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Sunday 7th January 2018
Epiphany of the Lord



"WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE"

Matthew wrote his gospel to a Jewish audience to show that Jesus was the fulfilment of their longings for a Messiah (see genealogy, Mt 1:1-17). He also wanted to show that God's salvation would reach "to the end of the earth" (Is 49:6). Matthew communicated this intention by having gentiles (Greek, *ethnos*) coming to visit the Holy Family in Bethlehem. These "wise men" (Greek: *magi*, astrologers) believed that a new star signaled the birth of a new ruler, and they had "observed his star at its rising" (Nm 24:17). The magi came from the East, where the sun rises, and the star guided them to Jesus, the true light that was to come into the world. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they asked King Herod the Great where they could find the newborn king of the Jews. Herod's advisers told him that the prophet Micah foretold the birth of a Messiah in Bethlehem, the birthplace of David where he was also anointed king (Mi 5:2). Fearing that this child would be a threat to his throne, Herod sent the magi to search for the newborn king on the pretense of offering him homage. The star illuminated the way to the Christ child and Mary his mother. The magi offered the child Jesus gifts that signified his kingship (gold), priesthood (frankincense) and his saving death (myrrh, used in anointing the dead). The magi were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they returned "by another way" (v 12). We are all invited to discover the Lord through the different journeys of faith we undertake; however, after encountering Christ we cannot return to our old ways. We must travel in a different direction—the path that leads to Jesus.




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NEWTON MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9am, 5pm, 10:30am Italian
Monday-Saturday: 8am
Friday: 7:30pm Italian

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00am - 12:00 noon
5:00pm - 5:45pm

ADORATION

Weekdays: 8:30am - 9:30am
Friday Nights: 8:10pm - 10:00pm
1st Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
& 8:10pm - 10:00pm

ATHELSTONE

HOLY NAME CHAPEL MASS
Sunday 9:00am

Wed & Fri 8:00am
(School Term Only)

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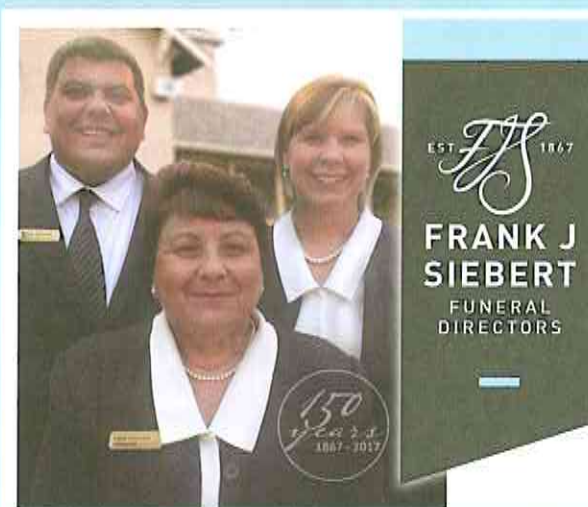
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Our Prayers & Blessings to her & her family.

ORDINARY TIME BEGINS

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" because the weeks are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, Ordinary Time is in fact the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. There are two times we are in Ordinary Time. There are 28 weeks of Ordinary Time after Easter and 5 weeks of Ordinary Time after Christmas. However, this varies depending upon when Easter falls in a particular year. The actual number of weeks of Ordinary Time in any given year can total 33 or 34.

As from Tuesday 9th January the readings for weekday Masses will be those of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time / Year 2. The readings on Sunday 14th January will be those of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B

FAREWELL TO FR SEVERINO

You are cordially invited to a Farewell Mass for Fr Severino on **Sunday 14th January at 9.00am** in our church and morning tea after the Mass in the Parish hall. He is leaving on Tuesday 16th January to his new post in Wynnum, Queensland. Thank you Fr Severino for your presence and ministry here at Newton. **May God Bless you!**

NOTE: If you wish to bring along a plate to share, please notify the Parish Office 8337 3849 or Lola Kelly 0401 994 644

Please pray for the Eternal Repose of **Fr Luciano Rocchi (Superior and Parish Priest) of Newton from 1977 - 1980 who passed away 3rd January 2018. May he Rest in Peace!**

LENTEN PROGRAMME

This year **Ash Wednesday is on the 14th of February. Easter Sunday is on the 1st of April.** - Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, 25th of March

A Lenten Discussion Group facilitated by Theo is to meet in the Bishop Kennedy Room on 6 Thursdays from 10.30am - 12.00noon commencing Thursday 15th February. Those interested in joining please register on the list in the foyer before 15th January so that books can be ordered in time.

Anyone who wishes to organise and lead a group at home is kindly requested to contact the Parish Office on 8337 3849 as soon as possible.

