



St. Brigid's Church  
Raymond Terrace



St. Christopher's Oratory  
Medowie



Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
Mallabula

## ST. BRIGID'S PARISH - RAYMOND TERRACE

Sunday, 2nd January 2022 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C)

"Our Parish will be a vital, caring and welcoming community, living the Gospel of Jesus in word and action."

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### Parish Office:

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Joyce Sebastian

**Rector & Chaplain:** Fr. Anthony Coloma

St. Christopher's Oratory  
Catherine McAuley Catholic College

**Parish Secretary:** Kate Allen

**Financial Secretary:** Greg Hickling

**Sacramental Co-ordinator:**

Mary-Jane Malone

**Office Hours:** Monday: Office Closed  
Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am - 2.30pm

### ST. BRIGID'S

69 William St, Raymond Terrace

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm & Sunday 9.30am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.30pm

#### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday & Wednesday 7.00am

Friday 9.15am

### ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

507 Medowie Rd, Medowie

#### Weekend Mass:

Saturday 5.30pm

#### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday & Friday at 5.30pm

### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

1193 Lemon Tree Passage Rd, Mallabula

#### Weekend Mass:

Sunday 7.30am

**Reconciliation:** Sunday 7.00am

#### Weekday Mass:

Thursday 9.15am

## Thoughts on the Gospel



The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness.

The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

*A reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA.*

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

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

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:**

**The Sick**

Jonathan Godwin, Anthony Driver, Lucy Went, Kevin Burns, Fred Stanwell, Tony Murphy, Kevin Walker, Joyce Byron, Linda Birt, Peter Betwell, Doug Hickling, Cheryl Crane, Marilyn Nightingale, Alicia Proctor, Brenda Turnbull, Hugo Rice, Rachael Hill, Kevin McKinley, Dianna McKinley, Gloria North, Ann Burrs, Fay Cunningham, Andrew Pelley, Kerry Reid, Ron Simpson, Alan James, Cyril Shafer, Marie Carmody, Michael Johnson, Ken Mitchell, Kathy Bellamy, Robyn Turner, Robyn Blanch and Colleen Borham.

**Death Anniversaries**

Colin Thomson, Emily Bunt and Eileen Cunningham.

**Happy New Year!**

Fr. Joyce, Fr. Anthony, Kate, Greg and Mary-Jane trust that you had a very Merry Christmas and we offer our best wishes for the New Year. A reminder that the Parish Office is currently closed. If you need to speak to Fr. Joyce please leave a message on the answering machine and he will return your call.



**Sacramental Program Information Night**

A Sacramental Program to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion (for those children who are Baptised Catholic or Baptised children with at least one Catholic parent) will commence with an information evening at St. Brigid's Church on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 7.00pm. Parents are required to attend the information night and register their child/ren. If you have any further questions please contact Maryjane on 0499 824 130.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 ~ The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

**SECOND READING:** Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 ~ He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 ~ When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

**ST. BRIGID'S, RAYMOND TERRACE**

	Usher	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion	Gifts	Counters
1/1/22	Tracey Edstein	Mary Thorpe	Clare Dawson Tracey Edstein	Anna Townsend	Rodney & Pauline Trappel	
2/1/22	Catherine Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Val McLeod	Lidy Waanders Bernadette Searl	Steve Hickling	Moira Saunderson	Paul Edstein Phil Hickling
8/1/22	Tracey Edstein	Don & Anne Lloyd	Carmel Warby Maureen Smith	Don Lloyd	Hughes Family	
9/1/22	Catherine Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Moira Saunderson	Moira Saunderson Shane Giggins	Val McLeod	Hickling Family	

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA**

	Usher	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Gifts
2/1/22	Frank Morrissey	Jenny Ryan	Irene Gover	Brian McClenaghan	Judy McDonald
9/1/22	Frank Morrissey	Sue Dallas	Anne Cheetham	Irene Gover	Albert Went

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE**

	Welcomers/ Ushers	Ministers of the Word	Presentation of Gifts	Music

**ADORATION**

1st Friday of the Month at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace at 8.30am.

Every Friday after the 5.30pm Mass at St. Christopher's, Medowie.