



Pastoral Cluster

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Reflection... by Richard Leonard

Recently some Christian scientists got to work trying to explain the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem. They came up with a complicated, and no doubt plausible, astronomical theory about how a certain brilliant star may have appeared around the time of the birth of Jesus. Though I was intrigued by their methods, I wondered why they bothered. Matthew's wandering star is not about astronomy. It's religious shorthand for describing how the heavens preside over and guide the events of the world. The image of a star is used in similar ways in the Books of Deuteronomy, Numbers, Isaiah and the Psalms. This entire feast is all about symbols, not science. Reported by Hippolytus as early as the third century, it is celebrated twelve days after

Christmas, the number itself echoing God's goodness in creating and recreating us.

The wise men's star is on a par with the other images Matthew uses. At the centre of each of the first three chapters of his Gospel there is an extraordinary event. In chapter one Joseph hears the message of an angel in a dream. In chapter two the wise men find Jesus by following a star. And by chapter three the heavens open and God speaks at the baptism of the Lord. By any standards that's quite an opening to a biography! It's all about the manifestation, or epiphany, of God's glory in the world.

And let's look carefully at where and for whom this glory is revealed. The first instance is to Joseph while he's in bed

asleep. The second is to gentile astrologers who, by reporting their news to Herod, set up an immediate threat to Jesus. The third instance is to all those Jews who were coming to hear John the Baptist. Within three chapters of Matthew's Gospel the circles of God's glory revealed in Jesus become more public and change lives. The lives of Joseph, the star gazers, John the Baptist and those who heard Jesus preach will never be the same again.

The Feast of the Epiphany is not an ancient version of Halley's comet. It is about how God's glory changes human hearts. T.S. Eliot got this point in his poem 'The journey of the Magi'.

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- Feast of the Epiphany -

(Year B - January 4, 2015.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East
and see your children gathered from the rising to the
setting of the sun.

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!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Is 42:1-4,6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Mk 1:7-11

**PARISH PRAYER:**

God our Father, bless this parish so that we
may love you more. Help the parents to be a
good example to the children and our youth
to grow in strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care.
To the sick grant health, to the aged bring
serenity and to those in sorrow, joy. May we
grow stronger in faith and may our love for
one another become deeper in our daily
living. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Heavenly Father, help us to respond to and
live out our mission in the Church, and in the
world.

Help all your people to know their vocation
in life and assist them to live it well.

For your greater glory and for the service of
your people, call many to be priests and
religious.

Give those whom you call the grace to
respond generously and to persevere
faithfully.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Pastoral Cluster at Prayer

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING JANUARY WILL RETURN TO THE NORMAL TIMETABLE.

Holy Family:	9.15am Tues, 9.15am Thurs	
Holy Spirit:	9.00am Wed, 11am Fri and 9am Sat.	Reconciliation after Saturday Mass
Grace McKellar Centre:	10.15am - 1st, 3rd, 5th Tues;	Maryville Nursing Home: 11am Tues
Multicultural Centre:	1.30pm - 1st Fri	Vincentian Village: No Mass during Jan

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENT DEATHS:	Ray Gurrie, Bruno Rilocapro, Alan Magher, Sebastiano Pappalardo and Victor Sanz
ANNIVERSARIES:	Patricia Dickinson, Rose Seljak, Antonio & Josie Puglia, Tony Patti, Sam Daniele
BAPTISMS:	-
PRAY FOR THE SICK:	Julita Aquino, Anita Capicchiano, Cheryl Lambert, Thomas & Harry Mallon, Pat Walsh, Theo DaCosta, Denis Brown, Vernon Bowers, Brian Carr, Myrtle Morkel, Laurie Mathieson

CLUSTER NEWS:

- ♦ **OUR LADY'S STATUE: Dec 29:** Cawthray family, 66 Drysdale Ave; **Jan 5-12:** Montalto family, Graylea Ave; **Jan 19-26:** Hennessy family, Hennessy Ave.
- ♦ **PASTORAL CLUSTER OFFICE:** Office hours from Monday January 5 will be as normal.
- ♦ **BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:** The Pastoral Cluster will offer a Baptism Program for children attending school and have parent(s) who are Catholic. The 3-week program will begin on Sunday 8th Feb and finish on Wednesday 25th Feb. It is a mix of evening meetings for children and parents once per week and a lesson for the children during the first part of the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family on the Sundays of Feb 8, 15 and 22. **Enrolments close on Wednesday Feb 4, 2015. Contact Frank Kearney at the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343 or email: frank.kearney@cam.org.au**
- ♦ **THANKYOU:** Thankyou to all those who were very generous in their best wishes and Christmas offerings.



We wish you all a happy, blessed and safe New Year!



/From P1...

'Birth or death? There was a Birth,
certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had
seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this
Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death,

our death.

We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old
dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.'

And so may this feast change our hearts and
enable us to die to self so as to be born to

God's glory that can and does shine
through us. And may we remember that
this epiphany is not meant for us alone,
but that we are called to go public with it
and demonstrate our belief in today's
feast by the way we live, the world we
help create, and the one we strive to
recreate.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JAN 11, 2015.

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

Lectors

Special Ministers

Welcomers

Projectionist

8.00AM

R Allum

F O'Neill

I Vanjek, R Allum, J Genova, C Marcantonio

C Marcantonio,

R Allum

6.00PM

D Ryan

J Ryan

B Murphy, R O'Neill, J Ryan

M Brown

J Lynch

5.00PM

A Hubbard

P Power, P Hubbard

P&A Hubbard, P McGlinchey

9.30AM

C Simpson

D Lunn, A Negro

H Verdnik, M Baird, J Sheahan, M Perera,

V Resciniti, E Glynn

C Resciniti

11.00AM

E Strzelecki

M Martin, A Kissane

E Strzelecki, L Fossey,

M Broekman, D Dougherty, L Fossey

R Martin