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**The Solemnity of
the Epiphany of
the Lord**

Year B

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come: and kingship is in his grasp and power and dominion.

First Reading: *A reading from the prophet Isaiah (60:1-6)*

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 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)

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

- 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)**
- 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)**
- 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)**
- 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: *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (3:2-3, 5-6)*

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 the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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

Gospel: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (2:1-12)*

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.

Memorial Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

All our Masses are being offered "*pro populo*" - for the intentions of the people of God.

Happy New Year!

We give thanks to Almighty God for all the benefits and graces that we received this year. 2020 has certainly been for all of us a year like no other. In the midst of the confusion and the discomfort generated by Covid-19 we have learnt to be more patient and more humble and more conscious of our limitations and the lack of control that we have over our lives. We also discovered that we have strength that we never thought we had and the resources that can only flow from the Lord's providence. We are therefore grateful for the security that we have enjoyed during those uncertain times. On that note, Fr. Victor and I would like to wish you and your loved ones much joy, happiness and peace in the coming year.

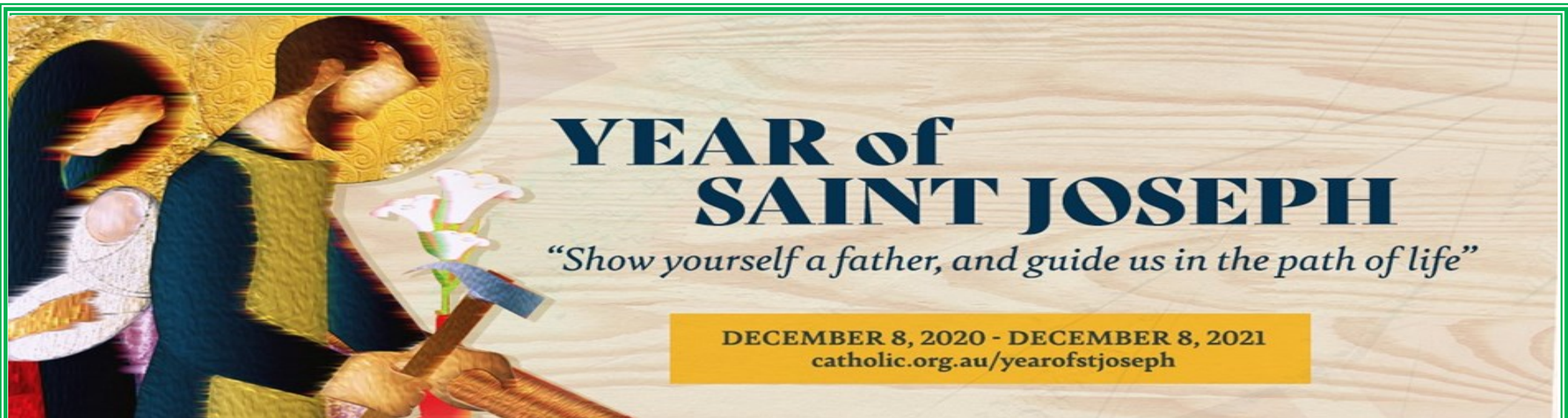
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Pastoral Corner

This ancient feast of the Epiphany celebrates the welcoming of all people who seek God with a sincere heart. It is not just the chosen people who are invited to faith in Jesus as lord. He is significant to all who seek truth, and his light draws people into relationship with God. He is the sign of God's love for creation and through whom God's love is made known to all.

Today is a time to reflect on how far we have travelled in our own journey towards Jesus. How much progress have you made? What gifts do you bring? How open are you to the possibility of finding the divine in the ordinary? As we think on the story of the wise men and reflect on how thrilled and excited they were to see the star, we might reflect back on times of pure delight in our own life experience. Did they inspire you to take a new road?

This week, let's reflect about how open we are to welcoming strangers and foreigners who come to seek Jesus. Do we embrace them with love and understanding?



Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (*With a Father's Heart*), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

The Letter from Pope Francis— *Patris Corde* - http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

The Litany of St Joseph- https://catholic.org.au/images/Litany_of_St_Joseph.pdf

St Emilie's Parish RE Program Enrolments for 2021

The RE Program is now finished for 2020. We will be taking enrolments again for 2021 in late January and early February all being well. Families who have already been enrolled will be notified of the dates etc. and it will also be published in the St Emilie's Sunday Bulletin. Enquiries to **Lyn Harkins 0404 325 900** or email **lharkins@iinet.net.au**.



Personal Advocacy Service needs your HELP!!

Do you still have a valid driver's License and time to share your life experiences over a cuppa?

Personal Advocacy Service an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth provides support for people with varying degrees of intellectual disability to enable them to live more fully as active members of their local community. Grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ, Personal Advocacy recognises the human dignity and spiritual worth of all persons, including those with disabilities. We believe that all persons are created by God to fulfil a unique mission on this earth and to bring their own special gifts into the lives of all they touch.

These may seem like very ordinary activities but some of this would not be possible for our friends without the extra help. If you are a caring person, have love of faith and enjoy meeting new people and have a sense of fun, come and join us. St Emilie's parish along with Fr. Jean-Noel MARIE is looking forward to a group starting here in your parish centre in 2021.

For each person with intellectual disability, an environment, conducive to growth may need to be initiated and supported by a close one-to-one relationship with another member of the community. Personal Advocacy is committed to offering appropriate motivation, training and support to ordinary members of the community, to enable them to take up the role of personal advocate.

As people with intellectual disability are assisted in achieving their rights to belong and grow, both within the local parish and wider communities, their contribution will enrich the lives (life) of the whole community.

If your New Year's resolution is to make a difference in someone's life, Personal Advocacy Service needs you.

The small group runs on 8 volunteers. We are in need more volunteers. If you would like more information about us, please Contact Fr. Jean-Noel Marie on **9256-9650** or email Jean-noel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au God Bless you all. Thank you for reading this notice.

Find out more about us from our website www.paswa.org.au

Adoration at St Emilie's

The 9am Adoration and Benediction hour each Tuesday will be in recess between 22 December 2020 and 5 January 2021 inclusive. It will resume on Tuesday 12 January 2021. May we all share in the Lord's blessing for a very happy and holy Christmas and experience a safe and healthy New Year.



Holy Spirit of Freedom Community Perth – Praised Be Jesus Christ. Our Christmas Lunch for Street friends will be held Sunday 3rd Jan 2021, 12 noon in Mc Callum Park (near the Causeway) Victoria Park. If you would like to assist at the Luncheon, or make a donation towards the food, please contact Mandy on 0414 425 560 or email Amanda@jgdunlop.com Or just come and join in the singing and fellowship. Lots of shady trees and chairs.



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