

THIS WITNESS THAT BEGINS IN OUR HEARTS

In my office there is a wall hanging with the letters C+M+B. which I was given when I visited Innsbruck in Austria in 1997. As I walked from the railway station to our Redemptorist house, I noticed these letters written in chalk above the entrance doors to a number of houses in the following fashion 19*C+M+B+97.

When I asked one of my confreres about the meaning of the sign, he explained that in German-speaking Europe the feast of the Epiphany has become a charitable, fundraising event. Officially known as "Operation Three Kings Singing" the annual event is sponsored by the Catholic church and Catholic youth organisations. Most of the participants are young people who dress in costumes resembling what the Magi supposedly wore when they visited the baby Jesus.

With the leader carrying a star, the costumed Star Singers walk from house to house and sing traditional Christmas carols. At each stop they also solicit donations for various children's charities in Austria, Germany and abroad, as well as programs to end hunger in parts of the world. In Catholic regions, especially in rural areas or in smaller towns, the Star Singers may also inscribe the C+M+B house-blessings.

Traditionally, the letters C+M+B stand for the Latin phrase: Christus mansionem benedicat, which translates as "Christ bless this house." However, in a popular interpretation, the letters in the inscription stand for the names of the three Wise Men (Magi): Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar and the numbers indicate the year which in my experience was 1997. The inscription is usually made with chalk that has been blessed by a local Catholic priest. The letters are clever as they include both the blessing and a popular interpretation.

The word 'Epiphany' comes from the Greek and means appearance or showing forth and describes Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. The Gentiles are represented by the Magi or wise men whom we have traditionally called the three kings or wise men. The names of the Magi from the East are not mentioned in the bible but come from a sixth century Roman tradition. The number three is taken from the gifts mentioned: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Originally, the word Epiphany referred to the visit of a king to the people of his provinces. In the context of Christianity, Epiphany refers to God's self-revelation in Jesus.

The gospel story of the wise men from the east following a star is an invitation to all of us to seek the Lord in the living of our lives, and to become what Pope Francis calls 'missionary disciples' who bear witness to others to the difference Jesus makes in our lives. This witness will begin in our hearts and homes and reach out to the wider world where we witness by our faith commitment and the values by which we live.

May the feast of the Epiphany be an occasion of personal and family blessing.

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7th January, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord,

Year B

White

Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

14th January, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Green

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

John 1:35-42

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Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - (1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing) Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

Christmas Hamper Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our hamper winners! 1st Prize: Carina, 2nd Prize: Silvana, 3rd Prize: Mary, 4th Prize: Sue, 5th Prize: Faye, 6th Prize: Rosalind, 7th Prize: Tracey, 8th Prize: Giovanni, 9th Prize: Dan
If you were not at the 9.30am Mass last week, please bring your winning ticket to claim your prize from Fr Philip after Mass. Amount raised was 1,000.00. Thank you for all your support.



Golden Age Club

Merry Christmas to all and have a safe and Happy New Year.
We will be in recess until club days resume Tuesday, January 16th 2024.



Praying For You

Recently Deceased

Miguel Alcalá

Death Anniversary

Albert Hoad, Mr & Mrs BA Nathan, Mr & Mrs Louis Nathan

Deceased

Llewelyn Beale, Maxime Allen Labutte, Donald Peche, Emily Peche

Our Sick

Bethwyn Johnson, Owen D'Souza, Fran Vallis, Pat Simm, Ammini Jose, John Breag, Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine, Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra, Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly, Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen.



Feast Days this Week

Jan 8	Mon	The Baptism of the Lord, St Nathalan
Jan 9	Tues	St Adrian of Canterbury, St Andrew Corsini
Jan 12	Fri	St Aelred of Rievaulx, St Marguerite Bourgeoys, St Benet Biscop
Jan 13	Sat	St Hilary of Poitiers, St Kentigern, Our Lady of Arabia

Rosters for 6/7 January, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Aydriel Ratnasekera	Mary Ann Bombita	Colin Loh	Miriam Villan Tracey van Ingen	Jacob Malou, Joshua Manda, Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews
Sunday 7.30am	Dion Robson Shania Tido	Ronan Roach	Sr Savarie	Larry Cavallo	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan, Adriel Ratnasekera
Sunday 9.30am	Leslie Dcruz Kerry Keys	Hanna Allen	Haizelmary Ani Jacob	Philip Magness	Maureen Byrne Cigi Dcruz	Alisha Liyanage, Keanu Malagui- Hicks, Patrina Paesu, Julia Marano, Justus Shilo, Martin Yatar
Tellers this week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys				Tellers next week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes		

