

South Brisbane and West End Parish Newsletter



We have come from the East to worship the king.

Happy New Year everyone!

From the Parish Office, we wish you all the best in the coming year and pray that all New Year's resolutions get past the month of March. Below is a blessing we encourage all families to do over their homes. Take some blessed chalk with you this weekend and follow the prayer as highlighted in the table below. Happy Epiphany to all.....

CHALK MARK	WORDS TO BE SAID AT HOME
	<p>Peace be upon this house and with all of us who live here. Amen.</p> <p><i>Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11</i> The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking: <i>Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.</i> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage.</p> <p>The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>THE THREE WISE MEN CASPAR MELCHIOR BALTHASAR</p> <p>FOLLOWED THE LIGHT OF THE STAR TO FIND JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, WHO CAME TO LIVE AMONG US</p>
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20 26 + +	<p>TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX YEARS AGO. MAY CHRIST BLESS OUR HOME TODAY AND REMAIN WITH US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.</p> <p>Let us pray. God of mercy, fill our home with the light and love of Christ that it may be a place of hospitality and welcome. May Christ be our shelter when we are at home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return.</p> <p>Through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p> <p>Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.</p> <p>In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.</p>

Jh William

The Good Shepherd Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our Churches stand.

The Epiphany of The Lord
4th January 2026

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Welcome to new Parishioners

We welcome any new Parishioners among us. Take the time to meet with our priests and get connected to the broader community.



Embracing the communities of:

St Mary's, South Brisbane,
St Francis of Assisi, West End
St Ita's, Dutton Park
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield

Readings at Mass

First Reading

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 nations 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71(72):1-2, 7-8, 10-13

R/ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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/**

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/**

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/**

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

Colossians 3:12-21

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 Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

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

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.



Next Sunday Readings:

Is 42: 1-4,6-7
Ps 28(29):1-4,9-10
Act 10: 34-38
cf Mt 9: 8

