

Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

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First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

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 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 nation's 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

R. 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. **R.**

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.**

The kings of Tarshish and the seacoasts 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.**

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

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

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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 the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

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

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.

Communion Antiphon

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

Pope's Intention for January 2026: FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives
and a source of hope in our communities,
helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



REFLECTION

Matthew 2:1-12

We saw his star at its rising. (Matthew 2:2)

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, a pivotal moment in God's plan of salvation. Leading the magi by the light of a star, God revealed his Son, Jesus, to the first Gentiles. And as he did, he made known his astounding intention that the Jewish Messiah, promised long ago to Abraham's descendants, had come to save all people.

But who were the magi? These wise men were most likely astrologers, pagans from Persia or Babylon. Eastern cultures at that time believed that the rising of a new star indicated the birth of a new king, so these magi left their homeland and followed the star's light to find him. Once they discovered Jesus, "they prostrated themselves and did him homage," offering him "gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11).

Jesus is the Light who shone first to Jews but also attracted Gentiles. Both poor Jewish shepherds and wealthy gentile magi welcomed him and revealed the wideness of God's hidden plan: Jesus came for everyone. God's desire is that everyone would seek him, and that in their seeking, they would all find him. As St. Paul proclaims in our second reading, "The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body" (Ephesians 3:6).

Even now, Jesus is the "true light, which enlightens everyone" (John 1:9). That includes you. No matter who you are or what you have done, his light is shining upon you. It's shining upon the people you love. It's shining upon everyone. Jesus draws to himself all who are seeking truth and goodness, everyone who recognizes their longing for meaning, everyone who is searching for answers to their deepest questions.

Rejoice and be glad! Jesus your light has come!

"Thank you, Jesus! Your light is always leading me closer to you."

- from *The Word Among Us*



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Special Intentions:

- For the intentions of our EMHC, acolytes, commentators, lectors, musicians, mass servers, sacristans, greeter, and collectors;
- For the intentions of our PPC members, Parish Finance Committee members, bookkeeper, and bankers;
- For the intentions of our church and ground cleaners, morning tea manpower and food donors;
- For the intentions of God's Farm & Bove Farm; and for all the residents of Cape Care Dunsborough;

- For the intentions of our RCIA candidates and our RCIA Team;
- We also pray for some members of our parish, and our families who are sick - we pray for their speedy recovery.

We Pray for the Repose of Souls (Death Anniversaries):

- 04/01 - Mollie Ussamen
- 06/01 - Joan Graham Hegney; Helen Rose Hu
- 07/01 - Ernesto Po
- 08/01 - Bryce Sutton; Lyra Ken & Yvette
- 09/01 - William Sparke
- 10/01 - Maggie Lock; Jack White; Cardinal Pell



ADULT CATECHISM

The Catholic Church is Synodal Church
[snippets from the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality]

Synodality as Prophetic in Today's World

47. Practised with humility, the synodal style enables the Church to be a prophetic voice in today's world. "A synodal Church is like a standard lifted up among the nations (cf. Is 11:12)" (Francis, Address for the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Institution of the Synod of Bishops, 17 October 2015). We live in an age marked by ever-increasing inequalities; growing disillusionment with traditional models of governance, disenchantment with the functioning of democracy, increasing autocratic and dictatorial tendencies and the predominance of the market model without regard for the vulnerability of people and of creation. The temptation can be to resolve conflicts by force rather than by dialogue. Authentic practices of synodality enable Christians to be a critical and prophetic voice over against the prevailing culture. In this way, we can offer a distinctive contribution to the search for answers to many challenges faced by our contemporary societies in building the common good.

48. The synodal way of living relationships and a form of testimony offered to society. It is also a way of responding to the human need to be welcomed and recognised within a particular, concrete community. The practice of synodality is a challenge to the growing isolation of people and to cultural individualism, which the Church has also often absorbed, and it calls us to mutual care, interdependence and co-responsibility for the common good. Likewise, it challenges exaggerated forms of social communitarianism that suffocate individuals and prevent them from being agents of their own development. The willingness to listen to all, especially those who are poor, stands in stark contrast to a world in which the concentration of power tends to disregard those who are poor, the marginalised, minorities and the earth, which is our common home. Synodality and integral ecology both take on the character of relationality and insist upon us nurturing what binds us together; this is why they correspond to and complement each other concerning how the mission of the Church is lived out in today's world. *[to be continued next week]*