Children from State Schools ages 8 years and above wishing to attend **SUNDAY SCHOOL** are invited to attend an information session on **Sunday, 28th January 2018 after 9.00am Mass in the Bishop Kennedy Room** For more information contact the **Parish Office 8337 3849**

AUSTRALIA DAY Mass here at Newton at the usual time 8.00am on **Friday 26 January**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND FRIDAY EVENING MASS (7.30PM) will resume again **Friday 2nd February**

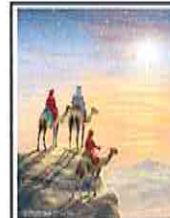
FAREWELL TO BR MICHAEL

By now you are all aware that Br Michael will be leaving the St Francis of Assisi Community in January to take up a new posting in South Melbourne, as Guardian. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend a Farewell Mass on **Sunday 21st January at 10.30am** followed by a gathering in the parish hall where you will have an opportunity to farewell Br Michael and wish him well. Thank you Br Michael for your faithful and dedicated ministry over the past 6 years. **May God Bless you!**
(Further details to follow)

SALUTI A FRATELLO MICHAEL

Vi avvisiamo che Fratello Michael lascerà la comunità e la parrocchia di San Francesco d'Assisi Newton, per trasferirsi a Melbourne e continuare la sua missione. Tutti i parrocchiani sono invitati a partecipare alla Messa per il saluto a Fratello Michael, **domenica 21 Gennaio alle 10.30am**. Seguirà un rinfresco nella sala parrocchiale, dove si avrà la possibilità di salutare Fratello Michael e di augurargli tutto il bene. Grazie Fratello Michael per la tua dedizione negli ultimi sei anni, alla parrocchia ed ai parrocchiani.
Che Dio ti benedica

Pregate per il riposo eterno dell'anima di **Padre Luciano Rocchi, (Superiore e Parroco) di Newton dal 1977 al 1980 Deceduto il 3 gennaio 2018 Riposa in Pace.**



SOLENNITÀ DELL'EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE
Ti adoreranno, Signore, tutti i popoli della terra.

L'Incarnazione è l'Epifania dell'amore di Dio per l'uomo: no ha limiti o eccezioni. Testimoniamo la nostra fede in Dio, amandoci gli uni gli altri a imitazione di Cristo.

Bambini dagli 8 anni in su delle scuole pubbliche che desiderano iscriversi per il catechismo, sono invitati a partecipare alla giornata informativa, **domenica 28 gennaio** dopo la Messa delle 9.00am, nella stanza Bishop Kennedy.

IL GRUPPO CARISMATICO Si inizierà di nuovo **giovedì 15 Febbraio**
MESSA 7.30pm NELLA CHIESA

ESPOSIZIONE DEL SANTISSIMO SACRAMENTO E LA MESSA SERALE (7.30PM) si inizierà di nuovo **Venerdì 2 febbraio**

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

1st READING: **Isaiah 60:1-6**
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

PSALM: **Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13. R. v. 11**
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

2nd READING: **Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**
The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

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

GOSPEL **Matthew 2:1-12** *We have come from the East to worship the King.*

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

6.00pm Vigil: 13th January

Commentator: Fabian Royan
1st & 2nd Readers: Malcolm Rebello, Darren Rebello
Ex. Min. Hol. Comm.: Denise Ferguson, Teresa Aistrope

9.00am: 14th January

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please contact Vanda on 8336 5125
Welcomers: Nancy Middeldorp, Beata Dawidowska
Commentator: Helen Mysak
1st & 2nd Readers: John Middeldorp, Barbara Barnes
Ex. Min. Hol. Comm. Indra Augustine, Andrea Burvill
Barry Burvill

10.30am: 14th January

Commentator: Antonietta Corbo
1st & 2nd Readers: Domenico Zollo, Carmela Cirocco
Ex. Min. Hol. Comm. C. Paradiso, V. De Ionno, E. Maiorano

5.00pm: 14th January

Commentator: Bill Ryan
1st & 2nd Readers: My Linh Nguyen, Gary Rego
Ex. Min. Hol. Comm.: Margaret Ramsay, Marie Rego

CLEANERS: 13th January

R. Luppino, G. Cirocco, M. D' Andrea, M. Frasca, R. Guerriero, A. Mercurio

READINGS NEXT WEEK 2nd Sunday Ord. Time 14th Jan.

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 / 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

ON THE ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon 8th The Baptism of the Lord (F)
Mon 12th St Bernard of Corleone, Cap (M)

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

LEGION OF MARY on Thursday 11th January at 10.00am in the Bishop Kennedy Room

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

A total of \$477.40 was collected
Thankyou

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Our Gifts for Weekend of 30th / 31st December

Second Collection:

Weekly Promised Amount: - \$2,993 (as at 5 May 2017)

Pledged Giving: Offertory Envelopes \$1,750
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Credit Card \$470
Total \$2,283

Unpledged Giving: Loose Plate \$739