

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing 3029

Archdiocese of Melbourne

Committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults



8 January 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR JANUARY

New Year Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, Courage, and our Sanctifier.
May this New Year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.
Come Holy Spirit, be with us always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship
is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

1st Reading Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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 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.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

2nd Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

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 Christ Jesus, through the gospel.
The Word of the Lord.

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OFFICE HOURS

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CONTACT DETAILS

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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 6:00pm

Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

Spanish – 1st & 3rd Sun at 1:15pm

Filipino – 4th Sun at 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon to Fri – 8:30am

Wed – 7:00pm

Sat – 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Wed: 6:30pm

Sat: After 9:00am Mass

DEVOTIONS

First Friday: 7:00pm to 8:15pm

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament

Fri 9:00am & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sat 2:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Novena

Wed after 7:00pm Mass

Rosary

Mon to Fri 8:00am

Sat 8:30am

Sun 8:00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sundays at 12 noon

Baptism Preparation Meeting

1st Monday of the month, 7:00pm

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK, HOUSE BLESSINGS, VISITS & QUERIES

Parish Office on (03) 9749 4300

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

(Mt 2:1-12)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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. The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

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

Next Week's Readings

IS 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Feasts of the Week

The Baptism of the Lord

Mon, 9 Jan

EXTENSION TO ST PETER'S SCHOOL BUILDING

Dear parishioners, Extension work of St Peter's school building has commenced. During this period, you are requested to exercise CAUTION while accessing the basketball court to park your vehicle. Please be cautious and prudent as there will be only **ONE Point of Entry** and **Exit** for vehicles. Your patience and consideration for other drivers is appreciated. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The office is now closed and will **re-open on Monday 9th January 2023**. Normal bulletins will resume from 15th January 2023, along with names for Death Anniversaries, Recently Deceased and Sick List.

JANUARY 2023

Please note that there will be **NO** Healing Mass or Baptism Formation Meeting in January. The Healing Mass and Baptism Formation meeting will resume in February 2023.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER WITH SR. NATHALIE BECQUART XMCJ, TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY 23

Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ is the Undersecretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod and one of the most influential women in the Church today. As part of Sr Nathalie's tour of Australia, we are delighted to have this opportunity to hold this conversation on 'journeying together' as Church both universally and locally. As our local Church in Melbourne walks the path of *Take the Way of the Gospel*, the universal Church is on her journey of synodality (Synod 2021-2024: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission). These journeys are connected and they invite us to walk together, and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other. We hope that this event will be beneficial for parish leadership, *Take the Way of the Gospel* coordinators and Archdiocesan staff, particularly those leading or who have an interest in *Take the Way of the Gospel*.

Journeying Together with Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ – Free Event

Date: Tuesday 31 January 2023 10am-12midday

Where: Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne

Registration is essential via <https://www.trybooking.com/CFARB>

Registration closes Friday **27 January** 2023. Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au or 9926 5761