

*St. Mary MacKillop  
Church  
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's  
Church  
Kealba*

**PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Year B - 6th & 7th January, 2018



The word Epiphany means to show, and in today's feast of the Epiphany we celebrate that Jesus came upon the earth as a child and was shown to the world through the Magi.

But this feast is also about revelation and response:

Revelation through the guidance of a star, so that the whole world may see God's marvellous deeds, the Response of homage and the opening of oneself through the giving of gifts.

In the Gospel, we see two different forms of response: The Magi's positive response when they saw the child, 'they did Him homage' and opened their treasures and offered him gifts. Yet Herod's response was negative, yes, he wanted to see the child, but not to pay homage, but to kill him.

Actions speak louder than words!

In what way is our daily life an epiphany of Christ?

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St Paul's</b>	
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Saturday	5:00 pm (Latin)
	6:30 pm
Sunday	8:00am (Maltese)
	10:00am
Reconciliation	
Saturday	6:00pm
<b>St Mary MacKillop</b>	
Monday	9.30am
Tuesday	9.30am
	7.00pm—8.00pm Holy Hour
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am
	11:00am
	5:30pm
Reconciliation	
Saturday	4pm—4.50pm

**Entrance Antiphon:**

The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.

**1st Reading:**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalms 71:1-2,7-8,10-13

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**2nd 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

**Before Communion:**

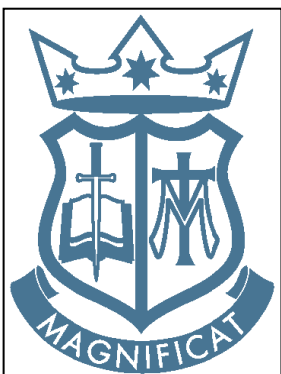
Lord, accept the offerings of your Church, not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but the sacrifice and food they symbolise: Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

**Communion Antiphon:**

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

**After Communion:**

Father, guide us with your light. Help us to recognise Christ in this eucharist and welcome him with love, for he is Lord for ever and ever.



**ST. MARY MACKILLOP**

*'The love of Jesus is too strong for me not to cling to.'*

**ST. PAUL**

*'The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.'*



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# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Entrance:**

We three Kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

**Refrain:**

O, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star of royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,  
Gold I bring, to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign. **Refrain**

Frankincense to offer have I,  
Incense owns a deity nigh,  
Prayer and praising people raising,  
Worship Him, God most high. **Refrain**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

All the earth proclaim the Lord  
Sing your praise to God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to God for the Word, alleluia  
That God's voice will be heard, alleluia  
Now proclaim in God's holy name:  
Alleluia, alleluia! (repeat)

**Offertory:**

What Child is this, who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The Virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

**Communion:**

The First Noel, the Angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they  
lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise men came from a country far  
To seek for a King was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both pause and stay  
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those Wise men three  
Full reverently upon their knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought  
And with his blood mankind has bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

**Recessional:**





Come, sing a song of joy  
For peace shall come, my brother  
Sing, sing a song of joy  
For we shall love each other

That day will dawn just as sure  
As hearts that are pure  
Are hearts set free.  
No one must stand alone  
With outstretched hands before him.

Come, sing a song of joy  
for freedom, tell the story  
Sing, sing a song of joy  
For mankind in his glory.

One mighty voice that will bring  
A sound that will ring  
Forever more.  
Then sing a song of joy  
For love and understanding

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