Rosters for 13/14 January, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Theresa Spicer	Sandra Wren	Kaye Cox	Volunteer	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Jacob Raymond, Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher, Teron Bouzin
Sunday 7.30am	Eric Almen Wendie Almen	Sean Mullins	Diobett Bangayan	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw, Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins
Sunday 9.30am	Bec Malagui-Hicks Ciara Malagui-Hicks	Florence Ayeni	Maureen Byrne	Nigel Hayward	Angela Bushby Carolina Hayward	Carl Borlongan, Florian Christstar, Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas, John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo

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Wishing everyone a Happy New Year

Monday Mass

There will be Mass on Monday, 8th January at 9.00am to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the last day of the Christmas Season



Jesus, the Reason for the Season!

Wishing everyone a happy and Holy Christmas. May the joy we celebrate this season be the joy we share with others. May the peace that Jesus brings be ours to keep.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who were involved in making this Christmas a joyous celebration. So many people gave so much of their time and love. Thank you to those who so generously donated towards the costs of our Christmas flowers and those who arranged the flowers so beautifully. Those who set up the Christmas crib and the members of the music ministry who spent so much time in practice and then leading us into singing with joy, all the children and their parents who were involved in bringing to life the Christmas Story for the Vigil Family Mass, the readers and commentators, the acolytes and altar servers, the sacristan, those who donated the chocolate for the children, and those who organised the cake and wine after the Midnight Mass. Thank you too for bringing your relatives, friends and neighbours to our Christmas Masses.

I would also like to thank all of you for your many gifts, well wishes and support.

May the peace of God's Love be with you always.
Sincerely,
Fr Philip



The Orthodox Christian Christmas - 7th January 2024

Wishing all our brothers and sisters in the Orthodox Christian Community a happy Christmas.



Marycare

The Co-ordinators and volunteers of Marycare, extend best wishes to all parishioners for this Holy Christmas Season and for the new year.

We thank you for all your support during the year.

A volunteer recently shared the following: "Just being able to bring a little bit of joy to someone's life, a little bit of support and help that's momentary, like taking someone to an appointment or taking someone to the shops. It doesn't take a lot out of your life but it's giving them some much needed help. It makes them feel less stressed. You know that you're just doing them a little favour."



Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Phone 0432 398 973 or email safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au

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A New Year Resolution

Shalom, is a Hebrew / Jewish greeting which means "peace"
Its does not just mean an absence of war or conflict, but being one with God, being in harmony with all God's creation, and with our neighbour.

On that night 2,000 years ago, God came amongst us, that this peace may become a reality. Like Jesus' humble beginnings though, we are invited to let go of so much that we do not need, and to trust in God's love, that we may let his peace reign in our lives.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

2024 Columban Calendar

Support your Vinnies by purchasing a 2024 Columban Calendar at only \$10 each. Calendars are available in the Church foyer. Please place your contribution in an envelope before placing in the SVDP poor box in the church next to the sliding doors.



34th Annual Flame Congress January 2024 "REJOICE"

"REJOICE" Flame Ministries International 34th Annual Flame Congress at John XXIII College, Mt Claremont, Fri-Sun 12-14 Jan 2024. With **Guest Speaker The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth, Father Timothy Deeter, Cyrus D'Souza FMI SD., Kaye Rollings FMI SD, Cheryl Douglas FMI.** Mass: Sun 11.30am. Free Evening Rallies Fri, Sat, & Sun at 7.00pm. Day sessions: 9.00am-5.00pm Sat & Sun. Food & Drinks available. Air-conditioned. For info see poster/brochures. Please contact: fmi@flameministries.org

Emeritus Archbishop Hickey's Memoirs

Emeritus Archbishop Hickey has completed his memoirs titled 'My Spirit Land'. It is a fascinating and insightful read, documenting not only the last 80+ years of the Catholic Church in WA, priests, cardinals, popes and Catholic agencies and policies, but also the journey of one of our Archbishops who was called to the priesthood in Western Australia. The book is available online at www.myspiritlandmemoir.com for \$44.95 plus \$15 postage and handling or collect at Our Lady of the Mission Church, Craigie for \$44.95 on Wednesday - Friday, 9am - 4pm. Please email myspiritlandmemoirs@gmail.com for enquiries.



WA Young Salesian - Summer Camp 8th-12th January 2024

Are you between 11½ -15yrs or starting Year 7 in 2024?
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