App using a QR Code when they come to the Church or any Service held by the Parish, or have someone do it for them.

MASKS REQUIRED

Everyone over the age of 12 is required to wear a Mask that covers the nose and mouth indoors or while waiting to come inside.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from 2pm on Friday 24th December 2021 and will re-open at 9am on Monday 10th January 2022. You are still able to call the Parish Office where your call will be redirected to a member of the Parish Leadership Team. We ask that you limit your calls to emergencies and booking in for services only.

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thank you!

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

A special 'thank you' to everyone who helped with Christmas Eve at the Morisset Showground. The response to the 'call out' for help with the setting up in the morning, covid marshals, parking marshals, check in table, ushers, choir, liturgical ministers etc to name just a few, was overwhelming. Your commitment and support helped make the occasion an outstanding success.



Reflection for the Feast of the Epiphany Year C – 2nd January, 2022

On this wonderful feast of the Epiphany we are celebrating the revelation of Christ, the long-awaited Messiah, to human kind and Matthew's Gospel holds the key for us. Jesus is not only the Messiah of Israel, but the Saviour of the whole world.

This is the only Gospel that records the visit of the Magi, the three wise men seeking to pay homage to the infant King of the Jews. "Magi" was the name given to the Persian priestly caste. They were possibly astronomers and astrologers, who saw a special significance in the appearance of this star.

As educated men, they would have been aware of Jewish expectations and so they followed where it led. In their pilgrimage we see the fulfillment of the prophecies of Isaiah: *"The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord."*

Matthew wanted to emphasise the Kingship of Jesus so it is appropriate that dignitaries from a foreign land should bring gifts to acknowledge the birth of a king. The gifts they brought were symbolic of Christ's destiny: gold representing kingship; frankincense, an aromatic incense, expressing the mystery of his divinity; and myrrh, a bitter incense from a small thorny tree, foretelling the pain and suffering that he is to endure for our sake.

It is especially significant that these first worshippers were non-Jewish and of a different faith. The homage they pay the Christ child provides a stark contrast to the duplicity and hostility of Herod and to the rejection of Christ by so many of the Jews. This is a key focus of Matthew's Gospel, that Jesus was accepted by the Gentiles but not his own people.

In his letter to the Ephesians Paul speaks of the "mystery" that has now been revealed. In Christ, Jews and Gentiles alike have been made the inheritors of His Kingdom. Paul says, *"The pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the Gospel."*

These scriptures leave us with two questions:

The Magi had the star, but what signs do we have to show us the way?

What gifts can we bring to do homage to our Lord?

Christ's teachings, recorded in the Scriptures, are a sure guide for us to follow in the way we live our lives. The greatest gift we can give is the gift of ourselves as we seek to follow his command: *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all you soul and with all your mind.* This is the first and most important of the commandments. But there is another one like it: *You shall love your neighbour as yourself."* (Matt 22:37-39) Whenever we do an act of kindness to someone in need, whenever we reach out to someone who is sick or lonely, we are giving a gift to our Lord.

We have Christ's promise so we live in hope!

Pam Melvey



Happy new year –2022

The New Year is an entirely arbitrary device. A date based on phenomenon might choose one of the solstices or equinoxes, marked by our planet's relationship with the sun. Or it might be a date that has a religious significance. Our Church year, after all begins with Advent. But the New Year misses all these dates.

Arbitrary or not though, it offers us that chance to start anew. We can never undo the previous year's experiences, but we can start over. We can set the year behind us. We can get ideas clear and build our lives properly, the way we believe they should be.

As we look forward to the new year 2022 and what it will bring, here are some observations that the First Session of the Plenary Council has highlighted for the Church in Australia

We are at a strategic or critical time in the life of the Church, and the life of the Church in Australia. Not a time to panic, but a time to take stock and consider the future.

We cannot keep doing what we have done in the past. We need a new clarity of vision and a new power of tactics.

We need a shift' in mentality and culture, to move from being a Church of maintenance, to one of mission

CARERS!

While caring for others is often a fulfilling and selfless value and action, our carers also deserve our attention and care. If you know a carer, I wonder how you could reach out, check in, and show that you care? I also encourage any carers reading to check in with themselves and ask 'how am I going?', 'do I need to reach out?', and 'how can I show care to myself?'

If you would like some simple ways to care for yourself right now, you might like to try:

- A breathing or grounding exercise: try noticing your breath, your thoughts, and the environment around you for a few moments and then return to your routine.
- Bringing in some self-compassion: try speaking to yourself like you would a friend, what words would you use, or advice would you give?
- Reaching out: contact a friend or family member, or explore if there is a local carer support group near you.
- Getting out of the house: going outside, sharing a drink or meal with someone, or exercising in a way that works for you.

