

# ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

YEAR C SATURDAY 1ST AND SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY 2022



*Robinvale and Manangatang Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care. Child Safety Officers: Arthur Cassidy (Robinvale) 0437 576 730 and Noreen Morris (Manangatang)*

**Please remember these people in our prayers**

**Recent Deaths:**

Uili Felise

**Anniversaries:**

Lida Van De Ven; Rosa Zaffina; Vincenzo Fotia; Genevieve Rhoden; Shane Barry; Mosa Makalio; E P (Pat) Ryan; Margaret Cassidy; Catherine Hilton;

**Sick:**

Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Basilio Alcodia; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Gai Thi Tran; Louise Manna;



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St Mary's, 19 Watkin St. Robinvale  
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- ◆ **Prayers for the Sick**: Parishioners who are sick are very welcome to ask for your names to be published on the bulletin. Names will only be accepted from the person who is sick, or your next of kin if you are unable.
- ◆ **Our Diocesan Community**: Latest edition of Our Diocesan Community is now available. Please take a copy from the Narthex.
- ◆ **Thank You**: Many thanks for your generous help in the Parish throughout the past year. May God bless you and your families throughout the Christmas Season. We look forward to a happy, healthy and wonderful 2022 for all.
- ◆ **Looking Forward Gathering, 5pm, Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**: This gathering will discuss the future of our parish and proposals for the sharing of resources with other parishes in the Sunraysia region including priests sharing the weekend Mass roster in these parishes. **Fr Matthew Thomas** from Mildura parish will be joining us in the discussion. Please collect a copy of the **Looking Forward** document from the Narthex of the church.
- ◆ **Synodal Church**: Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>
- ◆ **Masses this week:**
  - ~ 6pm Vigil Mass, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December - New Year & Mary, Mother of God
  - ~ 6pm Vigil Mass, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January – The Epiphany of the Lord
  - ~ 11am Mass, Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January - The Epiphany of the Lord
- ◆ **Masses next week**
  - ~ 6pm Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Robinvale
  - ~ 9am Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Manangatang

**New Mass Roster (Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> week of February 2022):**

<b>Monthly Roster</b>	<b>Robinvale</b>	<b>Manangatang</b>
Week 1 5th/6th February	6pm Sat. Vigil Mass	9am Sunday Mass
Week 2 12th/13th February	6pm Sat. Vigil Mass <b>9am Sunday Mass</b>	Lay-led
Week 3 19th/20th February	6pm Sat. Vigil Mass	9am Sunday Mass
Week 4 26th/27th February	6pm Sat. Vigil Mass	Lay-led
Week 5	6pm Sat. Vigil Mass	9am Sunday Mass

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA Saturday/ Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord**

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

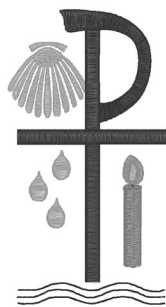
There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

We welcome into our Parish family,  
*Matteo Lazzara* son of *Steven and Camille*, whose Baptism will occur this



weekend. His parents, along with his godparents, *Tony and Vanessa Gervasi* and parishioners, will support him in his faith journey.



**May GOD be with you through NEW YEAR**

and fill your life with  
**COMFORT, LOVE and CHEER.**  
May this day and the days ahead,  
Hold many **BLESSINGS**  
for you and yours.

*Happy New Year!*

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA Friday New Year & Mary, Mother of God**

Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs. The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ. As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our Abba. Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace. The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.

**Vigil Mass, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December**  
**- New Year & Mary, Mother of God**

**FIRST READING**

Nm 6:22-27

**A reading from the book of Numbers**

*They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel.

You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

**The word of the Lord Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

**May God bless us in his mercy.**

God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

**May God bless us in his mercy.**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. you guide the nations on earth.

**May God bless us in his mercy.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

**May God bless us in his mercy.**

**SECOND READING**

Gal 4:4-7

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians**

*When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a*

*woman.*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

**The word of the Lord Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Lk 2:16-21

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

*The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.

When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

**The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

We pray for Vincenzo Fotia, commemorating the 10th Anniversary of his death. Let us pray for the repose of his soul. We remember Carmela and the family in our prayers.

Days will pass  
and turn into years...  
but I will always  
remember you with  
silent tears.

**COVID Staying Safe Rules**

- Use the hand sanitizer
- Keep your distance
- **Wear a face mask FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY ONCE AGAIN**
- Use the QR Code
- **If you are feeling unwell please stay home**



**6pm Vigil Mass, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

**11am Mass, Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

## **The Epiphany of the Lord**

### **FIRST READING**

Is 60:1-6

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

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 your 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 Thanks be to God**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

#### **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

#### **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

#### **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

#### **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

#### **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

### **SECOND READING**

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

#### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same*

*inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

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 Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mt 2:2

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**

*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

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 Praise to you, Lord Jesus**



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Reader	Kevin Templeton
Prayers of the Faithful	Margaret Carroll
Offertory	Anne Arentz