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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Introduction:**

Good morning/evening we welcome our parishioners and visitors to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

“Epiphany” means manifestation. The birth of Jesus is meant not only for the

people of Israel but also for all nations, represented by the Magi or the “Three Kings.”

May this revelation shine forth on everyone so that the power of salvation may be shared by all.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Is 60:1-6)

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

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.*

**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.)

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####  SECOND READING  (Eph 3:2-3. 5-6)

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

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.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

#### 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.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** In Christ Jesus, all have become children of the Father and heirs of salvation. Let us then pray to the almighty Father that we may be worthy

of this great gift.

**Reader:** That the Church bring together men and women from afar and lead them all to the light of Christ’s Gospel

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the leaders of the Church and missionaries gather into the community of the people of God the rich diversity of gifts of peoples and cultures

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the hurtful things of the past may not stand in the way of mutual respect, yearning for truth, and the search for God in our quest for interreligious dialogue

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the broken in spirit, mind, and body because of acts of terrorism, fanaticism, and hatred may be healed and comforted.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the light of Christ bring tender mercy to all distressed

through the drought and bushfires, especially those whose have lost their homes, and to the brave firefighters and all emergency workers.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mentioned in our parish bulletin. May God’s merciful love shine on them and their loved ones left behind.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** **Together we now pray our Parish Community prayer.**

**All:** God, our Father, bless this parish Mary Immaculate so that we may love you more.

Help the parents to be good examples to the children and our youth to grow in love and strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy.

May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, let the light of your Son shine within us so that we may be guided through the pathways of life and be united with you in the glory of heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**