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

JANUARY	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
3rd, Sat	Steve Carmody	TBA	TBA	Jude Kelly	Mimi Morales	Manoa Coltrinari Makai Coltrinari	Fr. Archie
4th , Sun	Tony Smurthwaite	Loellen Clark Fran Lamotte	Irene Hughes	Carmen McFaul	Diane Richards	Andy Hoang Ivy Hoang	Richard Clark
10th, Sat	Steve Carmody	TBA	Kath Rooney	Jude Kelly	Judy Malcolm	TBA	Fr. Archie
11th, Sun	Tony Smurthwaite	Fran La Motte & Robyne De Garis	Robyne De Garis	Fran La Motte	Paul Corrigan	Xanthe Smart Lily Taylor	Richard Clark

Mass Schedule		
Monday 5th Jan	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 6th Jan	9:00 AM	Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday 7th Jan	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Rosary Liturgy of the Word Group Reflection
Thursday 8th Jan	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Friday 9th Jan	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Saturday 10th Jan	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Mass of the Day Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 11th Jan	8:30 AM	Mass of the Day Baptism of the Lord

LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

Rosary: You are invited to come and join in praying the Holy Rosary every Wednesday at 9 AM, just before the 9:30 AM Mass.

First Friday Devotion: We expose the Blessed Sacrament right after the 9 AM Mass; Adoration continues until 3 PM when we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We end this devotion with the Benediction.

Healing Mass: Mass on the First Tuesday of the month is a Healing Mass. You may receive the anointing oil at Mass.

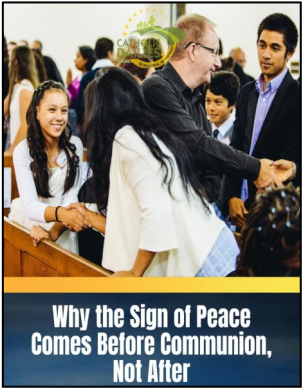
Group Meditation: Every Monday at 2 PM.

Group Prayer Session: Every Wednesday after the 9:30 AM Mass.

Second Friday of each Month: Catholic Men's Prayer Fellowship at 9:30 AM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: One hour of Adoration immediately after the 9 am Mass on 3rd & 4th Fridays.

WE MIGHT AS WELL KNOW: Many Catholics exchange the Sign of Peace almost automatically, without realizing why it happens exactly where it does. The Sign of Peace comes before Communion because reconciliation must come before union with Christ. The Church takes Christ at His word. Before we receive His Body and Blood, we are asked to examine our hearts and restore peace as far as possible. This peace is not casual friendliness or social greeting. It is a sacred act that says: “I do not approach this altar holding hatred, resentment, or division.” The Eucharist unites us not only to Christ, but to one another. To receive Communion while refusing peace would be a contradiction, receiving the Sacrament of unity while clinging to disunity. This moment also teaches us something uncomfortable: worship is never private. You cannot love God deeply while deliberately refusing love to those around you. The peace we offer is imperfect, brief, and fragile, but it is honest. And God works with honest hearts. So when you turn to offer peace, remember: this is not politeness. It is obedience. It is humility. It is the final interior preparation before heaven enters your hands. Now



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Parish Bookkeeper: Kathleen Lim

Parish Priest: Fr. Roberto Archie R. Carampatan

PARISH NOTICES

A New Year Prayer

A parishioner received this from a friend:
*"May the coming year bring me nothing.
 The only thing I want is that it doesn't
 take anything away. May it not take the
 roof that protects me, the plate that
 feeds me, the blanket that warms me,
 the light that illuminates me, the smiles
 of my loved ones, health as a treasure,
 work as sustenance, friendship,
 companionship, hugs and kisses. May it
 not take away my dreams, nor the pieces
 of hearts, formed by people, that I carry
 with me. May God's love still surround
 me through this new year."*

A Million Thanks to our Church Building & Church Grounds Cleaners

We thank our parishioners who kept our place of worship clean and tidy the past year. We are now requesting our able-bodied and generous parishioners to please sign up for our 2026 Cleaning Roster.

Final Call on Bishop George's Christmas Appel

Liturgically, Christmas season ends on Epiphany Sunday. We still have some envelopes for Bishops George's Christmas Appel. We will remove them after Sunday's Mass.

Story time... WHY DID JESUS FOLD THE NAPKIN?

This is one I can honestly say I have never seen circulating in the social media; so, if it touches you, you may want to share it.

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes.

The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes.

Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished.

Now if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table.

The servant would then know it was time to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm done".

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because The folded napkin meant, "I'm coming back!" He is Coming Back!

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