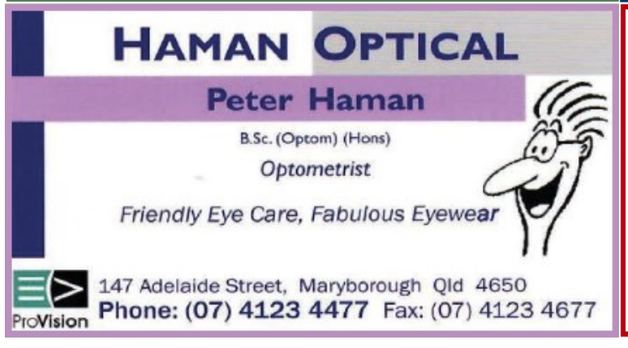
A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

"Your Catholic faith is woven through the many milestones in your life providing guidance, hope and strength. Making a gift of any size through your Will can support the mission of your parish, the Catholic Church and the faith of future generations." Please take a leaflet from the Church/visit Parish office for more details.

ROSTER	Sat 7th Jan.	Sun 8th Jan.	Sat 14th Jan.	Sun 15th Jan.
Welcomer	Ron	Christine	Pilar	Susan
1st Reader	Pamella	Pat	Beverley	Peter
2nd Reader	Tom	Catherine	Pat	Tyson
Communion	Sue Beverley	Lita Graham	Gerry Wayne	Rebecca Lita
Servers	Thu Han Andre	TBA	Andrew Chet	Byron Isaac Xavier
Musicians	Bong Jearen	Justin	Bong	Rita
Singers	Filipino Choir	Janette	Children's Choir	Men
Mass set up	Carmel	Lita Rebecca	Gerry	Lita Rebecca
Morning Tea				Parish Council
Flowers	Felicity Borg and Judy Zaia			



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This Week's Mass Schedule

11/01/2023	Wednesday	**08.00am**
12/01/2023	Thursday	**12:00pm**
13/01/2023	Friday	**08:30pm**
14/01/2023	Saturday	**06.00pm**
15/01/2023	Sunday	
	Maryborough	**08.00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 11th**:

Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers at 10 am.

READINGS

The EPIPHANY of the Lord - Year A (p.145)
- **1st** - Isaiah 60:1-6
- **Psalm** - 71 Resp. in hymns page
- **2nd** - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
- **Gospel Accl.** in hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 2:1-12

Next weekend's: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.367)
- **1st** - Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
- **Psalm** - 39
- **2nd** - 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
- **Gospel** - John 1:29-34

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER 8TH JANUARY 2023

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR A

ALL THE EARTH SHALL BOW DOWN BEFORE YOU, O GOD,
AND SHALL SING TO YOU,
SHALL SING TO YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH!

The True Star

Today, the church, celebrates the feast of the magi or 'epiphany.' This feast is popularly known as the feast of the Three wise men. It is called "epiphany" because Jesus revealed Himself not only to the Jews, the chosen people, but also to pagan visitors. The word 'Epiphany' is from the Greek term "epiphanein" which means "manifestation." In other words, Epiphany is first and foremost the Feast of God's revelation of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, to the world. Therefore, Jesus is the Saviour not only of Israelites, the chosen people, but also of the whole world.

Matthew's Gospel today tells us about how God guided the three wise men to the baby Jesus by means of a special star. How nice it would be for each one of us to have a star to follow in the right direction. Let us always remember that our stars are people and places and things that show us the way, that inspire us, that attract and lead us to the truth which is Jesus Christ himself.

Nowadays we call famous singers or sports people or actors, stars. Young people make heroes out of these stars. They imitate their speech, their dress and their ideas. In the same way we follow the religious heroes we call saints. We take their names and we try to follow their examples because we believe that they are our stars that guide us to Jesus and God. Sometimes sickness and pain can be a star: it makes us useless for a while and gives us time to think and reflect deeply on the true meaning of our lives – both here and hereafter.

However, there is also the possibility for us to follow the wrong star and this happens when we choose to look down in search of our star and not up - On a clear night, we can see stars reflected in ponds of water. And no matter how dirty the water is, it always reflects shadows. So like the three wise men who looked up to the stars for guidance to their destination, may we always seek with open eyes and mind the radiance of Christ's glory as manifested in today's feast. Yes, we can experience our own epiphany today only if we can keep our eyes fixed on the star that leads us to Christ in whom we live and move and have our being.

