

Our Lady of the Rosary Church 14 Barker Rd, Prospect 5082

# **Dominews**

The Epiphany of The Lord January 8th 2023 www.napparish.org.au



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#### Mass Timings

**Rosary Church** 

Thursday, Friday 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday: 12 noon

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5:30 pm

St Laurence's

Monday, Tuesday, 2nd & 4th Saturday: 12 noon

> Sunday: 9 am, 11 am

Calvary Chapel Wednesday 12 noon

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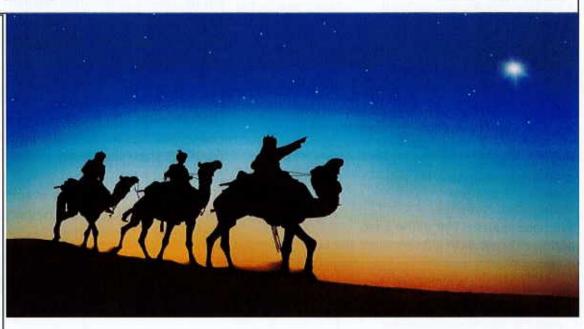
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All kinds of factors could have combined to generate the idea that the language of the star contained a message of hope. But none of this would have prompted people to set off an a journey, unless they were people of inner unrest, people of hope, people on the lookout for the true star of salvation. The men of whom Matthew speaks were not just astronomers. They were 'wise'. They represent the inner dynamic of religion toward self -transcendence, which involves a search for truth, a search for the true God and hence 'philosophy; in the original sense of the word. Wisdom, then, serves to purify the message of 'science': the rationality of that message does not remain at the level of intellectual knowledge, but seeks understanding in its fullness, and so raises reason to its loftiest possibilities.

From all that has been said, we can obtains some sense of the outlook and the knowledge that prompted these men to set off in search of the newborn 'king of the Jews.' We could well say that they represent the religions moving toward Christ, as well as the self-transcendence of science toward him. In a way they are the successors of Abraham, who set off on a journey in response to God's call. In another way they are the successors of Socrates and his habit of questioning above and beyond conventional religion toward the higher truth. In this sense, these figures are forerunners, preparers of the way, seekers after truth, such as we find in every age. ...

The key point is this: the wise men from the east are a new beginning. They represent the journeying of humanity toward Christ. They initiate a procession that continues throughout history. Not only do they represent the people who have found the way to Christ: they represent the inner aspiration of the human spirit, the dynamism of religions and human reason toward him. (Ch. iv,Jesus of Nazareth: the infancy narratives; Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI.))

#### Please pray for:

Recently deceased:

Alessio Maiorana, Pellegrino Parrella.

Anniversaries:

Nicola Argentieri, Elena & Antonio Girolamo, Mavis North, Rosa Curtale

#### Today's Readings EPIPHANY

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

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

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 60:1-6 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 (JB)

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Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 2:1-12 (JB)

#### **Communion Antiphon**

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 (JB)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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