



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times this Week

Sat	5.30pm	St Anne's
Sun	8.30am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's
	5.00pm	St Anne's
Mon	9.15am	St Anne's-Liturgy of Word
	7.30pm	St Anne's- Vigil Prayers Shirley Whorlow
Tues	11.00am	St Anne's- Funeral Mass- Shirley Whorlow
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
Frid	9.15am	St Anne's

RECONCILIATION

OLMC Church

10am-10.30am Saturday

Baptisms celebrated on Sundays. Please contact the Parish Office for details of the next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
Assisting Priest: Rev Bert Fulbrook SDB
Pastoral Assoc.: Sr Jose Noy RSJ
Pastoral Co-ord: Lyn Plummer
St Anne's Primary School: 9744 3055
Principal: Noelene Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman

7 January 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm Response: Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,10-13
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
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

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Joan ATKINS Carmen BARBAR Patricia
CLARK Christine DJAKOBIC John GRAY
Harvey HUGHES Lloyd MACEY Pio ROCCO
Christine VELTHUIS Carolyn WOCKNER
Natalee WOOD

Recently Deceased: Ildefonso AZORES
Abraham NINAN Roger ROA Shirley
WHORLOW

Anniversaries: Paulina CARASIG Joe
CAUCHI Bruno CUSCUNA Peter & Ulick
D'SOUZA James MCGOVERN Tiago
RODRIGUES



THE EPIPHANY

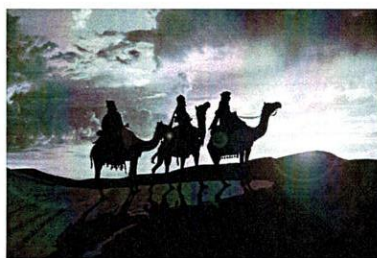
Although this is Year B, the year of Mark's Gospel, we have to call upon Matthew, because only he can provide us with the story of the three wise men from the East who came from afar to do homage to the new-born "King of the Jews". This Sunday will probably be the only Sunday in 2018 when we will hear the priest announce, "A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew". As this is the only occasion in the present liturgical year when we have a reading from Matthew, it will be helpful to consider Matthew's purpose not only in writing his gospel, but more especially in telling us the story of the Magi.

Matthew wrote his gospel at a time when Gentiles were flocking into the church, but the relationship between traditional Jews, who were the first followers of Christ, and the Gentile converts was at breaking point. Matthew himself was a devout Jew who was familiar with the Jewish religion and its sacred writings. Matthew is a committed Jewish Christian wholly convinced that Jesus is the Messiah of Jewish hope and expectation. Matthew is aggrieved by the antagonism of contemporary official Judaism towards Jesus. Matthew's gospel - more than any other gospel - quotes freely from the Old Testament, especially from the prophets. As a Christian and as a Jew, Matthew reaches out to his fellow Jewish Christians and to the new Gentile converts. Before Matthew came to write his gospel Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, had brought many Gentiles into the Christian fold. While the first followers of Jesus were all Jews, the majority within Judaism rejected Jesus. Paul also had trouble bringing Jews to Jesus, so he finally turned his attention and energy into preaching to the Gentiles.

The wise men from the east represent the Gentiles, the non-Jewish nations, who were entering the church by believing in Jesus Christ. The Gentiles had lacked the gift of divine revelation, which had been the privilege of the Jews. But through Paul, Barnabas and others the good news about Jesus Christ was revealed to non-Jews as well. Jesus saw his ministry as a restricted mission to the Jews: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel" (Mt 15:24). But after being rejected by the 'Old Israel' Jesus begins to form a 'New Israel', his Church. This 'New Israel' would reach out to all nations. Matthew's Gospel finishes with the risen Jesus sending his disciples into the world to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Mt 28:18).

At the beginning of his gospel Matthew has given us a brilliant and fascinating story of the three wise men from the east. This story serves as a prelude to a gospel that has universal appeal and ends with Jesus sending his disciples on a mission to all nations, a mission to bring the whole world into ambit of God's kingdom. The story of the magi is a harbinger to the universal mission of the Church. It anticipates the coming of the Gentiles into the house of faith.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb



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BAPTISM

We joyfully welcome him to our parish community.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Les Whorlow as Shirley, his wife for nearly sixty years, entered eternal life peacefully at home surrounded by her family last Tuesday. Les and Shirley came to our parish in 1970 with their six children. Shirley was involved in OLMC School as a classroom and canteen helper. Shirley was also in a number of women's Rotary group. Her daughter Kathy pre-deceased her in 1998. Vigil prayers will be held on Monday at 7.30pm, followed by Mass on Tuesday at 11am, which will conclude with Committal at Sunbury Cemetery.

A YOUTH GATHERING IN ROME: will be held in March to prepare for the Synod on the Youth in October. Angela Markas of the Chaldean Catholic Church has been selected to represent young Australian Catholics at the March meeting. Angela studies at University of Melbourne. Archbishop Fisher described Angela a woman of deep faith with a strong sense of social justice. He said Angela was one of 20000 young Catholics who gathered in Sydney last month.

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** **OLMC Church**— Lucy Gatt **St Anne's Church** – Skeeter Jacob Cedric D'Souza Beth Girdwood
COUNTERS: Imogen Corrie Mimi Quattrone Judith Ibrahim **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS** Phyllis Jacob Peter
Readman Teresa Quin Kevin Crowley **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **5.30pm** Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon
Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma **8.30am** Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Liz Richards Glenda Shanahan Graeme &
Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen **10.30am** Sean Quigley Tony Hendy Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose' Noy Moira
Sullivan Mark Perry **5.00pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco **Assistance Required**

Our Liturgy Team is eager to hear from our parishioners regarding their thoughts on the Advent and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses please. Please take a few minutes to write your thoughts and any suggestions or constructive criticism of the experiences you had during the celebrations over Advent and Christmas Masses. Please detach this form and drop in the basket at the back of the church or hand to the Parish Office. You may include your name and number if you wish for someone to get back to you, or do it anonymously.

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