

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NOTICES: All notices are subject to approval and must be received by 12 noon Wed for publication Sunday.

Sunday Services:

All services in January:

There will be one service only, at 8.30am.

Hymns for Sun 2nd January 2022:

8.30 service:

TiS 255 O laughing light

TiS 291 Earth has many a noble city

TiS 314 As with gladness men of old

TiS 454 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Readings for 9th January 2022:

Isaiah 43.1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8.14-17

Luke 3.15-22

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Office hours – the office is currently open Wed & Fri from 9am to 12noon.

Mowing Roster: a roster is being compiled for the mowing of the cathedral grounds and beside the hall. **Week 2 will be done by the Cathedral Chapter.**

Please see Bev for weeks 1,3,4, or 5.

Farewell to Father Melusi: There will be a special morning tea for Father Melusi after the 8.30 service on the 9th January. If you will be attending please put your name on the sheet in the narthex. Also, if you can supply food, help with setting up beforehand or with clearing up after please put the details onto the sheet in the narthex.

Covid vaccination – could everyone who is on the rosters please provide the wardens or the office with a copy of your double vaccination certificate as soon as possible. This includes 7.30am service, 9.30am service musicians, choir and morning tea. These sheets will be stored confidentially with the Diocesan Registrar. Seating arrangements will remain the same until further notice.

ABM digital donation cards are available on the table in the narthex

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 27th February 2022. All reports are to be submitted to the office by 12 noon Friday 28th January.

Pew Reflection:

Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman's arms. — St Augustine



Sunday Smile:



Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral

2nd January – The Epiphany of Our Lord.



It is lovely to share in worship this morning. A very warm welcome to any newcomers or visitors. Please join us for morning tea after the service.

Sentence: They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshipped him. – Matthew 2.11

Collect: Eternal God, who by a star led Magi to the worship of your Son: guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY:

The Church in Australia: The Diocese of Adelaide

CQ Diocese: Registry staff

People in the Parish and Beyond: The Clergy and their families, our witness to Christ in the community, the Orthodox Churches, Christians living in Muslim countries

Partner Diocese- Popondota, PNG: Asi Archdeaconary, Afore Parish, Sakarina Parish, Itokama Parish,

THOSE KNOWN TO US:

In Need: Brian and Jacqueline, Ray, Amy and family, Margaret, Roger, Des.

In Memoriam: Desmond Draper, John Neish, Janet Svendsen, Gower Gladwell, Deidre Beak.

We care about you, so please let Dean Melusi or the Wardens know if you, a family member or someone you know, needs pastoral care or wants to be included in our prayers for healing.

2 January - The Epiphany of Our Lord

In today's Gospel writing with his Jewish audience in mind, St Matthew focuses on God's mighty work of revelation and how that gets completed through Christ's incarnation i.e., how human nature becomes fully embraced by God. The Almighty God brings salvation to all people and Christ's presence in the world is revealed, first by the shepherds, and by the kings or magi from the east who bring gifts to the Lord. The season of Epiphany provides us with an opportunity to learn about how Jesus's presence in the world was unveiled or made manifest to people of all walks of life and to consider how we, too, can make him known to others. (Dean Melusi).

1st Reading – Isaiah 60.1-6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord, ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

¹ Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
² That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.
³ Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
⁴ May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
⁵ May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.
⁶ May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.
⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.
¹² He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.
¹³ He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.
¹⁴ He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

2nd Reading – Ephesians 3.1-12

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Hear the word of the Lord, ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 2, verses 1-12

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel – Matthew 2.1-12

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, '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.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

For the Gospel of the Lord, ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

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