



# Holy TRINITY PARISH



**St. PETER's**

844 Centre Rd, East Bentleigh 3165



**St. PAUL's**

122 Jasper Rd, Bentleigh 3204



**St. CATHERINE's**

2 Buchan St, Moorabbin 3189

We deeply respect the Aboriginal Community of Bunnerong upon whose land our parish resides

## The EPIPHANY of the LORD - YEAR A - 8TH JANUARY 2023

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### CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA MOURNS THE DEATH OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says Pope Benedict XVI will long be remembered fondly in Australia as the Pontiff who led young people from around the globe in prayer at World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008. Pope Benedict, born Joseph Ratzinger, led the Church from April 2005 until February 2013, becoming the first Pope in centuries to resign. He had earlier served as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, one of the Vatican's most influential departments, for more than two decades. Pope Benedict died in Rome, where he had lived since his papal retirement, on Saturday evening, Australian time. "From his time as an expert adviser or peritus at the Second Vatican Council onwards, there was no question that Joseph Ratzinger was a major figure within the Church around the world," said Archbishop Costelloe, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. "His papacy will be remembered as one of rich teaching, including his encyclicals on love, hope and truth.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER WINNER

The lucky winner of the Christmas hamper is the holder of the **BLUE** ticket **E23**. We request you to kindly contact the admin centre to collect the your hamper.

**Sacramental Program 2023 Enrolment Information** Holy Trinity Parish invites Catholic families whose children attend schools other than Catholic, and wish their child to prepare with the Sacramental Preparation Program, to register at our upcoming Information and Registration afternoon. Please pre-complete on the [website](#) the Invitation to Participate in the Sacrament of; [RECONCILIATION](#), [1ST EUCHARISTS](#), [CONFIRMATION](#). The information and Registration afternoon will take place at **St Peter's Church, 844 Centre Road, East Bentleigh (gather in the McKenna Centre). Wed, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 4pm – 5pm**. For further information please contact Donrita [pacholytrinityparish@cam.org.au](mailto:pacholytrinityparish@cam.org.au).



We are committed to upholding the safety & dignity of each child & young person ensuring their ability to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our communities.





# HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL PERSPECTIVES

The work of the pastoral team is to empower you, the people of *Holy Trinity Parish*, to take up the mission of Christ to and with one another.

Contact Donrita at the Pastoral Centre [pacholytrinityparish@cam.org.au](mailto:pacholytrinityparish@cam.org.au)

## **MUSIC MATTERS! – Priorities in choosing music for Mass**

‘There is no reason why some of the Proper or Ordinary should not be sung in said Masses. Moreover, some other song can also, on occasions, be sung at the beginning, at the Offertory, at the Communion and at the end of Mass. It is not sufficient, however, that these songs be merely Eucharistic” they must be in keeping with the parts of the Mass, with the feast, or with the liturgical season.’ (*Musicam Sacram*, 36)

**Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory** Let’s pray for the grace to listen with the ear of faith, and respond obediently to the Lord’s call. [Reflection from Australian Catholics.](#)

**Alpha—encountering Jesus** Do you know someone who needs to meet Jesus in their life? Invite them to come with you to Alpha. For enquiries, contact Lea on 0426 885 844. [Find out more here;](#) [check out the Alpha website here.](#)

**Recognising the Presence of God: Advice from Popes** At the heart of Advent is the idea of God’s presence: the presence that came in the form of a little child in Bethlehem, the presence that surrounds us every day and the presence that will come and bring creation to its intended glory.

[Read more about advice from recent popes.](#)

**Trinity Care Freezer—prepare and share!** We are a community of care and concern. Does someone you know need temporary meals delivered? Contact Marj Brady on 0409 570 554 for meal requests. (Thanks Marj!) Frozen meals can be placed in containers provided at Admin Centre on weekdays, or before weekend Masses (St Paul’s into special esky in sacristy; St Peters into McKenna Centre fridge; St Catherine’s into Sweeney Centre freezer).

## **The Pastoral Team in Perspective—2022 achievements**

So much has been achieved by so many of you, working with the Pastoral Centre since March, 2021. Our new **Safeguarding Team** launched protocols across the whole parish to ensure a safe environment for all. A new **Playgroup** began after morning school drop-off at St Peter’s & St Paul’s.

