

PARISH NOTICES

Happy birthday to **Akeifi Aidan PIFELETI** celebrating his 21st today the 3rd January 2021. May the Lord's blessings be upon you today and always.

- 1. No new notices, just a few reminders**, that still no **evening Masses** until Tuesday 9th February, at the usual time of 6.30pm and **No Adorations** until Sunday the 7th February at the usual time of 5.00pm.
- 2. Monday 4th January** is a public holiday, therefore morning mass is at 8.00am
- 3. Thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods to enable the Caring and Services Committee to continue our work.** YES we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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“We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.”

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR B: 3RD JANUARY 2021

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| Daily Morning Eucharist: | Monday - Friday 7.30am |
| Daily Evening Eucharist: | Tuesday - Thursday 7.00pm |
| First Friday Eucharist: | 7.30am and also at 7.00pm |
| Saturday Eucharist: | 8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm |
| Sunday Eucharist: | 8.30am & 10.00am |
| Public Holidays: | 8.00am, no evening Mass |
| Adoration: | Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm |
| Tongan Mass: | 2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm |
| Samoan Mass: | 3rd Sunday of every month at 11.30am |
| Youth Mass: | 4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am |
| Reconciliation: | Every Saturday at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm |
| Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings: | Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays at 12noon-2.00pm |
| The Legion of Mary prayer meeting: | Every Wednesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm (Pavilion) |

Reflection

(**Is 60:1-6**). The exiles returned to Jerusalem to find the city in ruins. Here the prophet cheers them with a vision of a restored city that will become a beacon of light for all the nations. The nations will come from afar to pay tribute to and worship the Lord in Jerusalem. Though addressed to Israel as God's chosen people, the prophecy will be fulfilled in Christ ('the light of the world'), and in the new Israel, the Church.

(**Eph 3:2-3.5-6**). This reading expresses the theological meaning of today's feast: God invites Jew and Gentile to share on an equal footing the benefits of the salvation brought by Christ. This is the mystery, hidden in the past, now revealed in Christ. It is difficult for us to appreciate the sense of shock that the Jews felt at the fact that the pagans were to be accepted into the Church on equal terms with themselves. This is the aspect that is highlighted in the reading.

(**Mt 2:1-12**). For Matthew, the story of the Magi becomes an anticipation of the fate of the good news of salvation, a fate that he knew in the aftermath of the resurrection. God revealed himself to the Jews through the Scriptures, and to the Gentiles through nature. Hence, Matthew shows the Magi (who were Gentiles) receiving a revelation through astrology. The story highlights the paradox: the Jews who have the Scriptures reject Jesus, while Gentiles come and, with the help of the Scriptures, find and adore him. There is nothing to be gained by speculating where the Magi came from and what exactly the star was. The star was merely the means by which a great mystery was revealed - the revelation of Christ as the Saviour of the Gentiles too. The theme of light dominates the feast of the Epiphany as it does the feast of Christmas.

Readings for The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord 3rd January 2021

First reading:

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 60: 1-6

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

Responsorial Psalm: 72

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.

In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy one who calls,
the poor and the one who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. 3: 2-3a, 5-6

**Now the mystery has been revealed:
now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise!**

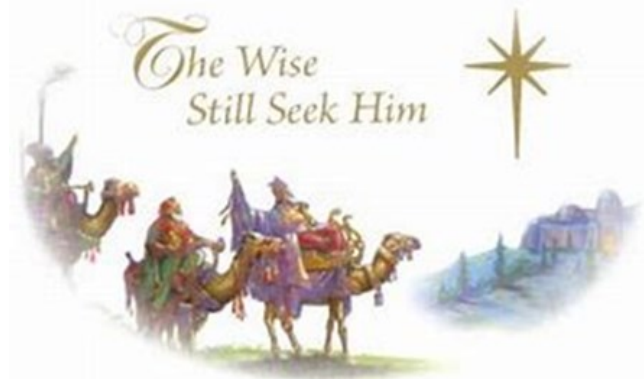
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
We observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay homage to the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 2: 1-12

We have come from the East to pay homage to the king!



Readers for this week: Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd January 2021

| | Commentator | Readers | Reserves |
|---------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 6.00pm | Pauline Calvert | 1. Lily Ulberg 2. Assumption Ilalio | Lois Armiger Veronica Hagar |
| 08.30am | Cheryl Peters | 1. Su'a Tagalao 2. Susitina Tu'inukuafe | Glen Hill Savelina Mahoni |
| 10.00am | Malia Apikotoa | 1. Alison Finekifolau 2. Iufita Sefo | Eseta Oloa Ane Enosi |

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week: Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd January 2021

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| 6.00pm | Malia Fuga, Imeleta Kelemete |
| 8.30am | Grace & Hulu Tu'inukuafe |
| 10.00am | Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata |

Readers for next Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th January 2021

| | Commentator | Readers | Reserves |
|----------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 6.00pm | Tatupu Vaalepu | 1. Therese Ulberg 2. Veronica Hagar | Pauline Calvert David Hagar |
| 8.30am | Glen Hill | 1. Lily Ulberg 2. Grace Tu'inukuafe | Su'a Tagalao Cheryl Peters |
| 10.00am | Tafaoimalo Leavasa | 1. Eseta Oloa 2. Peta Sefo | Selesitina Taamale Iufita Sefo |

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th January 2021

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| 6.00pm | Assumption Ilalio, Colleen Hodges |
| 8.30am | Limpia Britto, Paul Lovett |
| 10.00am | Elaine Williams, Melanie Duarte |

Anniversaries for the coming week 4th January to 10th January

4. Alfred William Kemp (1976), William Craig (1988), Kevin Anthony O'Connor (1988), Clifton Charles Morrow (1995)
5. Queenie Ethel Menefy (1977), Jock Ewen Cameron (1982), Lucy Beatrice Dawson (1997)
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7. Eileen Annie Littlejohn (1978), Eileen Margaret Stodart (1983), Kapeli Tatafu (1987)
8. Salonia Lynn Enid Braithwaite (1992), Lynette Dane (2014)
9. Edward Stanley (1983)
10. Selby Lyell Clarke (1985)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Christmas collection \$2623.40 Last week's collection was \$2036.40**

Readings for Next Week (10/01/21)

Baptism of the Lord Sunday Year B

1st Reading: Isaiah. 42: 1-4,6-7

Psalm 29

2nd Reading: Acts. 10: 34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

Anniversaries of Deaths: If you wish the deceased members of your family to be mentioned in the Sunday bulletin, please supply details the week before.

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Monday—Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

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