



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD [Year B]

Sunday 3RD January, 2021

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 – The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 – The revelation means we all share the same inheritance.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 – We have come from the East to worship the King.

Are you the fourth wise “man”?

There is a story that goes with the feast of the Epiphany. It tells of a fourth wise man that was to travel with the three we hear of in today's gospel. His name was Artaban. He too saw the star and decided to follow it, taking with him a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl as gifts for the new King. Time was short. His three friends, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar were waiting for him at an agreed spot. However, on the way Artaban came across a traveller lying by the roadside stricken with fever. Though he knew that if he delayed to help the man he would miss his friends, nevertheless, he stopped and brought the man to an inn and had him taken care of. When he finally got to the agreed spot he found that his friends had indeed departed without him. So now he was on his own. He needed a camel and supplies to get him across the desert. Reluctantly he had to sell the sapphire to buy them. When at last he reached Bethlehem, once again he was too late. Joseph and Mary had taken the baby and fled into Egypt to escape from Herod's killers. Artaban was staying at a house where there was a year old boy. The mother feared for the life of her child. One evening soldiers came to the door. Artaban went out to meet them. With the ruby he bribed the captain not to enter. The captain took the ruby and left the child untouched. The mother was overjoyed. Artaban, however, was sad because he had only the pearl left as a gift for the King. During the long years that followed he searched in many places for the King, but all in vain. He always seemed to be too late. Some thirty years later he came to the holy city of Jerusalem. He was now old and weary and dispirited. A number of crucifixions were taking place the day he arrived. Artaban heard to his great surprise that Jesus was among those who were being executed. He hurried towards the hill of execution. Perhaps with the pearl he could save his life. However, as he was on his way to Calvary he met a girl who was fleeing from a band of soldiers. The girl hurriedly told him her story. Her father had incurred large debts. As a result she was being sold into slavery. Artaban hesitated, but only for a moment. He took out his pearl, gave it to the soldiers, and the girl was allowed to go free. But now he had to face his King empty handed. Just then the sky began to turn dark. An earthquake shook the ground under his feet. Houses began to rock. Roof tiles began to fly. One of them struck Artaban on the head. Mortally wounded he struggled onwards. But he died before reaching the hill of execution.

He never quite succeeded in catching up with his King.

***Yet, in a sense Artaban always had his King.
Ever since he saw the star had he not carried him with
him in his heart?***

***The King had inspired in him deeds of
love and generosity,
and had lit up all his journeys with meaning and hope!***

***They say that the person who is genuinely searching
for God has already found God.***

In that sense Artaban certainly had found his God.

God Bless your week, Father Michael



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Rita Patch (Dalby).
May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Esme Machin, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Graham McGovern, Madeline Gray, Richard Jones, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering from Covid-19.



Congratulations to Wyatt Paul Mallardi who was baptised over Christmas. May God bless him and his family as they deepen their faith through their lives.

A big thank you to all those who helped in any way to make the Christmas celebrations run smoothly and spiritually meaningful for everyone. Thank you to our musicians and singers, especially Vicky Corcozza for organising music in two venues. Thank you to those who assisted with the operation of the Power Point, especially Kathy Pingel, who put them together and John Briffa for preparing the liturgies. Thank you to Ingrid McTaggart, Vince Donovan and Bryson Rawlins for the live streaming at the 8.30pm Mass. Thank you to Gabrielle Saide and all those who assisted quietly in the background to make sure everything was in order and in the right place. Thank you my fellow celebrants – Fr Tom Duncan and Fr. Nandana Saparamadu and especially Bishop Robert McGuckin. Thank you to all those who were coopted into helping on the run. In other words thank you all for your generosity. Thanks also to the commitment to those who sprayed the church after each Mass to keep us safe and the staff in the office for ensuring trybooking worked efficiently.

If I have missed anyone – thank you from all of us.

Father Michael.

P.S. Thanks to John Smith and John Neylon for the immaculate grounds and gardens!



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| Sunday 3rd Jan Epiphany of the Lord | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am–Live stream available SPC | 11am Baptism of Joshua and Lachlan Lax 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre Clergy Retreat begins 3rd – 8th |
| Monday 4th Jan | 5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Lay Led Liturgy STM | NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY |
| Tuesday 5th Jan | 7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Lay Led Liturgy STM | |
| Wed 6th Jan | 7am Mass SPC | NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre Wedding – Christopher Barron and Gabriella Bran |
| Thursday 7th Jan | 7am Mass SPC | |
| Friday 8th Jan | 7am Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM | NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY |
| Saturday 9th Jan | 7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC | |
| Sunday 10th Jan Baptism of the Lord | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am–Live stream available SPC | 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre |

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