Happy Epiphany!
Fr Lucius

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Church in Australia mourns death of Pope Benedict XVI

MEDIA RELEASE **December 31, 2022**

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says Pope Benedict XVI will long be remembered fondly in Australia as the Pontiff who led young people from around the globe in prayer at World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008.

Pope Benedict, born Joseph Ratzinger, led the Church from April 2005 until February 2013, becoming the first Pope in centuries to resign. He had earlier served as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, one of the Vatican's most influential departments, for more than two decades.

Pope Benedict died in Rome, where he had lived since his papal retirement, on Saturday evening, Australian time.

"From his time as an expert adviser – or peritus – at the Second Vatican Council onwards, there was no question that Joseph Ratzinger was a major figure within the Church around the world," said Archbishop Costelloe, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

"His papacy will be remembered as one of rich teaching, including his encyclicals on love, hope and truth, as well as his book series *Jesus of Nazareth*, and for important reforms in areas like liturgy and in the handling of child sexual abuse."

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the bishop who oversaw World Youth Day in 2008, said Pope Benedict had been a key influence and someone with whom he became close.

"I had the great privilege of spending some private moments with Pope Benedict, away from the spotlight," Archbishop Fisher said.

"They were moments I will forever cherish. He had a great intellect, which he shared through his work as a professor, a Church leader and ultimately as Pope.

"He did not seek nor enjoy the spotlight, but he produced some magnificent works that have shaped and will continue to shape Catholic thought and Catholic life."

Archbishop Fisher said he was very grateful to spend some time with Pope Benedict during his visits to Rome.

"Reminiscing about his time in Australia and learning from this gentle father figure was a real joy," he said.

Archbishop Costelloe said parishes around the country will hold special memorial Masses for Pope Benedict in the coming days, encouraging those wishing to attend to visit local church and cathedral websites for more information.

"These Masses will be a chance to celebrate the life and faith of Pope Benedict, but also to pray for the repose of his soul – just as we do for anyone who has died," he said.

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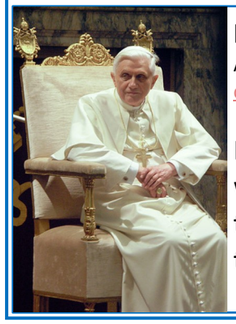

Biography

A biography of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI is available on the Vatican website at https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/biography.index.html

Let us pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict,
who united himself with the Lord's Passion and Cross,
that through death he may come to share in the glory of the Lord's Resurrection. Lord, hear us.

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Entrance: We Three Kings of Orient Are

John H. Hopkins

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we travel afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect Light.

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold we bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising gladly raising,
Worshipping God on high.

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Psalm Response: (Read)

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Communion: Jesus You are Bread for Us

Words and Music: Christopher Walker © 1990 Christopher Walker

Refrain:
Jesus, You are bread for us.
Jesus, You are life for us.
In Your gift of Eucharist
We find love.

When we feel we need a friend
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. **R./**

When we feel that we need love
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. **R./**

When we feel that things aren't fair
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. **R./**

In communion we believe
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. **R./**

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Thanksgiving: The Light of Christ

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The light of Christ has come into the world,
The light of Christ has come into the world.
We must all be born again
To see the Kingdom of God;
The water and the Spirit bring
New life in God's love.

God gave up His only Son
Out of love for the world,
So that all who believe in him
Will live for ever.

The light of God has come to us
So that we might have salvation;
From the darkness of our sins we walk
Into glory with Christ Jesus.

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Recessional Hymn: Lord, the Light of Your Love

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Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:
Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord,
And let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. ***R./***

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. ***R./***

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Peter Barry, Brian Berry, Karl Guerin, Rita Sempf, Daryl Sempf, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Dianne Hasselbach, Paul Massingham, Moira Hansen, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: Sean Burkett, Robert Glover, Ruth Mudge and Joseph Marshall.

Anniversary of Death: Raymond Proctor, Alice O'Connell, Alan Jones, Noelene Hogan, Joseph Hogan, Zita Hogan, Bill Steemson, Alice Bertram, Noel Francis Owen, Agustin Gertrudis, Carlos Pepito and Alfredo Martino Jas.