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Weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am **Weekday Masses:** Tuesday – Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm - 5.30pm **Adoration:** Thursdays 9.30am-10.30am

Funerals, Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment – Please contact the office

The Epiphany – Year A

Sunday, 4th January 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

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 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

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

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

Next Sunday's Readings:

The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4,6-7
Ps 28:1-4,9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Mt 3:13-17

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

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 was 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 & 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

St Paul's Sunday Missal
St Paul's Publications –
2012 Popular Edition



PARISH WEEK AHEAD
5th – 11th January 2026



Monday 5th January

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 6th January

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 7th January

9.00am Mass

Thursday 8th January

9.00am Mass

No Adoration

Friday 9th January

9.00am Mass

Saturday 10th January

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Mass

Sunday 11th January

The Baptism of the Lord

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed from
24th December - 5th January
2026 inclusive. For urgent matters
email como@perthcatholic.org.au
or call 0451191944

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY

If you would like to be on the roster to have the statue in your home for a month, please contact the office. The Statue will remain in your home for a month, and it is up to the family to select a time each day for reciting the rosary.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

If you are requiring a school reference signed, please see Father Dat after the Mass.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

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We extend a very warm welcome to visitors and new parishioners to our Parish in 2026. Please introduce yourself to Father Dat after Mass. If you are joining our Parish, please complete a Parishioner Information Form available in the foyer.



This weekend

Father will be blessing chalk for the Epiphany for Our Lord at all masses to mark the front door of your homes as a blessing for the New Year. With the chalk, write 20+C+M+B+26 above each exterior door, the doors to each bedroom, and any other door so desired. The CMB is Latin for **Christus Mansionem Benedicat** meaning "may Christ bless this house." It also stands for the traditional names of the three wise men: Casper, Melchior and Balthazar. The numbers are for the current year, 2026.

THANK YOU

HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY LUNCH

Thank you to all those who came along to the lunch to celebrate the Feast Day of the Holy Family.

GENERAL PARISH DROP BOX

This is located in the foyer area. For all ministry related inquiries or feedback forms, please fill in the slip/forms and place in the drop box. All slips/forms received will be passed on to the respective ministry coordinator.

MASS INTENTIONS:

All Holy Family Parishioners

THE POWER OF PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Dragutin Markovic, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary Hippolite, Reg & Joyce Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Paddy Embry, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Fe Fontanini, Michael, Nadia, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Edith Johnson, Rhys, Brit, David, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Carmel, Msgr Brian O'Loughlin, Rosa Canada, Sarah, Molly, Fred, Patrick, Louise, Chris, Sanjana & family, Andrew, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Famia Cerinca, Annemarie MacPherson, Barbara Kenny, David Tiley, Margaret Abbott, Joshua, Serafini Family, Jessie Amphlett, Cain Family, Howard Evans, Regina & Linda, Beverley Loraine, Jono, Gina & Brian, Fr Carroll, Maria O'Connor, Albert, Carmel, Julie, Anna Alfonso, Jessie S, Mario Gomez, Caitlin Von Witt, Melissa Arthena, Chris Lowry, Aldrin Ong, Adrian Ong, Kaye, Anastasia, Ashot, Tamara, Rita Anderson, Melissa Arthena, Mervin & Jenni Yap, Wang Ming Wei, Lachlan, James Chandler, Lachlan, Sucich family, Maureen & Beiam McCormack, Enzo Troisi, Natasha, Marie H, Jean, Antonette & George, Declan & Family, Eric Granucci, Trevor Fonty, Steve Ford

LOST PROPERTY BOX

Lost Property Left something at church? Check the Lost Property Box at reception, there are a few glasses that might be yours

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"Let us allow ourselves to be guided by the star that is the word of God, let us follow it in our lives."
Pope Benedict XVI

Today the Church celebrates the manifestation of Jesus, and the Gospel concentrates on the Magi, who at the end of a long journey reach Jerusalem to adore Jesus. If we look closely, we will discover something a bit stranger: while these wise men from far away come to find Jesus, those who were close by do not take one step towards the grotto in Bethlehem. Drawn and guided by the star, the Magi face enormous expenses, make their time available, accept the many risks and uncertainties of which there was no shortage in those times. And yet they overcome every difficulty to get to see the King Messiah, because they know that something unique is happening in the history of humanity, and they do not want to miss the event. They had inspiration within, and they followed it.

