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*We welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our Mater Christi family.*

### Fr Peter's Message

On Christmas Eve before the Mass, the Holy Father Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica. This marked the beginning of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025. The Pope stressed the theme of this Jubilee is HOPE. The Pope calls on everyone to "become pilgrims in search of truth." The one year, the faithful from all over the world are invited to cross a Holy Door and open their doors wide to Christ.

Hope, the Pope says, calls us to become pilgrims in search of truth, dreamers who never tire, women and men open to being challenged by God's dream, which is of a new world where peace and justice reign.

As disciples of the Lord, we are called to find greater hope in Jesus, and then, without delay, carry that hope with us, as pilgrims of light, amid the darkness of this world.

This is the Jubilee; this is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord. The Jubilee calls us to spiritual renewal and commits us to the transformation of our world, so that this year may truly become a time of jubilee. A jubilee for our mother Earth, disfigured by profiteering; a time of jubilee for the poorer countries burdened by unfair debts; a time of jubilee for all those who are in bondage to forms of slavery old and new.

The Jubilee challenges us to bring hope, to sow seeds of hope in our world. With the gift we have received, we bring hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises unkept, dreams shattered, and hearts overwhelmed by adversity.

### Liturgy at Mater Christi

Monday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Tuesday	5pm	<b>Adoration</b>
	6pm	<b>Mass</b>
Wednesday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Thursday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Friday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Saturday	5pm	<b>Confession</b>
	6pm	<b>Saturday Vigil</b>
Sunday	8am	<b>Mass</b>
	9am	<b>Mass (HPCPS)</b>
	10am	<b>Mass</b>
	5pm	<b>Mass</b>

### A Call to Attention

The gong in the sacristy will be sounded ~3min before the start of every Sunday Mass. This is to serve as a reminder that Mass is about to begin and for us all to prayerfully recollect ourselves. I urge everyone to keep your conversations to a minimum inside the church out of respect for the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, to direct your own attention to prayer, and out of concern for others who are praying.

### Transport to and from Southern Cross Village, Success

The Parish Council has been discussing transport options for our parishioners at Southern Cross Village, Success. We are looking to establish a team of drivers (at least 4-5) who could take it in turns to drive a 12 seater van for the 10am Mass. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please speak to Fr. Peter or Fr. Nicholas.



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### Simbang Gabi

We are lucky to have celebrated for the first time in our Parish the Filipino Catholic faith practice of "Simbang Gabi". These are nine consecutive Masses traditionally held at dawn or evening from 15th to 23rd or 16th to 24th of December to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God as we prepare for Christmas. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Fr Peter, Fr Nicholas, our guest priests, Fr Christian Seminal, Fr Rubenson Cardona and Fr Elver Delicano for their time and support. The Simbang Gabi committee led by Caroline Betts would also like to thank the facilitators, readers, choirs, altar servers, acolytes, sponsors and all those who helped during these Masses. We hope we can do this again this year. We hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

### Social Committee

The Parish Council has been discussing the need for a social committee. If you would like to be involved in planning and organising social events throughout the year for various celebrations, please speak to the Fathers to find out more.

### Youth Retreat You, your friends, your God, 6 days. LET'S DO THIS!

**Date:** 3rd to 8th February 2025 **Location:** Vincentian Retreat Centre, Byford

The event is called "TrendSetters", a youth retreat designed to inspire, engage, and strengthen the faith of the young members of our community. Jesus Youth Perth is hosting their annual Discipleship Retreat; Trendsetters! An unforgettable, 6-day program for high school graduates and young adults (18-21) looking to nurture their relationship with Jesus, identify their talents, charisms and step confidently into bold living as Catholics! To register or further queries please contact Alphina on 0455 366 846 or Patrick on 0475 128 563.

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### This Week's Meeting Dates & Times

Date	Time	Group	Venue
Sunday 5th January	16:00	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Church
Saturday 11th January	14:30	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Church



**S**t Raymond of Penyafort was a Spanish born priest who became the master general of the Dominicans in 1238. He was involved in writing Church law and started a school that taught missionaries the language and culture of the people to be evangelised in Northern Africa and Spain. His compassion helped many people to return to God through Reconciliation. He is the patron saint of lawyers and canonists.

Help the three wise men to get to Bethlehem



# Wordsearch

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- east
- frankincense
- gold
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- kneeled
- myrrh
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- star
- warned
- wise



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## The Epiphany of the Lord

### First Reading Is 60:1-6

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

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 your 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 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11**

*(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 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

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

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Mt 2:1-12

*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

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.

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### 'Why do we do that?'

*by Fr Nicholas*

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) called for a reform of the Roman liturgy with specific attention to be given to the "full, conscious and active participation of the faithful" (SC. #14). The Council insisted that it was not enough for the faithful simply to attend Mass, but that it was incumbent upon them, by virtue of their baptism, to be involved in the celebration of the sacred liturgy. This instruction was received with great excitement in the 1960's, and before anyone knew what had happened, the practical duties in the Mass had been divided amongst a whole host of people with the aim to engage as many as possible. This however, was not what the Council meant. Participation in the liturgy is foremostly an interior action and an orientation of the heart and mind toward God that gives meaning to our worship. This begins then already before we come to the church for Mass. The Eucharistic Fast, the abstaining from all food and drink (except water and medication) 1 hour before the reception of Holy Communion, is imposed upon us that we can mentally prepare ourselves for the Mass and be spiritually more attentive to our need for God. This fast reminds us that the Mass is a real encounter with God, and that our reception of the Bread of Life is the consumption of the very Flesh and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Eucharistic Fast powerfully assists us to consciously participate in the Mass, by preparing our minds for the real encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.