

PARISH TEAM & SERVICES

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MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday: 12.00pm only

Saturday: 9am and 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8am, 11am and 6pm;

Public Holidays: 9am only

Reconciliation: Wed-Fri: 11.40am-11.55 am

Sat: 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

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PARISH OFFICE will reopen on Monday, 18th January. Hours will be from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm until Friday, 29th Jan. Normal office hours resume on Monday 1st February

PARISH CALENDAR: 3rd – 10th Jan

Sun 3rd The Epiphany of the Lord

Sun 10th The Baptism of the Lord

COLLECTION STATISTICS:

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Nov 6,622.50\$ \$490.88 \$1,240.45



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Librarian 9836 2632 or email: stdomslibrary@op.org.au

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED: and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and the sick of our Parish: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Joy Patrick, Annette Fleming, Arden Nelson, Mary Burns, Carmel Gagliardi, Brian Begley, Gerald & Patricia O'Dwyer and **those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	3 rd	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
Mon	4 th	12.00pm	Dominican Vocations
Fri	8 th	12.00pm	Deceased Dominicans

Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK



for the month of January is available on our website

www.stdominics.org.au/remembering-our-dead.html

to remind us to pray for those mentioned

READERS AT MASSES NEEDED

New readers are needed during the weekend Masses in 2021. If you attend the Mass during the weekend and want to help please send an email to

secretary@stdominics.org.au or call the Parish Office at 9912 6870 ext.3

AFTER CHRISTMAS, WEEKDAY MASS IS AS FOLLOWS:

Saturday 2nd January 9:00am and 6:00pm

Sunday 3rd January 8:00am, 11am and 6:00pm

From Monday 4th January 12pm Mass ONLY on weekdays

6.00pm will be suspended till further notice



ST DOMINIC'S YOUTH GROUP

Dear Youth,

We will resume our normal Youth Program in February, dates still to be decided, but we will let you know ASAP.

God Bless and all the best wishes!

Br Oliver and Manuela

Youth Coordinators



CHANGE OR SUPPRESSION (CONVERSION) PROHIBITION BILL 2020.

Parishioners are urged to familiarise themselves with this Bill which has already passed the Lower House in Victoria and will go before the Upper House early in the New Year.

This bill:

1. Will potentially make parents into criminals or domestic abusers, at risk of 10 years in prison, if they do anything less than fully support their young gender-questioning children in undertaking irreversible hormone replacement therapy.

2. Specifically names prayer as a criminal offence, also punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

3. Prevents same-sex attracted people asking for counsel to live faithfully according to their orthodox religious identity. Anyone counselling or providing pastoral support to help achieve this will be committing an offence and facing a potential jail term.

The bill is very likely to become law unless there is a strong protest from Victorian Parishioners like us. It is clearly the most anti religious legislation ever proposed in Victoria.

Please sign one of the protesting petitions at the Church doors over the next two Sundays.

ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

At St Dominic's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 71)

ANTIPHON: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

RESPONSE: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3; 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

NEXT WEEK (Baptism of the Lord, Year B) Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1: 7-11

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3 January 2021 Epiphany Year B

In the Church's liturgical calendar, the feast of the Epiphany signals the end of the Christmas season. In the secular world, Christmas is seen as an end-of-year celebration of success and good fortune. The value of our presents is seen as a measure of our financial success.

Like all good 'hero myths', the secular version of the Christmas story ends with rewards for those who have triumphed over adversity. However, in the scriptures, Christmas is the start of a different hero story and, accordingly, its celebration presents us with a different vision of success.

In the gospels, the story of Jesus is told in the tones of an antihero. Born in obscurity, known only to poor shepherds and foreign stargazers, Jesus was not a success by the standards of the world. His ministry was limited to the hill country of Galilee and the back streets of Jerusalem. His audience were poor farmers and fisher folk who eked out a bare living from the soil and the sea, most of which was taken for taxes or tithes. His words were strange and unconventional. His followers were marginal people.

In terms of success, Jesus owned little but the clothes on his back. His family thought he had gone "out of his mind" (Mk 3:22). The authorities thought he was dangerous. His life ended on a cross and the ignominious death of a criminal. Yet, as Paul says in Philippians, "God raised him up and gave him a name that

is above all other names" (Phil 2:9).

Today's readings remind us that while Jesus is a hero, his heroic quest is not what one might expect. In the gospels, Jesus' quiet heroism in the obscurity of backwater first-century Palestine holds out a fresh vision of what we should consider 'success' to be. It is not found in money, big cars, fancy houses, expensive presents, or a huge table of festive fare.

True success is found in the dedication and commitment we display amidst the consumerism of popular culture. It is found in the moments of healing we bring to others by our concern and care. It is found in the courage we give to our family and friends with simple words of support and encouragement. The feast of the Epiphany marks the end of Christmas, but also points forward to Easter. The wise men give gifts that include myrrh, an aloe used for anointing dead bodies (Matt 2:11), and a jealous secular King orders the massacre of innocents to try to destroy the "newborn king" (Matt 2:16-18).

The birth of Jesus derives its full significance from his ultimate death and resurrection. For it was only in the light of that experience that Jesus' followers eventually came to see that Jesus was God incarnate and that his birth was the centre-point of history.

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