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HOLY FAMILY PARISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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EPIPHANY of our LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sunday 8th January 2023

A very warm welcome to everyone in our parish this weekend.



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First Reading:
Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm:
**Lord, every nation on earth
will adore you.**

Second Reading:
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

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

Gospel:
Matthew 2:1-12

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

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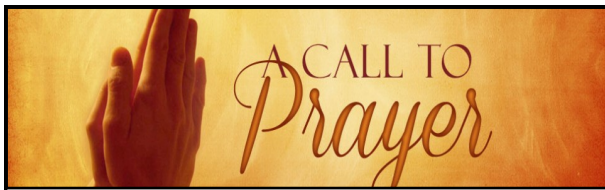
Today, we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some would call it “Three Kings’ Sunday.” However, let us not be misled because the focus here is the “revelation of Jesus” to the world. This universality of Jesus’ salvation has been the theme of our readings for today. In our responsorial psalm, we declare that “every nation on earth will adore Jesus.” Saint Paul in his letter to the Ephesians declared that revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are part of the same body, the Church.

Saint Matthew presented the magi from the East who presented Jesus their most precious gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts were interpreted as prophesying Jesus’ future: gold representing his kingship as well as his divinity; frankincense a symbol of his priestly role; and myrrh a prefiguring of his death and embalming. These three magi represented the whole pagan world. They represented us.

Certainly, we were once the pagans being represented by the magi. We were not part of the original chosen covenanted people of Israel. The truth is, God became man not just for the specific group of people but for the whole humanity. He embraced not just the humanity of Israelite people, but the humanity of all the people in the world.

Let us reflect not just on the pilgrimage and offering of the magi, but also on our own personal pilgrimage and offerings to Jesus. When the star appeared, the shepherds and the magi followed it and worship Jesus when they found Him. May we also follow the light that will bring us closer to Jesus. Who are the stars leading us to Jesus? They maybe are our family, our friends, our neighbours or even strangers who are in one way or another are prefiguring the image of Jesus. What can we offer to Jesus? Think of the best that we could offer to Him. Remember, the magi offered the best that they had. And Jesus offered also the best that He is. He offered his very own life for our salvation. We may not be able to equal His life offering, but at least, we may offer something that is really part us, something that would really manifest our deepest love and gratitude to Jesus for everything that He did to us. Give our most precious time, talent and even our treasure if needed, because all of them, in reality, belongs to Him who created, forgave and saved us.

Reflection by Fr Joel Villanueva, OSJ



Our Parish Prayer Intention this week

We pray for those who are sick, for their healing; those who are in isolation and those FRONTLINERS (healthcare workers, peacemakers, first responders, volunteers and non-health workers) for their protection from harm; and to all our civil leaders, that they would listen to the voice of the Spirit in every decision that they make.

We pray for the special intentions:

Corinne Carrington, Wendy Stephens, Lillian Pauley, Margaret Muller, Jane Shaw, Jane Bell, Bill Parker, Sarah Stevenson, Virgilio Pesigan, Todd Bennett, Carrie Bertola, Bonita Stevenson, Gary Maxine Fryatt, Lorelie Donkin, Jose Vecchio, Tegan Castellaro, India Heslop, Victor Cruz, Luba Greay, Comple Family, Theresa Macaulay, Halina Van Moorsel, June Higgins, Vicky Southworth, Craig Holmes, Bill Stevens, Allysa and Leonie Dorothy Hard, Garry Higgins, Jerry Lambie, Brian Lloyd, Lucille Villalobos, Fr Johnny, Grace Stockenstrom, Tony Capetanakis, John Dawson, Peter Jeffs, Joseph Higgins, Sharon Mortimore.

Recent Death: Julian Letter, Harry Easton, Nadine Busher, Ah Ha Soh

If you have a loved one who wishes to be included, or you would like to update your information in our prayer list, please do not hesitate to message or ring us.

ROSARY STATUES: *Pilgrim Statue*
St Joseph's Church

Filipino Statue
Cirila Adams

PARISH OFFICE Opening Hours

Our Parish Office is temporarily closed until **Tuesday, 10th January 2023**.
In cases of emergency, please do not hesitate to contact us either via phone or email.

Phone: **(08) 9841 1129**

Email: **albacath@iinet.net.au**

PARISH FINANCE

Your donation helps in continuing the mission of the Church here in Albany and in surrounding areas.

OPTION 1: Planned Giving Pledge Forms are available from the parish office.

OPTION 2:

ONLINE BANK TRANSFER

Account Name: Albany Catholic Parish
BSB: 086-006 A/C: 84-698-5771
Reference: Your Name-Planned Giving

Last Weekend's Collections

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring - our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do - are equally precious in His sight.

1st Collection: \$1,380.00
2nd Collection: \$1,335.00
Direct Debit / EFT \$ 212.00

Please be advised that there are 2 collections at all 4 Sunday Masses, every weekend.

