



Second Sunday after Epiphany

15 January 2023

*God, Lord of all creation,
lover of life and of everything,
please help us to love in our very small way
what You love infinitely and everywhere.
We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer
and that will be more than enough,
because in reality every thing and every one is connected,
and nothing stands alone.*

*To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole,
and so we do.*

*Help us each day to stand for love, for healing,
for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ
and all creation, because we know this is what You desire:
as Jesus prayed, that all may be one.*

*We offer our prayer together with all the holy names of God,
we offer our prayer together with Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

In our Parish all are welcome, all are accepted, all are valued and all are respected.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the people of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

This parish is committed to Child Safety and complies with Diocesan and State requirements. This is a shared responsibility of staff and parish. Please see the back of pew leaflet for contact details.

Congregational Giving Report
1st OCTOBER to 31st DECEMBER 2022

Giving Category	Amount Given	Budget Amount	Variation from Budget
Open	4,721	3,100	+1,621
Envelopes	8,764	9,400	- 636
Direct to Bank Account	14,057	15,900	- 1,843
ADF Planned Giving	21,397	21,300	+97
TOTALS	48,939	49,700	- 761

Thanks - The Wardens

Epiphany

The Feast and Season of the Epiphany is looking at the significance of the Birth of the Messiah **at Bethlehem**. The word epiphany is often translated as “manifestation”. Last week’s Gospel was about the Epiphany (manifestation) of Jesus as the Servant-Messiah at the River Jordan. **Epiphany actually derives from the word meaning “to see something in light” and epiphany means that the thing seen is itself the light-giver**. In this case it means Jesus. But how do we perceive that the baby is the Light Giver? Knowledge and insight into the realm of the Kingdom of God do not come to us by our own intellectual efforts, but by an epiphany - illumination of the Holy Spirit.

Offertory envelopes

The new envelopes have arrived and are available for collection from the church.

Thursday Eucharist

The Thursday Eucharist recommences at 10am on 2nd February 2023.
The next brunch will be on 16th February.

Ordination of Deacons

Candice Mitrousis will be ordained on Saturday 4th February at 10.30am At St Paul’s Cathedral.

Her first service here will be on Sunday 5th February 2023.



Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday January 15, 2023

- Second Sunday after Epiphany

9.30 am Joint Service

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

Monday 16

Tuesday 17

Wednesday 18

2.00 pm Funeral

Thursday 19

Friday 20

Saturday 21

Sunday 22

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

3.00 - 8.00 pm TCCV

Next Sunday - Third Sunday after Epiphany

- January 22, 2023

8.30 am Holy Communion

Welcomers Celia Gant

Katherine Rushby

Reader Adam Thevapalan

Server Joanne Burns

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Welcomers Graeme Dellora

Maggie Dellora

Readers **Eleanor U'Ren**

Lyn Ryan

Intercessor Judith Gibson

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 9.1 - 4

Ps 27.1 - 10

1 Corinthians 1.10 - 18

Matthew 4.12 - 25

Afternoon Meditation Gatherings

1st Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in the Chapel, based on Ignatian Spirituality. A Sacred Space where you can find rest and stillness, listen and centre yourself. Spiritual food is offered to aid reflection and meditation. Contact Val Dyke. Next session will be on 1st February 2023.

The Thursday Evening Meditation Group

We continue to meet on Zoom on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month at 7.30pm. Our next session will be on Thursday February 9 2023 followed by Thursday, February 23. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions. Enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley.

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Priest (Day off - Monday)	The Venerable Dianne Sharrock
Assistant Curate (Days off - Monday & Saturday)	The Revd Andrea Nagy
Children's and Families' Minister (Tues 10.00am - 12.00pm, Sun 9.30am - 11.30pm)	Lisa Eames
Safe Ministry Compliance Officer	Elaine Fasken
Child Safety Officer	Lisa Eames/Elaine Fasken
Covid19 Compliance Officer	Sugan Blanchard
Music Director	Brian Copple
Treasurer	Helen Warren
Office Administrator	Katherine Rushby
Churchwardens:	Sugan Blanchard Graeme Dellora Sue Retschko
Parish Council:	Sugan Blanchard, Graeme Dellora, Judith Gibson, Sally Hibbert, John Leaver, Sue Retschko, Fiona Sawyer, Helen Warren, Joan West
Pastoral Care Ministry:	
<i>Hospital Visiting:</i>	Clergy
<i>Funeral Ministry:</i>	The Vicar
Spiritual Directors:	Cath Connelly Val Dyke
Prayer Chain contact	Margaret Syfret
SERVICES:	Sunday 8.30 & 10.00 am Thursday 10.00 am