



The EPIPHANY of the LORD

5 January 2025

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Parish Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday:

9.00am - 12.30pm

Closed on Wednesday

Thursday and Friday:

9.00am - 3.30pm

Parish Priest:

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Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism will be celebrated by appointment following a Baptism Preparation Program.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment with at least 6 months notice.

St. Vincent de Paul

If assistance is required, contact SVDP: 1800 305 330 (Free Call)

Catholic Women's League

Please contact the parish office.

Parish Choir

Please contact the parish office.

Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00pm Sunday 9.30am

Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am

Weekday Rosary

before Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday after 9.30am Mass

Saturday 5.30pm until 6.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month after 9.30am Mass.

Divine Mercy Prayers

Friday 8.30 - 9.25am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



We pray for all who are sick, especially:

Sr Gabriel, Bill Gallagher,
Betty Croker, Olga McDonald,
Michael Westworth,
Colleen Skedden,
Lucy Horgan, Beryl Clark,
Christopher Dobson,
Helen Vosgerau,
Peter Ward, Steve Eastham,
Anneliese Held.

We pray for those parishioners that are unable to be among us this weekend and for those who have died recently:

Mavis Ritchie (funeral Monday 13 January at 11.00am Sacred Heart)

And for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

ROSTERS

The BAPTISM of the LORD

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
or Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SATURDAY 11 January

Eucharistic Ministers

Linda Correia and Monica Gaynor

Readers

Valda Cupido

SUNDAY 12 January

Eucharistic Ministers

Wilma DeJong, Carol Koper and Kaye Lawrence

Readers

Caroline Fereira and Nim Menezes

MUSICIAN AND CANTOR

SATURDAY 11 January

Sophia

SUNDAY 12 January

Bianca

TRANSCRIPT - Archbishop Comensoli's Christmas Message

Over recent weeks, much attention has been drawn to the window displays in the heart of Melbourne's CBD. These displays have sparked conversations about their social history and the tradition they represent for families. At the same time, they've prompted reflections on the suffering caused by global conflicts, urging us to look at ourselves in our local settings.

This year, the windows feature a variety of displays, with a theme of animals and nature.

However, one window stands out. It depicts a mother and a father hovering attentively over their newborn child. In this moment, they have found shelter and security, a place of refuge and safety from their struggles. They are together, united in a joyful love, at peace with each other, and resting in the grace that surrounds them.

We all know this scene, even if for some, the gift it represents has become hidden. In the midst of what may be a commercial display, this simple image reminds us of a promise that transcends time and place. Mary, Joseph, and the ba-

by Jesus are there, inviting us into their lives. Hope springs from this image; peace is at its heart. The Holy Family speaks to us of hope and joy in new life—to each of us in our own local families. The child points us to where peace can be found—especially for the world beyond us.

Here in Melbourne, we await this Christmas knowing far too many are suffering in the throes of war internationally, and struggle at home. As we look to that humble family from Bethlehem, how might we give special attention to how we live with all our brothers and sisters as a holy family?

Families, of course, are not always easy places to be, and they require a daily practice of love and self-giving, patience and respect, attentiveness and forgiveness.

As we see the loving gaze of Mary and Joseph on their Child, who is our Saviour, might we lift up a humble prayer, asking that God's love and mercy surround us, and Christ's peace and compassion flourish among us.

May you have a hope-filled and peaceful Christmas.

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for the support and dedication shown by our volunteers.

Your time, energy, and compassion have made an impact on our community and the lives of those we serve. Whether you lent a helping hand, shared your skills, or simply showed up when needed, your contributions have not gone unnoticed.

We couldn't do it without you.

We often hear,

“Life is short . . . Better enjoy it”!

How about,

“Eternity is long,

better prepare for it”!