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Catholic
Community

Annunciation Church

Love in all things

Parish Bulletin

Annunciation Church

20 Montacute Road, Hectorville SA 5073

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR B

7th January 2024

“Moved by God’s love, we the people of Hectorville Catholic Community work for fullness of life and joy for all by living out together our love for God, each other and all God’s creation.”

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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



GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

REFLECTION:

This Sunday three wise men from ‘the east’ come to Jerusalem looking for the infant king of the Jews. Courtesy demanded that they greet King Herod and enquire of him where the child who will be king, was born? They had come on a long journey to worship the child. They represent the people of all nations. The gospel tells us the wise men followed their star to the place where Jesus was. This simple sentence is full of meaning for all people.

We understand the symbolic action of the wise men: they sought the person of their dreams; they were single-minded in finding him and they fulfilled their destiny. Significantly they were not Jews, they were from other peoples far away, yet they came to this humble place and did him homage! They disappear from the gospels never to be seen or heard of again but they played their part in God’s unfolding plan. Like Joseph, they obeyed the dream they had and returned home by a different route. We note their obedience. The Jewish people considered themselves God’s people and at different times in their history, they excluded other peoples and were hostile to them. Here St Matthew tells everyone that this child is for all people. When he matures, he will open his arms to everyone and call them to be his disciples.

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Mass & Confession Times

Sunday:

Mass 8.00 am
Italian Mass 9.30 am
Family Mass 11.00am

Tues - Friday 7.00 am

Saturday:

Novena 8.30 am
Mass 9.00 am
Vigil 6.00 pm

Public Holiday 7.00am
(Not on Mondays)

Confessions

Saturday 9.30 – 10.30 am

Office Hours 9am – 3pm

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Epiphany Blessing



Christmas isn't over yet! Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, the moment the star led the wise men to the baby Jesus. And a special way to mark this feast is by blessing our homes. That just as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar (the three wise men) found the infant Jesus with his mother Mary and Joseph, so too, anyone who visits our home may find Christ and a love of his blessed Mother and St Joseph. Oh, and this is a fun blessing, there's chalk and holy water, kids and adults alike will love it.

Blessing:

Leader: The Magi followed a star to find God in a tiny child. Let us imitate them in seeking the savour manifest in our world.

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Leader: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in your humble state you welcomed kings and shepherds alike. May all who pass through this doorway – poor or rich, suffering or rejoicing, stranger or friend – be welcomed as the King Himself. Grant peace to this house and to the house of our hearts that we may seek and find you in everyone we meet. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

After the blessing is recited, walk through the house and bless each room by sprinkling with holy water. Take the blessed chalk and first write the initials of the three Wise Men, connected with Crosses, over the inside of your front door (on the lintel, if possible). Then write the year, breaking up the numbers and the year so that they fall on both sides of the initials. It should look like this:

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San Pellegrino Mass and Festival

Wednesday 10th January 2024 7.30pm: The Mass S. Pellegrino.
Thursday 11th January 2024 7.30pm: The Eucharist and S. Pellegrino.
*Friday 12th January 2024 7.30pm: S. Pellegrino, the Eucharist and Suffering
Sunday 14th January 2024 11.30am: Procession from Annunciation Church
Sunday 14th January 2024 12.30pm: Solemn Mass Celebrated by Fr Anthony Beltrame
Sunday 2pm – Closure at 10pm: Local bands, entertainment & traditional food



**Friday evening is especially dedicated to families and young people with Mass celebrated in English. Pizza will be served in the school hall after mass.*

Parish Office Opening Date

The Hectorville Parish Office will re-open on Monday 8th January.