It is possible to thrive, rather than just survive, in your caring journey and as inherently social beings, I would suggest that this comes through connection. Connect with yourself first and ensure that your basic needs are being met. Try to make sure you are eating nutritious food, getting quality sleep, spending time in nature, having time to yourself and quality time with loved ones. Then it's time to calmly and confidently connect with the person you are caring for and consider whether you might benefit from some professional support in this area.

WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to St John Vianney Parish anyone who is visiting the Lake Macquarie Region over the summer school holidays, and are attending Mass at Morisset St John Vianney Church Morisset has an "audio loop" for people with hearing aids with the "T" setting.



PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC:

Lord Jesus Christ,
You travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid during this time of pandemic that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their health and strength.

May those who have died from the virus rest in peace and, through your mercy, rise in glory.

Be with the loved ones of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, protect them from illness and despair.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and to help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with prudence and charity for the well-being of the people they are called to serve.



FAITH MATTERS: The Mountain Symbol

It was only a couple of weeks ago that Sister Margaret O'Sullivan approached me one Sunday morning at Mass and asked about the initiative of *Share our Story*, which is often featured in Faith Matters.



have had the privilege of journeying with Sister Margaret and a group of parishioners over the last three weeks through the Advent Mystagogical Reflection. It has been through this process and recently visiting Margaret in her home that I have come to know and appreciate her creativity as a photographer, writer and lover of life.

What strikes me about Margaret is her deep love of the country and all its natural and human elements. During my visit she proudly showed me her garden, pointing out some of the bush tucker she grew up on as a child. Her beautiful photography of the natural world hung on the walls and her nativity scene included a stockman, cattle dog, cockatoo, echidna, pelican, blue wren, kookaburra, frilled neck lizard as well as the traditional figures.

Margaret's love of the natural environment is deeply connected to her upbringing on the beef cattle farm of Pee Dee which is positioned between Armidale and Kempsey.

Margaret remembers that she did not realise that it was part of the Catholic tradition to go to Mass each weekend, as this was only available once a month in the area in which she lived. It was the landscape that provided the sacrament every day.

On reflection Margaret writes:

Mountains were part of the landscape of our lives as we grew up and they could very easily be taken for granted. We lived on the Eastern slopes of the Great Divide. It was here in this place that I found my first symbol of spirituality. As well as it being

part of our enormous playground, the mountains and the hills became for me at a very early age a place of refuge and escape, a place of retreat. I loved to walk and play up and down the sides of the hill and ride my horse, I had a great sense of freedom. I love those precious hills, they were a place of solace, a place where I could go if I needed space and to disconnect for a time or find peace. I could just be amongst the trees and the birds and simply sit and wonder. From that sacred place, I could look out onto another mountain that seemed unreachable. I loved that it was unreachable, a mysterious mountain. In my simplicity, it reminded me of an old man, a kindly grandfather type, even though I didn't even know either of my grandfathers. I remember thinking the mountain was what God was like. The mountains and gullies were like all-embracing arms capable of hugging someone particularly in times of sadness and loneliness, especially when I would be getting ready to go back to boarding school, or simply when I needed space I'd hide and secretly wish. I would imagine that I was being held in the arms of the mountain, which for me was when I felt most connected to God."

Margaret was only six and a half when she was sent to boarding school at Port Macquarie. The third child of six, she later developed a sense that her mother was unwell after having six children in seven years. Her mother felt confident sending such a young child to boarding school as a close friend Sister Emmanuel would be there to look after Margaret.

She remembers that day her parents dropped her off at the school and it has left deep scars of abandonment and sorrow. Sister Emmanuel never had the opportunity to look after little Margaret as once promised as she was sent back to Lochinvar as they thought she might have contracted tuberculosis.

The years in boarding school were difficult but one favourable memory was hearing the singing at Mass from the gallery inside the church. Having only experienced Mass in a small country church and in the home, this type of singing was new to Margaret and one that brought such joy.

It was not unusual that Margaret entered the order of the Josephites as she was standing on the shoulders of her great uncle John O'Sullivan, who was the first parish priest in Kempsey in the mid-1800s.

When John wrote home to Ireland writing about the beauty of the mid north coast, it was only Cornelius (Margaret's grandfather) out of eleven brothers and sisters that took the opportunity to travel abroad to make Australia home.

Margaret moved from boarding school to Lochinvar to complete her final years of schooling, and like many young women at the time, entered the Josephite order and moved into teaching.

HOW NEW WHS LAWS AFFECT US

Under the New WHS Laws regarding managing the risk of COVID-19 we are required to maintain physical distancing of 1.5m between seated persons who do not live together, on each row. This means that everyone needs to sit in the marked spots as directed by our ushers, we are also unable to kneel due to this requirement.

