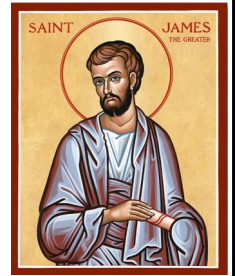


# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YR C 2025 5 JANUARY

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### *The Epiphany of the Lord* Gospel Reflection

The gospel of Mark, the first of the four canonical gospels to be written, does not bother at all with the question of the birth of Jesus. Written some ten or more years later, the gospels of Luke and Matthew both present a version of the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus. The gospel of John, written later still, also avoids details of Jesus' birth. The two accounts of the infancy that we do have from the gospels tell very different stories because they have each been used to place the rest of the gospel in a particular context. Unfortunately, the two stories have been mashed together so much that we now have one notion of the Christmas story that is a poor amalgam of the two unique narratives.

### Gospel Focus – Going home

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way. How could they do anything but go home another way – indeed, go home as different people? They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind. When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.

### Historical Context – The Magi

In some translations, the 'wise men' of this passage are referred to as 'Magi'. Magi was the name given to the Persian priestly caste. Persia (now, Iran) lies to the east of Israel. These wise men are also sometimes portrayed as astrologers, but that is largely because of the reference 'We saw his star as it rose'. It is interesting that the passage describes 'some' wise men; tradition has developed a specific number of three – based on the three gifts presented. These anonymous (and purely literary) figures have been given names and their 'relics' lie in honour beneath the Cathedral of Cologne.

### Have you thought? – Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewish-ness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.



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### Mass & Services

**WEEKEND:** Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.  
Sunday 7am, 9am.

**WEEKDAY:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am

**WEEKDAY:** Friday 9am.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4.30—5.30pm...

**PERPETUAL ADORATION:** will return 11th February 2025.

(Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky [brisbane.adoration@gmail.com](mailto:brisbane.adoration@gmail.com)

**HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:** Anointing Mass 7th February 2025

**FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Friday 7th February 2025

**PRAYER MEETING:** Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship followed by Message)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** continues 1st and 3rd Sundays @ 9am mass. Kids Bulletin available at side entrance each week: [copyright https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/](https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/)

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**Please pray for recently deceased:** Joan Harding; Caroline Bremner; Loreta Mesina; Trevor Wilkinson; Fr Joseph Truong OP; Peter Lwat; Janice Condon; Angelo Lanzafame; Margarita Santos; Vincenzo Vitanza.  
**And these anniversaries:** Peter Ward; Zosimo Cruspero; Paciencia Ala-an; Lourdes John; Dolores Reyes; Janette Wenceslaus; Les & Ruby Richards; Maria Le; Peter Due; Peter Dinh.  
**Please pray for these unwell:** Bien Lorenzo; Jenny Hapea; Germain Fernando; Rebecca Evans; Michael Barton; Michael Simpson; Benjamin Kett; Ty De Paoli; Lenice McKenzie; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

January 2025 parish bulletins will be in short format.



**Thursday, 9th January 2025**—Mass at 5pm to celebrate the **Feast of the Black Nazarene**. Mass presiders will be Fr Francis Belcina and Fr Saldie Resolado.



Fr Nev from the Marriage Encounter Northern Ecclesial Team INVITES you to **The Beatitudes Mini Retreat**. Saturday **18th January 2025** from 10am to 12pm followed by lunch. St Oliver Plunkett Church hall, Beauvardia St Cannon Hill. RSVP: David and Maria qldbookings@wwme.org.au Ph: 0481 307 821  
 Lunch: Please advise any dietary requirements for lunch.



**THE JUBILEE YEAR OF 2025 Pilgrims of Hope (From Archbishop Mark Coleridge)**



The Jubilee looks back to the first Roman celebration in 1300; and Rome has always been the epicentre of celebration, as it will be of the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage which I hope to accompany in September next year. But the Jubilee Year also looks back much further to the biblical jubilee, which was celebrated every fifty years. It was a time of renewal for the people of God, a time to make a new beginning, a time to focus again on the God-given identity of ancient Israel as a community of slaves set free in a world which says that slaves can never come free.



The Jubilee Year is therefore a call to recognise the many forms of slavery, overt and covert, that are found in this culture and in our own lives – and to renew our faith in the possibility of freedom and commit ourselves anew to what freedom requires. Any pilgrimage – even the little pilgrimage of walking through the Holy Door – is a farewell to an old enslaving way of life and an embrace of a new way of life which the Lord crucified and risen makes possible.

The motto of this Jubilee Year is “Pilgrims of Hope”. Any journey we make through this year we make not as tourists or holiday-makers but as pilgrims. It is a journey of faith. And it is driven by a hope which is not mere wishful thinking but the proclamation of a true hope in a world which often seems hopeless, a hope grounded ultimately in Easter. This hope is an expectation that what God has done in Jesus he will do in the world and even the cosmos. God will bring light from darkness, life from death. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that “there remains a sabbath rest for the people of God” (4:9). In a deeply restless world, may this Jubilee Year be a time of sabbath which God alone can provide, refreshing our souls and putting new heart into the Church as we take the path traced by the Archdiocesan Synod and its Action Plans. Amen.



**Christmas Collection 2024...** \$2391.10 Parish || \$2391.10 Priory



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, or RCIA, recommences Sunday mornings February 2nd, 2024 to April 19th inclusive, receiving the Eucharist at the Easter vigil on Saturday April 19th, 2025. Times – 9.30 to 10.15 am.



<b>Next week</b>	<b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 12</b>	<b>VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9AM</b>
CHOIR (2nd weekend)		Carina Family Choir	n/a	YAM
COMMENTATOR		Pat W	David B	Melissa P
LECTOR		Frank F	Trish R	YAM
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Sylvia P Lorie R (away) Sean H	Heather L Don T Priya	Denis Mcl Deborah H Amor McC
ALTAR SERVER/S		Joe R (away)	Brendon G or Drew N	Leah S / Alejandra / Leo
POWERPOINT		...	...	June S
WELCOMER		Karen / Edward	David /	Adriana Joselin Peter Colomba

**Counters**

January 4 / 5 Romy & Christy

January 11 / 12 June & Kate

**Next Sunday's Readings**

**Baptism of the Lord (Year C January 12)**

**First Reading** *Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11* The glory of the

Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

**Second Reading** *Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7* He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Reading** *Luke 3: 15, 16, 21, 22* When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon them.

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