**Liturgy Team-building sessions** have led to the commissioning of new, and development of experienced, liturgical volunteers, and consolidation of Mass teams; St Peter’s sacristans’ support and development; collaboration for special occasions and seasons (Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas, feasts, celebrations, weddings, etc). Our wonderful volunteer angel, Sara, assists my **Mass planning and preparation** with the weekly **commentator sheets**. The establishment of a **Core Liturgy Planning Team** for 2023 is in progress.

We now have a dedicated **Funeral Coordinator**, Carol Hinschen, who has dedicatedly continued to build the team of volunteers already established. Extending this, a refreshed **Bereavement Anniversary letter-writing team** has

designed a new first anniversary card for bereaved families. The **Visitation to the sick** team (coordinated by Anne) has met and enjoyed a lovely “planning lunch” at Sheelagh’s home, and looks forward to the next session at Marj’s place. Fr Jacob and I celebrate **three monthly nursing home Masses** with residents at Warrawee, Blue Cross and Estia. **Children’s Liturgy of the Word** is now offered at two of our communities, with the recent team-building session outcome of a common program.

Parish **Faith Development** included a whole **Lenten Program** of a **Retreat with Bishop Tony**, a **Prayer & Worship** night, as well as **Lenten Reflection** sessions and the usual **2nd Rite of Reconciliation**, as also offered for this **and last year’s Advent**. During COVID Lockdown, online sessions included **Come, Listen, Live** with Loretta Hughes, **Faith Through Music** with Colleen Brown, my **Lectio divina** sessions, and **Share the Mass**, which offered opportunities to review and discuss the previous weekend’s Mass texts. Other parish Faith Development opportunities are also offered to new parishioners with their **Welcome Packs**: they are invited to join **Alpha**, along with other parishioners and enquirers into our faith, who have experienced new and close encounters with Jesus and each other. So many of you have contributed to **Alpha** as hosts, helpers, IT support, leaders and cooks. **New enquirers** have enjoyed Saturday afternoon chats with parishioners over a cuppa in the Pastoral Centre and Kylie now coordinates our fresh **RCIA** team, which celebrated the initiation of Derek into the Catholic faith this month. A **new First Eucharist and First Reconciliation program** (with a new catechist, Margaret) is also ready to go in 2023, after I trialled it in zoom sessions with Ronan and his mum, in India, ready for his first Eucharist at St Peter’s in January.

We now focus on our **Parish Mission** to be **Christ’s Disciples**. Carmel Merrey coordinated a well-received **Ecumenical Morning Tea** at St Paul’s in Nov, and the **Trinity Care** team continues to reach out to those needing support, including the new **TC Meals**, to which so many of you have contributed. For all undertakings, **standard procedures** have had to be developed to support smooth running. I have had the pleasure to collaborate with our three schools for the **Sacramental Program**, as well as for **School Masses**, and I am currently liaising with **21 young people from OLSH**, who are keen to be involved in our parish activities.

I trust that you have enjoyed my weekly **Pastoral Perspectives**, offering various sources including from **Australian Catholics**, the **Plenary Council & Synod** updates and other items I have hoped would be relevant to you. A huge “thank you” to all who have shared the pastoral work with me!

- Donrita Reefman

## MASS TIMETABLE

Week commencing 9th January 2023

### MONDAY 9TH JANUARY

10:00am	Mass	St. Peter's
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### TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY

10:00am	Mass	St Paul's
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### WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY

10:00am	Mass	St. Catherine's
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### THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY

10:00am	Mass	St Paul's
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### FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY

10:00am	Mass	St. Peter's
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### SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY

8:30 am	Mass	St. Catherine's
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6:00 pm	Mass	St. Paul's
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6:30 pm	Mass	St. Peter's
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### SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY

8:30 am	Mass	St. Peter's
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9:30 am	Mass	St. Paul's
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10:30 am	Mass	St. Catherine's
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10:30 am	Mass	St. Peter's
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5:30 pm	Mass	St. Peter's
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**Individual confessions available**  
1/2 hour before each Mass.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Funerals:</b> Joseph Visalli	St Catherine's	Funeral Mass 16.1.23 at 10am
Adoration	St Catherine's	Thursdays 4pm - 7.15pm

**Alpha—encountering Jesus** Alpha 4 begins on Wednesday, Feb 8, 2023. Do you know someone who needs to meet Jesus in their life? Invite them to come with you to Alpha in February. [Find out more here](#); [check out the Alpha website here](#).