We also must have safe hygiene practices, cleaning and disinfecting high traffic areas and shared surfaces. This means that we need people to sanitise their hands upon entry, directly before communion and when asked to by a COVID Safety Team Member, Parish Leadership or Staff. There is also to be no communion from the Chalice or on the tongue. We also need to clean after each service.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

We thank everyone who has continued their support for our Parish during these very different times. As cash is deemed a transmission hazard by NSW Health they recommend that donations and payments be made electronically.

There is an online parish payments button on the Parish Website Home page or alternatively you can deposit directly into the Parish Account our details are: Account Name: CDF 96014 Morisset Parish BSB:062815 Account Number: 00328161 Ref: 5004 2nd Collection or 5004 PG and Giver Number.

SUPPORTING THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE

If you would like to make contributions to support the Diocesan Clergy / 1st Collection the Bank Account Details are: Account Name: CDF 96020 Morisset Presbytery BSB: 062815 Account Number 00328161 Ref: 5016 1st Collection

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD— 2ND JANUARY
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD—9TH JANUARY
SAINT ANTHONY—17TH JANUARY
SAINT AGNES— 21ST JANUARY
SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES— 24TH JANUARY
CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL— 25TH JANUARY
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS— 28TH JANUARY
SAINT JOHN BOSCO— 31ST JANUARY
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—2ND FEBRUARY
SAINT AGATHA— 5TH FEBRUARY

Please pray for those who are sick, in hospital or recovering at home:

Ian Douglas, Maureen Phillips, Dan Joyce, Bruce Gillett , William Eggins, Robert Jay .

Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.

Aloysius Okoro, the father of Fr Christogonus Okoro (Glendale Parish)



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office.

All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

<u>WEEKEND ROSTERS</u>			
		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	9.30	Mass	Liturgy
<u>PROCLAIMER:</u>	9.30	J Shamley	J France
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	9.30	J Vipan	L Hutchinson
<u>UNIVERSAL PRAYER</u>	9.30	J Vipan	L Hutchinson
<u>SERVERS</u>	9.30	V Paulo	XXXX
<u>AV:</u>	9.30	U France	T Alexander
<u>SOUND/ VIDEO:</u>	9.30	G & L Hutchinson	G & L Hutchinson
<u>SIGN-IN</u>	9.30	H White T Alexander	K Amon J Vipan
<u>USHERS</u>	9.30	R Hay J France	K Lendon B Hutcheson
<u>CLEANING</u>	9.30	COVID TEAM	COVID TEAM





SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday 02 Jan 2022

The Introductory Rites

Gathering

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

Sign of the Cross

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus Christ
the Word made flesh
who is proclaimed among the nations.

All:

Blessed be God forever.

Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,
we gather in God's name
for when two or more come together
God is always with us.

We worship in union with the whole Church
rejoicing at the birth of the Saviour.

Opening Rite

GLORIA

Leader:

With peoples everywhere,
let us glorify our God (in joyful song).

A brief period of silence follows.

All:

**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.**

**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.**

**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.
Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

**God of glory,
by the light of a star you guided the Magi to the newborn king.
Lead us to your light,
and help us to seek the face of Jesus
and unite the world in lasting peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.**

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

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 your 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 nation's come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

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

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. 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.)**

3. 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.)**
4. 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

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

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 that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mt 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.

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

A short period of reflection may be observed.

Q. Why did the wise men approach Herod to ask about the infant king of the Jews?

Q. Why is it significant that Jesus' birth be witnessed by important men from a distant land?

Q. Whether or not the wise men are a purely literary device, what 'truth' does their story convey?

Q. In what ways do you 'bear witness' to Jesus?

Profession of Faith

Leader:

In union with the whole Church
let us profess our faith.

All:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: Dearest friends, let us bring our intentions before Christ our Lord, the light of the world.

Reader: That the Holy Church will continue with faith and confidence to bring the message of the Gospel to all.

(pause)

In your light:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations of East and West will follow Christ's light as the way to true peace and justice.

(pause)

In your light:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That through the brightness of Christ, those struggling with sin will have the darkness driven from their hearts.

(pause)

In your light:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will bring the light of Christ to our families and friends.

(pause)

In your light:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all the sick and housebound will find strength in the radiance of Jesus Christ, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your light:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all those who have died will embrace the light of eternal life, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your light:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, you gave your Son as a light for all nations. Hear our prayers and grant us the radiance of Jesus Christ as we spread your Gospel to the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All:Amen. © Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd

The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

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

All:

**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.**

The Concluding Rite

Blessing

Leader:

May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and for ever.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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