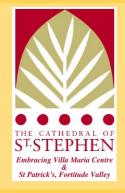
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

YEAR A-8TH JANUARY 2023

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The Cathedral Parish has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

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



At the end of a long life, Benedict XVI, like Unlike John Paul II, he seemed at times too Elizabeth II, seemed almost the relic of a bygone age - a link with the Second World War, the embodiment of values and styles morphing or passing even in their lifetime, the end of an era, leaving us thinking that we shall never see their like again.

Joseph Ratzinger was also a link back to the Second Vatican Council, the interpretation of which was at the heart of much of his academic and episcopal life.

Called to Rome by Pope John Paul II after a brief time as Archbishop of Munich, he became, as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, a crucial voice in that long and remarkable pontificate. He met with the Pope each Friday, and it was in those conversations that the major themes of the Wojtyla papacy were forged. Ratzinger was a crucial shaping influence in most of the great Encyclical Letters bearing John Paul II's signature. He was also a hugely authoritative figure in the Curia who could make even the grandest of the Curialists tremble, in part because they knew he was so trusted by the Pope. Yet at the same time, like Wojtyla himself, Ratzinger was a Curial outsider with no interest in the intrigues of the papal court. That too gave him a peculiar freedom.

His election as Pope was a decision to continue the trajectories of the Wojtyla papacy; but Ratzinger seemed less at his ease as the sun than he had been as the moon. Perhaps he was too old when elected; perhaps his temperament was never suited to a life so lived in a blaze of publicity. Yet humbly he accepted, just as humbly he would resign some years later.

timid for the spotlight; his gestures were never quite right. But, more seriously for a Pope, he struggled at the point of governance, and the pressure of this over time must have been a major reason for his resignation. At a time of some crisis in the Vatican, he retired to his study to write the volumes on Jesus of Nazareth; and he would probably have been happy to retire permanently to his study.

It will surely be as a teaching Pope that Benedict XVI will be remembered in history. It has been said that he was the most able theologian to ascend the papal throne since Gregory the Great: perhaps. Certainly he was one of the most gifted theologians of the twentieth century, steeped in the Scriptures and the Fathers in a way that made his style clear, evocative engaging, which was not always the case with German theologians. He understood the profound civilising power of the Gospel and was himself a most civilised, even cultured man, a thorough-going Bavarian gentleman. He was a European intellectual of a particular generation, though there is a timelessness about his work that will guarantee its durability.

For all its profusion, Ratzinger's theology has a dazzling simplicity at its heart: a vision of Jesus Christ crucified and risen as the only answer to humanity's deepest questions and the only saviour of the world. This is why he was, for all their differences, very much attuned to Pope John Paul II, and why it was no surprise to learn that his last words were, "Lord, I love you". Archbishop Coleridge



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Cathedral of St Stephen Mass Times

Cathedral of St Stephen

Mon to Fri	8:00am	10:00am	12:30pm	5:10pm
Saturday	11:30am			6:00pm
Sunday	8:00am	10:00am	12:00pm	7:30pm

Cathedral Reconciliation Times

Mon to Fri 10:30-11:30am		1:00-1:30pm	4:30-5:00pm
Saturday 10:00-11:00am			4:30-5:30pm

St Patrick's Mass Times

Sunday	9:00am	11:00am
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Cathedral Exposition Times

Mon to Fri	10:30am-12:15pm

Cathedral Benediction Times

Mon to Fri	12:15pm

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

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

All masses are led by a cantor.

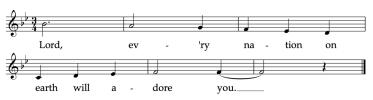
Processional Hymn The first Nowell

(CWBII 280)

Kyrie Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22a)

Gloria Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22b)

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



Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2



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

Offertory Music Organ music

Sanctus Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22c)

MemorialWe proclaim your death, O Lord,Acclamationand profess your resurrection,(ICEL #1):until you come again. (CWBII 12a)

Agnus Dei Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22h)

Communion Hymn Away in a manger

(CWBII 256)

Recessional Hymn Hark! The herald angels sing

(CWBII 262)

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PLEASE TAKE THIS COPY OF THE BULLETIN
WITH YOU AT THE CONCLUSION OF MASS TODAY.

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.

Refrain Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell

Born is the King of Israel!

They looked 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. Refrain

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. Refrain

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me for ever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! The Herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.

Refrain

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Refrain