Holy Trinity Parish warmly welcomes you to join us at our weekly **Adoration**. Thursdays from 4.00pm - 7.15pm at St Catherine's Church, 4 Buchan Street, Moorabbin. Come and experience Jesus as he is truly present - body, blood, soul and divinity



**Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land** creatively blends **live music, media and sacred art** for an **evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love and human destiny**. Join Christopher West and team as they offer a vision of the Gospel through the lens of St John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. Register [here](#).

## Pray for Our Community—For Healing

**St PETER's:** Joan Munday, Bill Tilley, Kate Joseph, Margaret Morris, Fiorentino Boschini, Joan Lawler, Edna Burge, Margaret Barthelson, Trajano Roberto, Jong Labrador, Nadia Chaib, Jay Japai, Ameer Japai, Bob Cull, Ariel Mayo, Cecilio Rivera Dizon, Margaret Reid, Freddie Pynadath, George Regos, Margaret Buttigieg, Suzanne Sipos, David Robertson, Betty Pattison, Noel Edema, Neeliya Edema, Steven, Jaiden Bruce, Avis Smith, Mary Leyshon, Lois Durkin, Emma Thursky, Val Hendry, Wayne Butteriss, Sandra Jones, Ashley Popov, Helen Mille, Sam Williams, Riley Sinclair, Eric Dodd, Mark Lewis, Sue Bartlett (Austin), Wan Kok On, Sharon Markell, Cyril Johnstone, Tyson Joseph, Dr Edna Pereira, Martin Johnson, Vince Bezzina, Jakob Deans, Judy Meehan, Jenny Liston, Josh Kelly, Cherie Anderson, Leonie Kerley, Andrew.

**St PAUL's:** Anne Mercer, Sharon Puryer, Tanya Wall, Christian Hind, Cameron Torcasio, Dennis O'Brien, Brendan Mayne, Marie Morrissey, Peter Morrissey, Margaret Leigh, Russell Johnstone, Joshua Smith, Noelle Tierney, Virginia Mc Sweeney, Paul Davis, Schembri family especially Charmaine.

**St CATHERINE's:** Andrew Wszola, Dang Cam Lien, Lana Poon, Maureen Clynes, Garry Clynes, Danko Bokata, Elice Mattsson, Gino Pinzone, Margaret Pinzone, Daniel Rivalland, Alan Cameron, Michael Ebzery, Robyn Roberts, Mary Hackett, Anita Meares, Philip Wszola, Allan Bui, Bill Baird, Anthony Leggiero, Peter Brown, Aubrey Milhussin, Rodney Butts, Tony Mallozzi, Emma Mallozzi, Anne Grounds, Peter Wilson, Jeff Rudland, Peter Jennings.

### Funeral details Joseph Visalli.



MON 16TH JANUARY  
ST CATHEINE'S  
10.00AM

### Recently Deceased

**St PETER's:**      **St PAUL's:**      **St CATHERINE's:** Joe Visalli

### Anniversaries occurring around this time

**St PETER's:** Giuseppina Pitrone, Val Thynne, Vincenzo Strati, Maria Louisa Di Rosato, Frances Phillips, Felice Taranto, Margaret McNally, Jean Paturzo, Michael John Paturzo, Clarence Wolff, Maria Ferraro.

**St PAUL's:** Carlyle Muller, Angelo Basso, Bartolo Portelli, Melville Bartholomeusz, Alex Bressan, Stephen The, William (Bill) Nolan, Luigi Volpe, Giovanna De Losa

**St CATHERINE's:** Anthony Storace, Alma McKernan, Stacia Florance, Frank Holland, Vincenzo Scamperlino, Pat Buchanan (10 years), Maria Egan