INFORMATION FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 15 JANUARY 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm:

Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted Him to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Rosters

Saturday 6.00pm Mass: Holy Family Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Ron Webb, Gavin Higgins
Readers: Fiona Nottle, Cris Palfrey

Sunday 7.30am Mass: St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Peter Yuswak
Readers: TBC

Sunday 9.30am Mass: Holy Family Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Manuel Navalta
Readers: Helen Lecky, Marinela/ Leizel
EMHC: Fe Navalta, Helen Lecky

Sunday 5.00pm Mass: St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: John Kelly
Readers: Georgia Clark, Joanne/ Juan Clark

Welcome

A warm welcome to all visitors to Holy Family Parish. We hope you enjoy your stay in Albany and travel safely.



Opportunity to Serve

We are fortunate to have numerous active and fruitful ministries within Holy Family Parish. There are currently several opportunities available to be of service; by taking an active role in our parish whilst also getting to know more fellow parishioners.

Finance Committee

There are currently positions available to serve on the Parish Finance Committee.

Acolytes

If anyone is interested in joining the Finance Committee or becoming an Acolyte and would like to learn more about either role, please contact Fr Vince.

Readers

Readers are required for Sunday Masses at 7.30am and 5.00pm in St Joseph's Church.

If you think this might interest you, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Leadership Day

Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee

Sunday February 5

All members of the PPC and Finance Committee, please save the date as you are all kindly asked to attend the parish Leadership Day. More details to come ...

St Joseph's Lodge Defibrillator

There is a Defibrillator outside the St Joseph's Lodge office door which is for the use of the parish and general community.

We encourage parishioners to download the St John First Responders App which saves time in an emergency.

35 Years Sto. Niño Celebration

A very warm invitation is extended to all Holy Family parishioners to attend the Sto. Niño Celebration.

Please join us for a Rosary, Novena and Mass in **Holy Family Church.**

Friday, 6th January: 5.00pm

Saturday, 7th January: 5.00pm

Sunday, 8th January: 8.45am (Mass at 9.30am)

9th - 13th January: 5.00pm

Saturday, 14th January: 9.00am

Fiesta Celebration

Sunday, 15th January

Assemble for procession at St Joseph's College Gym at 9.15am.

Mass in Holy Family Church at 9.30am, followed by lunch at the Gym.

Please bring a plate to share and enjoy the Fiesta. Let's be God's one happy spiritual family.

Hermanas: Sto. Niño Choir

Yours in Christ,

Santo Niño Choir and Manuel & Fe
9841 7475



Summer School with Fr Tony Chiera

Pope Francis has invited us to spend some time over the next two years in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee. 2023 is dedicated to a renewed look at Vatican II and 2024 will focus on prayer.

The Diocesan Summer School will explore the event of Vatican II and some of its core teachings. These teachings are the basis for the ongoing life and mission of the Church into the future.

The Diocesan Summer School in Albany will commence in **New Camfield on Wednesday, 18 January at 5.30pm,** and will finish at **around 8.30pm.**

Please contact the Parish Office to register.

Phone: 9841 1129

Email: albacath@iinet.net.au

Parish Office Open

The Parish Office will **reopen this week on Tuesday, 10th January.** If you need to speak to a priest, please call 9841 1129.

9.30am Mass Morning Tea

Please note that morning tea is currently on **break and will return on January 22.**

PARISH COMMUNITY

Catholic Women's League

Meet: Monthly, Every Third Tuesday
Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Jenny Dul
Mobile: 0438 241 100

Knights of the Southern Cross

Meet: Monthly, Every First Wednesday
Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Steve Amato
Mobile: 0409 370 414
Contact: Mike Matusiak
Mobile: 0457 064 154

Legion of Mary

Meet: Weekly, Every Thursday
Time: 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Anne Letter
Mobile: 0447 258 232

Men's Fellowship Group

Meet: Monthly, Every Second Saturday
Time: 8.00am - 10.00am
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Michael Collins
Mobile: 0428 746 734

Sewing & Craft Group

Meet: Bi-Monthly,
Every Second & Fourth Monday
Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Helen Anderson
Mobile: 0427 108 810

Stella Maris Apostleship of the Sea

Place: Stella Maris Centre
Princess Royal Drive, Albany
Contact: Marilou Lomas
Mobile: 0423 866 932

St Vincent de Paul

Meet: Bi-Monthly
Every Second & Fourth Friday
Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Place: 17 Chevalier Street, Albany
Contact: Anne Smith
Mobile: 0478 616 137

Holy Family Parish is
committed to the fundamental belief
that **all children, young people
and vulnerable individuals**
have the right to feel safe at all times.

Safeguarding Officers:

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PARISH TIMETABLE

DAILY MASSES

In St Joseph's Church ONLY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:
8.00am Mass

Friday: 12.00noon Mass

First Friday of the month: Healing Mass

Saturday: 9.00am Mass

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Mon, Wed and Thurs: 7.30am LAUDS (Morning Prayer)

Tuesday: 7.30am ROSARY

Friday: 10.00am Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament;
Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass

Saturday: 9.45am SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Thursday of the month: 6.00pm Holy Hour

Third Sunday of the month: 3.00pm Benediction & Rosary

**St Joseph's Church is open for personal prayer and
devotion from 9:30am until 5:00pm everyday.**

WEEKEND MASSES

Holy Family Church

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:30am

St Joseph's Church

Sunday 7:30am

Sunday 5:00pm

STATION MASSES

Gnowangerup

2nd & 4th Sunday: 9:30am

Bremer Bay

3rd Sunday: 9:30am

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2nd Sunday: 11:30am