

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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What is happening this week? The Epiphany of the Lord.

Fri 3rd Jan 2025	5:00pm	HFC	Adoration
	6:00pm	HFC	Mass with Fr Simon Falk and Fr Mark Ha
Sat 4th Jan	9:00am	SHC	Mass followed by Rosary
	10:00am	HFC	1st Rite Reconciliation
	5-5:30pm	HFC	1st Rite Reconciliation
	6:00pm	HFC	Mass
Sun 5th Jan	8:00am	HFC	Mass
	10:00am	HFC	Mass (livestreamed)
	5-5:30pm	HFC	1st Rite Reconciliation
	6:00pm	HFC	Mass
Mon 6th Jan	Office closed..		
Tues 7th Jan	5:30pm	HFC	Mass
Wed 8th Jan	9:30am	SHC	Mass
Thurs 9th Jan	7:00am	HFC	Mass
Fri 10th Jan	5:00pm	HFC	Adoration
	6:00pm	HFC	Mass

Welcome to our new Parish Priest, Fr Simon Falk, and our new Assistant Parish Priest, Fr Mark Ha. We hope that you feel welcome and enjoy your time with us.

WELCOME

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal peoples, Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, who are the traditional custodians and first peoples of this land. We pay respect to their elders past and present and to the memory of their ancestors. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations and we celebrate their continuing contribution to the life of our city and of this region. We also extend our respect to all Aboriginal peoples living in our community.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment: Corpus Christi Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking and action. For more information, visit the Canberra Archdiocesan website on <https://cgcatholic.org.au/professional-standards/>.

Communicating Concerns: Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr James or the Parish Office. Alternately, please phone the Parish Office to organise a time to talk with Fr James. Specific **safeguarding issues** can also be emailed to the Parish Safeguarding Officers (see directory). Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) by emailing ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02 6239 9806.


RECENTLY DECEASED: Cheryl Hodgson, Rex McRee, Zakie Noja (mother of Richard), Flora Arias (mother of Luz Carlile), William Schofield, Sr Paulinus Croker, Margo Albers, Lurline Knee, Siham Yousif, Yoga Raphael, Shirley Fletcher, Yvonne DeMamiel, Mary Spandler, Dennis Chaston

SICK: *We pray for...* Karen Nixon, Francis Cheong, Maurice and Vivienne Muscat, Annie Chamberlain, Doug Rankin, Perry Hardman, Jenny Keen, Bishop Pat Power, Wendy Roberts, Patrick Roberts, Harry Parvizi, Margaret Holberton, Gavin O'Brien, Flora Martone, June Lever, Hannah Thomas, Karen Nguyen, Delia Alexander, Jessica Bernadette Elena, Doug Rankin, Joan Brumby, Howard Murray, Diane Savage, Barbara Savage, Zenilda Gama, Ayla Haragli Judith & Werner Kley, Melvyn & Cheryl Nerva, Merle Shep, Dot Pestana, Margaret Latham, *and all our sick family members, friends and parishioners.*

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: *During January we remember ..* Ascencion Serrano, Jesus Cruz, Fernando Lopez, Vincent Hardman, Margaret Palma, Joan Duffy, Ronald Costmeyer, Pete Perez, Daniel O'Keeffe, Allen Blundell, Farid Aoun, Michael De Cruz, Ante Barisic, Maria Michelina Carbone, Joan Sharman, Allaine Cunneen, Antoine Pakkianathan, Alicia Doherty, Bill Hanley, Flavia Niblett, Paul Camilleri, Mark Juddery, Robert Achler, Jordan O'Connor, Nikola Tomic, John Powlay, John Garvan, Franc Willemsen, Ryan Kalsbeek, Prisco Martiniello, Simon Falez, Darcy Sloan, John Marquez, Eugenia Boyko *and all of our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.*

If you wish to have your loved one entered into our Book of Remembrance and remembered each year, find the form in the foyer.

Roster 4th & 5th January, 2025—1st Sunday of the Month				
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8am	Sunday 10am	Sunday 6pm
Acolyte/ Senior Server	Roehl	Anne G	George	John
Altar Servers	Hunter E	Amy L Riley L Elliot C	Noah L Emma L Grace S	Ryan A Nicola A Elena N-V
Readers	Megan B Mark P	Alwyn D Judy B	Zed S Catherine D	Annabelle N
Music/DPO	Pete S DPO Susanne S	Lorna G, Jim R Geoff R & the 8am Choir DPO Angus	Jeremiah W DPO Sam W	vacant
Offertory Procession	Tom K	Lucas family	Lovelock family	volunteers needed
Eucharistic Ministers	Suzanne M Irena C	Chris H Gerard B	Denise M Ophelia DC	Tiffany R Lisa C
Children's Liturgy	Not run during the school holidays however there is some worksheets available in the Children's Liturgy Room.			
Cuppas	No cuppas during January.			
Collector bags & clear boxes	Christine O	Agnes M	Marian B	Penny O
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**Have YOU thought?
Epiphany**

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewishness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.