Instead, those who live in Jerusalem, who should be the happiest and the most prompt to rush, stay still. The priests and theologians correctly interpret the Sacred Scriptures and provide directions to the Magi about where to find the Messiah, but they do not move from their "desks". They are satisfied with what they have, and they do not go seeking; they do not think it is worth the effort to leave Jerusalem. This makes us reflect and in a certain sense provokes us, because it raises a question: to what category do we, I, belong today? Are we more similar to the shepherds, who on the very night itself go in haste to the grotto, and the Magi from the east, who set out confidently in search of the Son of God made man; or are we more similar to those who, despite being physically very close to Him, do not open the doors of their heart and their life, remaining closed and insensitive to Jesus' presence? Let us ask ourselves this question. To which group of people do I belong? According to a story, a fourth King arrives late in Jerusalem, precisely during Jesus' crucifixion – this is a beautiful story; it is not historical, but it is a beautiful story – because he stopped along the way to help those in need, giving them the precious gifts he had brought for Jesus. Finally, an old man arrived and said to him: "In truth I say to you, all that you have done for the least of your brothers, you have done it for me". The Lord knows everything that we have done for others.

Pope Francis 6.1.25 Angelus, St Peter's Square

MAZENOD COLLEGE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Friends of Mazenod College past and present are warmly invited to participate in the College's 60th year of mission as a Catholic School within the Oblate Tradition. A range of celebrations will be held throughout 2026.

The first is a **Community and Family Mass that will be held at the College, 55 Gladys Road in Lesmurdie, on Saturday 14 February, at 10am.** If you plan to attend, please **RSVP by Sunday 1st February 2026** and indicate your years of connection to the College.

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING | COMMON GROUND FAITH EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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KIDS' CORNER

Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?**



<https://diocesan.com/product/epiphanypuzzle1/>

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS IN RECESS UNTIL THE START OF SCHOOL IN FEBRUARY 2026.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The three wise men were not Jews. They came from lands far to the East and were astrologers who used the stars to guide them, on their journeys. They also knew of the prophecies of an infant king to be born, a Saviour. Through them, his arrival was announced to the world. Jesus, the saving Lord, has come not just for the Jews but for all people.

Let us Pray

Like the three wise men, we are here today to worship you, Jesus. We have no gold, but we give you our love. We have no frankincense, we give you our prayers. We have no myrrh, so we give you ourselves.

WEEKEND ROSTER

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.00am

COMMENTATOR/READER

4th January	The Epiphany	C. Kimberley De Souza R. Sean De Souza EMHC Margaret Loraine	C. Lyn Hope-Hume R. Jill Browne EMHC Lyn Hope-Hume	C. Cecilia Bray R. Fiona Wee EMHC Grace Toczylowski
11th January	The Baptism of the Lord	C. Amanda Johnson R. Michelle Teo EMHC Christina Sidi	C. Peter Messer R. Marianne Taylor EMHC Murray Rosenberg	C. Carolyn Watson R. Fiona Wee EMHC Patricia Cowley
18th January	2 nd Sunday in Ord	C. Frank Giannini R. Amanda Johnson EMHC Graham Johnson	C. Lynne Newton R. Ralph Newton EMHC Rose Hart	C. Ben Dias R. Shanthi Dias EMHC Patricia Cowley

ACOLYTES

4th January	The Epiphany	Hasan Sidi	Michael Taylor	James Chong
11th January	The Baptism of the Lord	Hasan Sidi	John Newman	Leo Burke
18th January	2 nd Sunday in Ord	Hasan Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	Tony Bray

ALTAR SERVER

4th January	The Epiphany	Dinuli Kariyakarawana Lahan Kariyakarawana	Patrick Nemwan Dominic Newman	No Servers
11th January	The Baptism of the Lord	Edith Johnson Hugh Morris	No servers	No servers
18th January	2 nd Sunday in Ord	Raegan Tanuwidjaja Elizabeth Morris	Claudia Taylor-Beard Leo Newman	No servers

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