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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Welcome
2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Happy New Year! & A Blessed Epiphany!

I hope you have experienced moments of joy and wonder and beauty in these past few weeks. I also hope you feel renewed in your awareness of God's profound love, and strengthened to love even more in the year ahead.

The photo in the coversheet was taken from my home in the morning of Christmas Day. It reminded me of the verses in Lamentations 3:22-23; "*Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. **They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.***" My favourite hymn, ***Great is thy faithfulness*** also has a line with these verses. As we embark the journey of new year, it is my prayer that you will find God's faithfulness each day.

Arohanui *Yukiko*

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: We three Kings
Gospel: O little town of Bethlehem
Offertory: O Come ye faithful
Recession: Give me oil in my lamp
Music: Trish Gosper

Readings for 4th January

1 st Reading:	Isa 60:1-6
Psalm	Ps 72:1-7,10-15
2 nd Reading:	Eph 3:1-12
Gospel:	Matt 2:1-12

This week's summary:

- 1st Reading: The return of the Jews from Exile in 538 BC is a sign to all nations to acknowledge the actions of a God who saves and restores.
- 2nd Reading: Paul explains to Ephesian Christians that his ministry is, principally to the peoples of all cultures, including Greek and Roman. It is also a faith which comes out of his Jewish heritage.
- Gospel: The visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus is a story full of imagery. The whole universe as well as the world of human thought and knowledge pay homage to the Christ child.

Sentence

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60: 1*

Collect of the Day

**Jesus, light of the world,
let your bright star stand over the place
where the poor have to live;
lead our sages to wisdom and our rulers to reverence.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

Liturgical Colour: White

Rosters this week

St Michaels

Prayers & presiding	Yukiko
Readings	Bruce

Holy Cross

Sacristan	Val D
Welcomer	Trish D
1 Readings	Alison Thompson
2 Readings	Linda
Presiding	Yukiko
Prayers	Robert
TV Setup & Slides	Gary
Morning Tea	Gary and Linda
Flowers	Ria

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A Prayer for The Epiphany by Joyce Rupp

Radiant One, every day is an epiphany in which I, too, can pay you
homage.

Every day I can kneel before you and open the treasure chest of my life.

In there, I find unending gifts of every kind to offer you.

Every day I bring my gratitude for you, my desire to grow more loving,
my longing to be true.

Divine Light, I give these gifts and so much more. The treasure chest is
boundless. Each time I reach within I see you smiling
at my gesture for you, great

Giver of Gifts, have placed each treasure there. You greet my gift with
welcoming pleasure when it returns back home to you.

Bestower of Gifts, thank you for all that my treasure chest of life holds.
I will look daily for my persistent star of recognition.

May it stand boldly over the house of my heart where you dwell,
so that I will be aware of your presence and pause to give you homage.