Contributions to our Parish can be transferred to: Name: Corpus Christi Parish
BSB: 062 786
Account Number: 22193
Reference—Use your name and reason for the transfer.
Or to donate via **Credit Card**, go to our website
<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/corpuschristiparish>
We are very grateful for your donation.

Part-Time Parish Secretary

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for North Woden. This is a part-time permanent position (Monday 9am to 3.30pm, Wednesday 9am to 4.30pm and Friday 9am to 3.30pm).

Essential Requirements:

- Strong Microsoft Office skills (Outlook, Word, Excel, Publisher)
- Experience with database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.
- Understand and administer areas of regulatory compliance (eg. WHS, child protection, copyright)
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Current experience in an office environment.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please phone (02-6281 3999) or email wodennorth@cg.org.au for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to the Parish Priest, Fr James Antony, james.antony@cg.org.au must be received by Friday 24 January 2025.

The Living Word

The Epiphany of the Lord

5 January 2025

First Reading Is 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 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.

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.)*

Second Reading Eph 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 that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 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.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

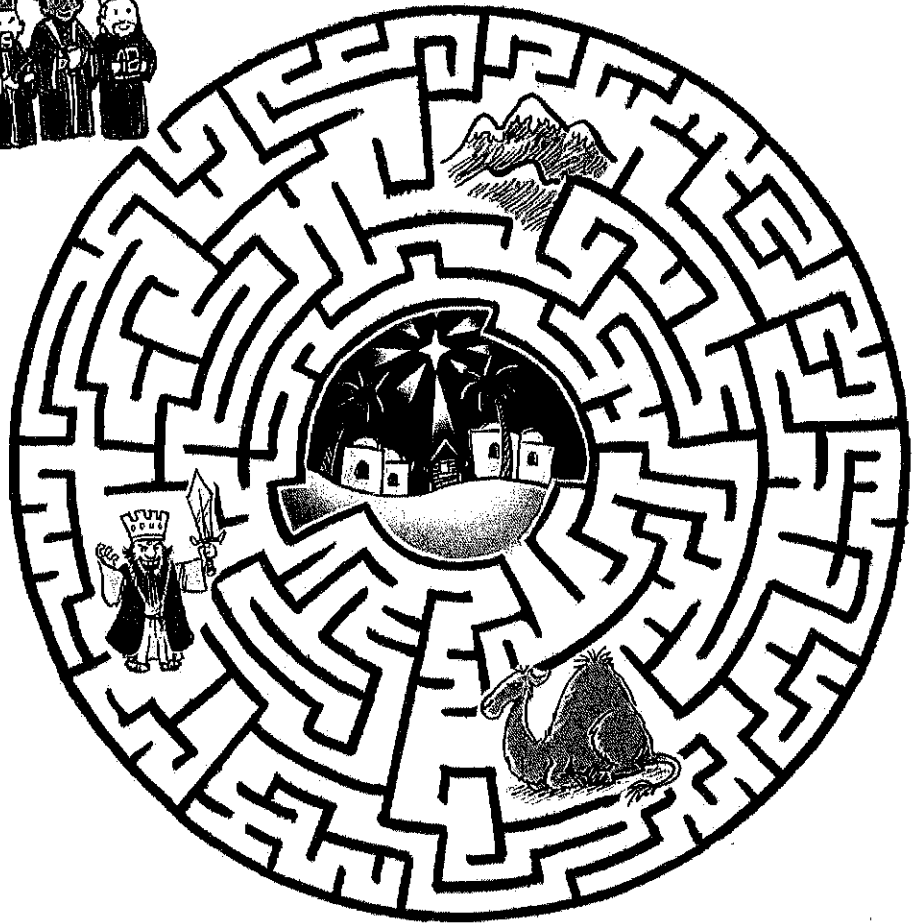
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St Raymond of Penyafort was a Spanish born priest who became the master general of the Dominicans in 1238. He was involved in writing Church law and started a school that taught missionaries the language and culture of the people to be evangelised in Northern Africa and Spain. His compassion helped many people to return to God through Reconciliation. He is the patron saint of lawyers and canonists.



Help the three wise men to get to Bethlehem



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