

WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL PARISH OF SAINTS MARY & JOSEPH

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- Faithful to the Teaching of the Apostles
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Acts 2:42-46

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (A/1)

Sunday 8th January 2017/Psalter Week 1



Making Church matter

LITURGY THIS WEEK

SATURDAY: 9.15AM; 6PM VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8AM; 10AM; 5.30PM
MONDAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
7AM; 12.30PM CATHEDRAL
TUESDAY: 7AM; 9.15AM CATHEDRAL
WEDNESDAY: 7AM; 12.30PM CATHEDRAL
THURSDAY: 7AM; 9.15AM CATHEDRAL;
11AM AUTUMN LODGE
FRIDAY: 9.15AM; 5.40PM CATHEDRAL
SATURDAY: 9.15AM; 6PM VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8AM; 10AM; 5.30PM
SACRAMENT of PENANCE
FRIDAY: 5-5.30PM
SATURDAY: 11.30AM-12NOON; 4.30-5.30PM

Awakening the Faithful.....

A SERMON BY POPE ST LEO THE GREAT (AD: 400-461)

The Lord has made his salvation known to the whole world

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ.

A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judaea only, but in the whole world, so that his name may be great in all Israel.

Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, who has made us worthy, in the words of the Apostle, to share the position of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you.

This is the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised.

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name. Again, the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognise and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: *The episcopal college and its head, the Pope*

880 When Christ instituted the Twelve, "he constituted [them] in the form of a college or permanent assembly, at the head of which he placed Peter, chosen from among them."³⁹⁸ Just as "by the Lord's institution, St. Peter and the rest of the apostles constitute a single apostolic college, so in like fashion the Roman Pontiff, Peter's successor, and the bishops, the successors of the apostles, are related with and united to one another."³⁹⁹

881 The Lord made Simon alone, whom he named Peter, the "rock" of his Church. He gave him the keys of his Church and instituted him shepherd of the whole flock.⁴⁰⁰ "The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles united to its head."⁴⁰¹ This pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belongs to the Church's very foundation and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the Pope.

882 The Pope, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, "is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful."⁴⁰² "For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered."⁴⁰³

883 "The college or body of bishops has no authority unless united with the Roman Pontiff, Peter's successor, as its head." As such, this college has "supreme and full authority over the universal Church; but this power cannot be exercised without the agreement of the Roman Pontiff."⁴⁰⁴

884 "The college of bishops exercises power over the universal Church in a solemn manner in an ecumenical council."⁴⁰⁵ But "there never is an ecumenical council which is not confirmed or at least recognized as such by Peter's successor."⁴⁰⁶

885 "This college, in so far as it is composed of many members, is the expression of the variety and universality of the People of God; and of the unity of the flock of Christ, in so far as it is assembled under one head."⁴⁰⁷

886 "The individual bishops are the visible source and foundation of unity in their own particular Churches."⁴⁰⁸ As such, they "exercise their pastoral office over the portion of the People of God assigned to them,"⁴⁰⁹ assisted by priests and deacons. But, as a member of the episcopal college, each bishop shares in the concern for all the Churches.⁴¹⁰ The bishops exercise this care first "by ruling well their own Churches as portions of the universal Church," and so contributing "to the welfare of the whole Mystical Body, which, from another point of view, is a corporate body of Churches."⁴¹¹ They extend it especially to the poor,⁴¹² to those persecuted for the faith, as well as to missionaries who are working throughout the world.

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Prayer for the Pope

V: Let us pray for our Pontiff Francis.

R: May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

Let us pray: O God, Shepherd and Ruler of all your faithful, look mercifully upon your servant Francis, whom you have chosen as shepherd to preside over your Church: grant him, we beseech you, that, by word and example, he may edify those over whom he has charge, so that together with the flock committed to him, he may attain everlasting life. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St John Paul II

PRAY FOR HIM....

Seeking Out those who Belong.....

ROSARIES THIS WEEK: **MON 9th Jan**, 12 noon Angelus followed by the rosary prior to the 12.30pm Mass; **TUE 10th Jan** in the home of Helen Abood, Unit 4/ 176 Faulkner St at 4pm; **WED 11th Jan**, 12 noon Angelus followed by the rosary prior to the 12.30pm Mass and at Autumn Lodge Chapel at 2.30pm. All welcome.

INFANT BAPTISM..... Catholic parents seeking baptism of their children should book in at the Parish Office. One parent at least should be Catholic, and parents are asked to attend a preparation session – Saturdays 10.30am for one hour and given a signed undertaking that they intend to raise their child in the "practice of the Christian faith". Birth Certificates must also be submitted. Godparents should be Catholics who have been fully initiated: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion...one such Catholic godparent is required by the Church. Godparents represent the People of God into whom the child is being baptised. Members of other Christian communities who celebrate valid baptism may act as Christian witnesses. Godparents must be over the age of 16yrs and must share baptism with their godchild. Baptism is a wonderful time for the Church and for families.... plan to make it a great day!! Registration forms available on website: www.smjcathedral.org.au under Our Parish – Forms and Rosters (contact parish office for password to download).

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Kelvin Kirkman (Graveside Funeral 20th January at 2pm), Margaret Bible, Bruce Duhigg, Michael Lewins, Fr Keith Gorman SSC, Charles King (USA), John Toshack (Coffs Harbour), Br Raymond Ayego, Donald Ross Single (Tingha), Myles Wilton (Dubbo), Autel Basha, Queenie Rizk (Sydney), Dorothy Cooper, Iris Harper (Moree), Margaret McDonald, Lucy Ross, Leon Fleming (Bingara), June Hutchinson **ANNIVERSARIES:** Helen Bartlett, Francis Bartlett, Nancy McLaughlin, Keith Hutchinson, Patricia Mulligan, Reginald Bullock, Colin Wright, Alice Barry, Bruce McClenaghan, Helen Bower, Betty Fitzgerald **SICK:** Carol Goodhew, Ghodsi Amini, Mark Norman, Susan Maye, Michael Zhu, Michael Moloney, Aeron Ryan, Helen Hesketh, John Fleming, Laurie Fahy, Blake Ross, Gemma Milliken, Joseph O'Brien, Deacon Peter Harrison, Frederic Koelmeyer, Kay Robertson, Maureen Veitch, Maria Selvey, Eleanor Pankhurst, Kay Goodwin, Norma O'Brien, Anne Simpson, Silvia & Ralph Bowles, Justin Post, Dean Doran, Alice Payne, Jane Obbe, Gladys Navarrete, Desiree Redlich, Alexandra Curtis, Margaret Doherty, Fr John Carey, Marie Trevanion, Michelle Owens, Sheetal Patel