## ROSTERS for 7th/8th & 14th / 15th January 2023

**Gentle reminder: We request should you be unable to meet your duty to seek a replacement. Thankyou.**

St Peter's 7th/8th Jan	6.30 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am	5.30pm
Lector	Ronnie Miranda	John Fitzsimons	Christine Ann Pereira	Sue O'Mahoney
Commentator	Michelle Tan	Michael Hickey	Shane Thiedeman	Sol Beltran
Mass Coordinator	Dan Merta	Angela Flavian	Anne Lo Schiavo	Marjorie Brady
Choir	Recorded Music	Recorded Music	Recorded Music	Recorded Music
Computer Operator	Dan Merta	Vanita Fernandez	Dylan Rayen	Jaydon Prakash
Sacristan	Angela Flavian	Angela Flavian	Vanita Fernandez	Marjorie Brady
Extraordinary Ministers	Winnie Miranda, Rosario Corio	Angela Flavian, Vanita Fernandez	Trish Ticca, Arthur Rocha, Rose Fagan	Sue Evers, Sol Beltran

St Peter's 14th/15th Jan	6.30 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am	5.30pm
Lector	Drusilla Gonsalvez	Margaret Rhodes	Carlston Fernandes	Annie Herbison
Commentator	Michelle Tan	volunteer required	Dom Pinto	volunteer required
Mass Coordinator	Dan Merta	Angela Flavian	Anne Lo Schiavo	Marjorie Brady
Choir	Recorded Music	Recorded Music	Recorded Music	Recorded Music
Computer Operator	Michelle Tan	Rose Fagan	Dylan Rayen	Jaydon Prakash
Sacristan	Angela Flavian	Vanita Fernandez	Vanita Fernandez	Marjorie Brady
Extraordinary Ministers	Carol Tylor, Rosario Corio	Mary Conheady, Frank Rhodes	Arthur Rocha, Margaret Rocha, Trish Ticca	Gloria Cabatas, Sue Evers

St Paul's 7th/8th Jan	6.00pm	9.30am	St Catherine's 8th Jan	10.30AM
Lector	Michael Ooi	Hanee Selvarajoo	Lector	Matt Lovegrove
Commentator	Volunteer required	Kerry Burns	Commentator	Catherine Sideaway
Mass Coordinator	Brindyl Madhusudan	Kerry Burns	Altar Society	Margaret Rocha
Choir	No Choir	No Choir	Computer Operator	Darius Mendonca
Computer Operator	Dale Theobald	Teresa Meyer	Sacristan	Llewellyn Noronha
Sacristan	Rex & Pam Koch	Kerry Burns	Extraordinary Ministers	Pina Infanti
Extraordinary Ministers	Michael Ooi, Maureen Knight	Elly Bacosa, Kerry Burns	Choir	Volunteer Needed
			Counters	Patricia Buchanan, Daniela Pitrone

St Paul's 14th/15th Jan	6.00pm	9.30am	St Catherine's 15th Jan	10.30AM
Lector	Vanita Carvalho	Lea Damasco	Lector	Patricia Buchanan
Commentator	Hanee Selvarajoo	Teresa Meyer	Commentator	Matt Lovegrove
Mass Coordinator	Brindyl Madhusudan	Kerry Burns	Altar Society	Lena Caltabiano
Choir	No Choir	No Choir	Computer Operator	Reinwald Warapen
Computer Operator	volunteer required	Libby Thomas	Sacristan	Magdalena Panek
Sacristan	Renzil & Sandra Pinto	Herbert Saldanha	Extraordinary Ministers	Bernie Gill
Extraordinary Ministers	Amanda Bonso, Andrea Peres	Teresa Meyer, Volunteer required	Choir	Val Suhr
			Counters	Pam Rosario, Patrick Lewis

**2023 LITURGY MINISTRY ROSTER** Please pick up your roster copy from church foyers. An electronic copy is available upon request. Please email your request to [pcholytrinityparish@cam.org.au](mailto:pcholytrinityparish@cam.org.au). Thankyou.

### **Assistance Sought with Safeguarding Data Entry**

The Safeguarding Children Team seeks a volunteer familiar with excel for data entry regarding the parish obligations to ensure a child-safe environment. Please contact Donrita on [pacholytrinityparish@cam.org.au](mailto:pacholytrinityparish@cam.org.au) if you can assist.

### **HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND**

If you or someone you know, who is unable to attend Mass, needs one of our team to bring them Communion, please contact Anne on 0425 703 775.

