



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## Year B – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Embracing  
Villa Maria Centre  
and  
St Patrick's  
Fortitude Valley



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Readings for today: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

While Christmas Day and other important feast days are fixed in the liturgical calendar each year, many of the important feasts of the Church year, such as Easter, are moveable, and based upon the cycle of the lunar calendar each year. Therefore, the annual date for the celebration of Easter changes, and falls on the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," which varies between March 22 and April 25. In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year and, therefore, the sacred holidays. On Epiphany Sunday (today) each year, the moveable dates for the approaching year were "proclaimed" after the gospel in this way:

Dear brothers and sisters,  
the glory of the Lord has shone upon us,  
and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return.  
Through the rhythms of times and seasons  
let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the **Easter Triduum** of the Lord: His last supper, His crucifixion, His burial, and His rising celebrated between the evening of the First day of April and the evening of the Third day of April on the Twentieth-third day of May. **Easter Sunday** being on the Fourth day of April.

Each Easter - as on each Sunday—the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

**Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the Seventeenth day of February.

**The Ascension** of the Lord will be commemorated on Sunday, the Sixteenth day of May.

**Pentecost**, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated And, this year the **First Sunday of Advent** will be on the Twentieth-Eighth day of November.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**



When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.



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St. Stephen  
249 Elizabeth St  
Brisbane



St. Patrick's  
58 Morgan St  
Fortitude Valley



Villa Maria Chapel  
171 St Pauls Tce  
Spring Hill  
*No public Masses  
until further notice.*

### Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday 8:00am (live-streamed)  
Saturday 11:30am (live-streamed)

### Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12 noon & 7:30pm (8am & 10am live-streamed)

### St Patrick's Church

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

### Reconciliation:

Monday to Friday: 9.00am-9.30am

Saturday: 10:00am-11:00am; 4:30-5:30pm

# MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

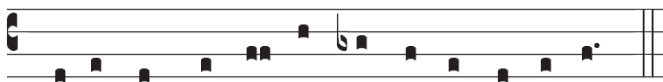
Music at today's Mass is drawn from *Catholic Worship Book II*,  
with congregational hymn texts on this sheet.

**Processional Hymn** The First Nowell

**Kyrie** Chant mass

**Gloria** Chant mass

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 71*



☞ All na-tions shall fall pro-strate be-fore you, O God.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Matthew 2:2*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Offertory Motet** *Organ music*

**Sanctus** Chant mass

**Memorial  
Acclamation  
(ICEL #1):** We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
and profess your resurrection,  
until you come again.

**Agnus Dei** Chant mass

**Communion Motet** *Organ music*

**Communion Hymn** Earth has many a noble city

**Recessional Hymn** Joy to the World

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:  
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born in the King of Israel.**

They lookèd up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.:  
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born in the King of Israel.**

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.:  
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born in the King of Israel.**

This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay.  
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born in the King of Israel.**

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Earth has many a noble city,  
Bethlehem alone excels;  
from it came the Lord from heaven,  
came to rule his Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth,  
to the world its God announcing,  
seen in human form on earth.

Eastern sages at his cradle  
make their off' rings rich and rare;  
see them give in deep devotion  
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:  
frankincense does God disclose,  
gold the King of kings, proclaiming,  
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

Jesus, whom the gentiles worshipped  
at your glad Epiphany,  
now to you with God the Father  
and the Spirit glory be.

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Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns,  
let us our songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

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