

**EPIPHANY  
OF THE  
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YR B 2024  
7 JANUARY**

**ST JAMES PARISH  
COORPAROO**

**IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT  
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND KNOW  
CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH, AND  
SERVE THE COMMUNITY**



**BRINGING  
HOME THE  
GOSPEL**

**Paying Homage**

*Mary, the baby Jesus and Joseph are still in Bethlehem, but they have left the stable and are resting in someone's home. While they are there three men from the East arrive. The strangers have followed a star and are seeking a newly born king. When they see Jesus they know their search has ended.*

**Imagine** Mary and Joseph's surprise when the Magi turn up at their door. The Holy Family lets them in, and the strangers kneel on the floor saying all sorts of wonderful things about their newborn. Before leaving they give them gifts fit for the grandest of kings.

**Imagine** Mary and Joseph's conversation when the Magi left—first, the shepherds, then Simeon and Anna and now these exotic-looking travellers. They began their Bethlehem visit with only a stable

for shelter, and now they carried gold, frankincense and myrrh. Having Jesus in their life was certainly going to be interesting. But they were open to challenges and surprises, hardships and blessings.

**The** same is true when we accept Jesus in our lives. With Jesus as our center we are expected to be like Mary and Joseph—open to all that life offers. We are expected to open our hearts and our lives to the poor as well as the wealthy, to the uneducated as well as those who are wise. God calls us to accept the unexpected guest in whatever travel-weary appearance they come.

**Life** is filled with challenges and hardships, benefits and surprise whether you believe in Jesus or not. However, those of us who believe are given a treasure even more precious than gold, frankincense or myrrh. When we say yes to Jesus, the good and not so good parts of life are shared with him, and all that is and is to be becomes a gift.

**Matthew 2:1-12**



**Come Worship the King**

**FAMILY RESPONSE**

Have each family member talk about how they think Mary and Joseph reacted to the visit of the Magi. Ask each person what was one of the biggest surprises they have ever experienced.

**PERSONAL RESPONSE**

Having a child in the house offers surprises every day. What still surprises you about being a parent? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

**WEEKEND:** Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am.

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

**WEEKDAY:** Friday 9am.

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

**PERPETUAL ADORATION:** begins again 16th January (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

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**HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:** no Anointing Mass in January 2024; begins 2nd February 2024.

**FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Friday 2nd February 2024.

**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/)

**Mass & Services**





**Please pray for recently deceased:** Marilyn Ackers; Genie Enright; Edwardo Descargar; Mira Blazinovic; Henry Zbrozyna; Noel Hackett; Serafin Bermudez; Cecily Hesse.  
**And these anniversaries:** Peter Ward; Rhona Kett; Mary & Gordon Dungan; Lourdes John; Fr Paul Seibet; Errol Rivera Bergania; Kevin & Tess Walsh; John Girard; Dolores Cruspero.  
**Please pray for these unwell:** Bryan O'Connell; Denis Strano; Honey Binny; Chad De Paoli; Michael Simpson; John Canavan; Darshika Uluwita; Lynette Edwards; Kevin Sheehan; Paul Hogan; Maylene Nator; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan; Michael Barton; Heshala Watapuluwa; Ted Richardson; Kathleen Duffy.

## Parish news Christmas Collection 2023... \$2028.10 Parish || \$2028.10 Priory



You are all welcome to celebrate the **Feast of the Black Nazarene on Tuesday 9th January 2024** at St James Church. 5pm Procession, Holy Mass. Light refreshments afterwards. Mass led by Fr Saldie Resolado osa. Contact Ben & Vicky Bulaong 0433583763 (pamphlets at entrances).



Date claimer: "Pasalamat" AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION. **Friday 26th January, 3pm-9pm** at St James Church, Hall and school grounds. More details to come.



**"The Holy Family, the Star, and One of the Three Magi"**

**Artist: Antonia Abraham**

14.6cm x 21cm  
Crayon on paper  
(a Christmas card, December 2022)



Next week	2nd Sunday Ordinary January 14	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (2nd weekend)	Glenn & family	n/a	YAM	
COMMENTATOR	Karleen O'R	Trish R	Amor McC	
LECTOR	Helen D	Yoni V	Leo B	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Priya H Collette S Paul D	Heather L Christy U Don T	Doreen C Jaqueline S June S	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R / helper	Brendon G or Jane V	Leah S / Alejandra / Leo	
POWERPOINT	Cecilia D	Gilbert / helper	Matthew A	
WELCOMER	Karen / Edward	Trish R / helper	Cathy / John / Darren	

## Counters

**January 6 / 7** Sandra & Karleen

**January 13 / 14** Sylvia & John

## Next Sunday's Readings

**2nd Sunday Ordinary: First Reading** *Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6*  
I will make you the light of the nations so that my

salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

**Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 1: 1-3* The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Gospel Reading** *John 1: 29-34* The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World.

