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## WEEKDAY MASS RESPONSES

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## PARISH INFORMATION

www.stpetertheapostle.org.au

Facebook: St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church—  
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Weekday Masses	Tuesday - Friday	9:00am
Reconciliation	Saturday	5:00pm - 5:30pm
Weekend Masses	Saturday	6:00pm
	Sunday	8:30am
	Sunday	10:00am
		5:00pm

Baptisms and Weddings	(08) 6468 6643
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Parish Secretary	Lesley Lockwood
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Parish Office	98 Wood Street INGLEWOOD WA 6052
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Office Hours	Tue & Thu 9:00am - 4:00pm

Sacrament Coordinator	Chris Neville (School Term)
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Sacrament Office	Parish Hall
Office Hours	Tue 8:30am - 4:30pm Wed 8:30am - 3:30pm

Parish Priest	Fr Jeronimo Flamenco Castillo
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## St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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Epiphany of the Lord Yr A  
2020

Fr Jeronimo Flamenco  
Parish Priest



## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS (Taken from 'Pastoral Liturgy')

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

**MAGI** comes from the Greek word, *magoi*. No single word adequately describes them. In a sense they were all of the following: kings and wise men; scientists, astrologers and physicians; magicians, sorcerers and wizards; teachers and Zoroastrian priests. They came from Media, Persia, Assyria Babylonia and all the lands of the Parthian Empire. In all probability their journey of 1000/1200 miles may have lasted as long as two years. Like Abraham, the Magi were called by God to a foreign land. Like Abraham they travelled by faith, not knowing where they were going.

There are several important things to note about these prestigious visitors. They are *Gentiles*, not Jews. From the very beginning of his human existence, then, Jesus is clearly not just the Jewish messiah who has come to deliver the people of Israel from foreign oppression. No, he is the universal king, the ruler of all, who has come to tear down the hostile wall dividing Jew from Gentile, nation from nation.

If you've ever wondered what the word '*Catholic*' means, here we have it. Derived from Greek words meaning '*according to the whole*' it means that Christ did not come to establish some local religious sect for a select few, one '*cult*' among many. No, the Church he founded is '*catholic*' or universal, spread over the whole world, welcoming the whole human race into one nation, one family, under one King.



## Mass Times next week

Tuesday:	9.00am	Wednesday:	9.00am	Thursday:	9.00am	Friday:	9.00am
Saturday:	Vigil 6.00pm						
Sunday:	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm				
Reconciliation:	Saturday: 5.00pm - 5.45pm						



As 2020 is ushered in, I would like to thank all parishioners for the gifts, cards, prayers and support offered to me during the past year.

I wish all of you a Happy New Year with good health and God's blessings of peace.

Fr Jeronimo.

**Christmas Masses**

Fr Jeronimo would like to thank all those involved in our Christmas services—Acolytes, Altar servers, preparation of the Liturgy, choirs/musicians, readers/commentators, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, the cleaners, and the families and all who assisted in setting up the outdoor children's Mass.

All assistance was greatly appreciated.

**St Vincent de Paul**

On behalf of the Bedford Conference, we would like to thank parishioners for their donations of food in the basket in the church, which enables us to assist the needy, together with the poor box collection.

The recent raffle and Christmas Appeal raised a total of \$2,420.00 and Christmas cards sales raised \$204.00.

Without your ongoing support none of this would be possible, so we thank you.

**Parish Annual General Meeting**

Reports and Minutes of the recent parish AGM are available at the back of the church. You are welcome to peruse them, but please do not remove them from the church.

**Parish Finance Update**

2nd Collection/Planned Giving (29 Dec) \$1,590.70  
Family Fast (Dec) \$173.45 Direct Debit (Nov) \$744.00

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance:

*The Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana;*

*The Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi.*

Each of these is a revelation of God to man:

At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son;

At the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity;

At the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him;

and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations.



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**Thursday Adoration**

Fr Jeronimo thanks all who attend Thursday Adoration for your commitment to this special quiet time with the Lord which is very important.

To allow some holiday time to everyone, we advise that the Thursday Adoration will be in recess until early February, 2020.

**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 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. **Thanks be to God.**



**Responsorial Psalm: 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13**

- 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 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.**
  - 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**

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. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 2: 2**

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

**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 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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**