

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



*"Do whatever He tells you" John 2:5*

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## MASS TIMES

**Saturday** (Vigil) - 6pm

**Sunday** 9:30am

**Monday** 8am

**Tuesday** 10am

**Wednesday** 8:00am

**Thursday** 5:30pm Mass

Holy Hour 4:30pm - As usual

**Friday** 8am

**Saturday** 8am

Anointing of the sick Mass, 10am

2nd Tues of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec.

### Reconciliation

Thurs during Holy Hour 4:45 - 5:15pm

Sat 5:30 to 5:55pm before Vigil

Sun 9 to 9.25am

Or anytime, just ask Fr

**Baptism and Marriage** By appointment



**Working Bee** Sat 9.00am to 11am

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR A

**8/1/2023**

### First reading

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

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**

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

### Second reading

**Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6**

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.

### **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.

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### **Prayers of the Faithfull:**

**For our sick**, Marie Fowles, Fr Reece Beltrame, Peter Tydeman, Ray Byrnes, Graeme Murphy, Greg Baker, Gwen Abikhair and Jackson Davis.

We pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord hear our prayer.

**For our recently departed**, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, June Cox, Greg Fraser, and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including those in the bulletin.

We pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord hear our prayer.

### **Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Mt 2: 2**

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

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## ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen Moran, Fr Jim Esler, & Terrance Charles Benson.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Sandy Zeromski (Sec)

Denis Golden

Maria Sparshott (Chair)

Denis Devcich

Mark Mannering

Simon Horsfall (Dep Chair)

Jodie Cunningham

Mary Seidel

**Readers:** Sat: 6:00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9:30am Michael Sparshott

**Next week:** Sat: 6:00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Mark Mannering

**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 14th Jan Kate Tobin



## PARISH NOTICES

**Saturday Morning Working Bee Roster**, 9.30am to 11.15am, to help with preparations for morning tea, setting the table and general cleaning of the Marian Centre. Contact Fr. Anthony if you can assist.

**Walking With Purpose:** A supportive community of women seeking lasting transformation of the heart. Running in early 2023. Contact Maria Sparshott Ph. 0448453964. For further information go to [walkingwithpurpose.com](http://walkingwithpurpose.com).

**Legion of Mary:** Mondays 9:30am, Tuesdays 8:45am

**Library:** Inspirational DVDs available in the Church foyer, *See Denis Golden*

**Mobile Phones:** Please mute your Mobile Phone or turn it off during Mass.

## POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI: TRIBUTE BY ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER



For more than 70 years, as priest-theologian, bishop-pastor, cardinal-prefect, teacher-pope and finally pope-emeritus, Joseph Ratzinger selflessly served Christ and his Church. A man of towering intellect and deep piety, he was influential as a *peritus* (expert adviser) at the Second Vatican Council and in the subsequent interpretation and implementation of the Council.

As Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he was a close collaborator with Pope John Paul II and shared his enthusiasm for a “new evangelisation”, as much directed toward disconnected Christians as to those who have not yet heard the Gospel. He was elected Pope in 2005 at a stage of life when most would expect to be retiring. He humbly accepted the decision of the conclave and embraced the task, giving himself to teaching through homilies and writings, to pastoral journeys around the globe, and to initiating important reforms in the Church, including in the area of child protection.

He retired in 2013, devoting himself to praying for the Church. Whilst saddened by his death, we can all be grateful for the blessing of his long life and the lasting contribution he made to our faith. *catholicweekly.com.au*



## A MANIFESTATION TO THE WORLD

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them. These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey. God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them “fishers of men.”

He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling. In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship. Reflect, today, upon God’s call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

*Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life.  
May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and  
every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart.*

*Jesus, I trust in You.*

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