## Did You Know?

A survey was made among school children asking the question why they enjoyed reading Harry Potter novels and watching Harry Potter movies. The most common answer was, "Because you never know what's going to happen next!" The same element of suspense and discovery marked the journey of the Magi, who never knew what road the Spirit was going to take them down next. Half a billion people all around the world watched with suspense and were thrilled when men, three astronauts in Apollo 8, landed for the first time on the moon (July 20th, 1969). When pilots Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager made their historic flight in 1986 with their spindly Voyager aircraft, the whole world followed it with excitement. For nine days a sky-watch was kept tracking the first non-stop global flight without refueling. The same elements of suspense and discovery were there when Marco Polo journeyed to India and China, when Christopher Columbus travelled to America, and when Admiral Byrd went to the South Pole. Such adventurers have always aroused our admiration and curiosity. The magi-astrologers described in today's Gospel had to be a little crazy leaving the security of their homeland to venture forth into a strange country presided over by a mad king like Herod, in search of a Divine Child. But their great Faith, curiosity, and adventurous spirit enabled them to discover the secret of the whole universe – the secret of God's incredible love for His people – because the Child they found was no ordinary child, but the very Son of God become man. Today's readings invite us to have the curiosity of the school students and the Faith and adventurous spirit of the magi so that we may experience the "epiphany" of our God in everyone and every event, everywhere. (adapted from Albert Cylwicki in His Word Resounds). (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

Isaiah 60:1-6, is chosen partly because it mentions non-Jews bringing gifts in homage to the God of Israel. Here the Prophet Isaiah, consoling the people in exile, speaks of the restoration of New Jerusalem from which the glory of Yahweh becomes visible even to the pagan nations. "Jerusalem," the prophet Isaiah cries out, "your light has come in the midst of darkness and thick clouds covering the earth; the glory of the Lord shines upon you." For the people of Israel, then in exile in a foreign land, Isaiah was promising redemption, renewal, and restoration a new life, to be lived in their own land. And the promise goes beyond the Jewish people to include all peoples. For the prophecy continues, "Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Thus, in this passage, the prophecy which the Lord God gives His people celebrates the Divine Light that will emanate from Jerusalem, and it pictures all the nations acknowledging and enjoying that Light and walking by It. As a sign of gratitude for the priceless lessons of Faith offered by Jerusalem, the nations will bring wealth by land and sea, especially gold for the Temple and frankincense for the sacrifice. Everyone will be drawn to Jerusalem because the radiance of God's favor rests on her. This prophecy of Isaiah is realized in Jesus Christ, God's Anointed One (Christ; Messiah), Savior of the world, and in His Church, the New Jerusalem made up of Jews and Gentiles.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) declares "The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the Kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him" (vv 12-13). In Christ, God is calling together the one human race to acknowledge and serve Him in holiness. Thus, this reading with its response expresses Hope for a time when "the people of God" will embrace all nations.

As a privileged recipient of a Divine "epiphany," Saint Paul, in today's second reading, reveals God's "secret plan," that the Gentiles also have a part with the Jews in Divine blessings. Affirming the mystery of God's plan of salvation in Christ, Paul explains that the plan of God includes both Jews and Gentiles. Jesus implements this Divine plan by extending membership in the Church, making it available to all peoples. Thus, the Jews and the Gentiles have become, "coheirs, members of the same Body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." Hence, there are no second-class members in the Church among Christian believers. Paul declares that he has been commissioned by Christ to make this mystery known to the world.

Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts. These pagan Magi were acceptable to God because they feared God and did what was right. Since the Magi came with humble joy in their hearts to visit the Christ Child, God allowed them to see wondrous things. At the same time, today's Gospel hints at different reactions to the news of Jesus' birth, foreshadowing Jesus' passion and death, as well as the risen Jesus' mandate to make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:19).

**THE WORD OF THE LORD - YEAR A  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
8TH JANUARY 2023**



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12**

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

**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**

**(R.)** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. 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. **(R.)**
2. 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. **(R.)**
3. 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. **(R.)**
4. 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. **(R.)**

**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.

**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.

**Readings for 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**Year A - 15th January 2023**

**First Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6**

**Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3**

**Gospel: Jn 1:29-34**