

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

Parish Priest: Fr. Alejandro López, OFM Conv.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** On behalf of the friars and staff of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, we wish you and yours a most blessed and joyous 2020! May the Lord continue to help us to grow in holiness throughout the gift of this year!

**THIRD COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION** We've collected a sum of \$6,654.10. Our parish quota is \$11,126. Please help us reach this target. A third collection will be taken up this weekend. Thanks so much for your generosity in advance.

**HAVE A CUPPA' WITH US!** Join us for a Parish Morning Tea after 9am Mass **this weekend on Sunday, 5 January**, at the main entrance to the church. Come say hello, meet other parishioners and grab a biscuit for the kiddies! Volunteers needed for future cuppa's...can you help? Call Beth Aguilera at 0402 304 451.

**THE PARISH KNITTING GROUP** resumes on **5 February 2020** which is the first Wednesday in February. Anyone is welcome to join the group without notice, between 10am and 12 Noon on Wednesday mornings in the parish office.

**OLOR YOUTH GROUP** resumes on **2 February 2020** which is the first Sunday in February. The group usually meets on the first and third Sundays of the month. Anyone in year 7-12 is welcome to join. Come to the 6pm Mass. Those with musical talent are encouraged to practice with the Youth Choir from 4pm until 6pm Mass. If you can't make the Mass, simply join us for our fellowship afterwards (from 7-8.30pm) in the old parish hall. Pizza will be provided!

**OLOR YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** resumes on **7 February 2020** which is the first Friday in February. The group usually meets on the first and third Fridays of the month. Anyone 18 years and older is welcome to join. Come to the 7 pm First Friday Mass/Adoration/Benediction and then its off to the friary for dinner with the friars followed by faith sharing. If you can't make the Mass, simply join us for our fellowship afterwards (from 8pm on) up at the friary.

**OFFICE FOR WORSHIP LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES** The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again, commencing early February 2020. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship at [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org) or phone at 8838 3456.

## FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Fr. David Blowey, OFM Conv., Rector  
6.45am Weekday Mass followed by Confession.  
Open daily 6am to 6pm.  
Come visit and pray in quiet beauty.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office**  
Open 9am-4pm Monday - Friday  
8 Diana Ave  
(PO Box 21) Kellyville, NSW 2155  
Tel: 9629-2595

**HELP WITH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS?** The Poinsettias in the Church for Christmas cost \$2,150.23. Please contact the parish office if you would like to cover some of that cost so that it doesn't make a dent in our renovation fund. May God bless your generosity!

**SPEAKING OF RENOVATIONS** If you missed the presentation recently, our latest plans are on our website at: [olorparishkellyville.org.au](http://olorparishkellyville.org.au) Visit the site and see the exciting new plans for our parish in 2020!

**A SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR** is needed for Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville to facilitate with the preparation of children and their families for each of three Sacraments/year. The position is paid and offers 15 hours per week. Hours are flexible except when sacraments happen. The parish needs someone who can present to large groups (both children and parents), exudes confidence and knowledge of the Faith, can work with computers, is organised and a self starter, and has a positive attitude and flexibility to support our families. The Sacramental Program commences April 2020. Please submit an expression of interest to our office administrator at [admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au](mailto:admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au)

**OPEN HOUSE OF THE NEW SCHOOL** Fr. Alejandro will conduct guided tours of the new OLOR school building following the 9am and 11am Masses next Sunday. If you would like to see the new facilities, please meet Father by the office entrance at 10.15am or 12.15pm after Mass.

**NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH AND FRIARS** Dear parishioners, perhaps you have already noticed new "tap and go" credit card machines near the main entrance of our church. Please feel free to use these to help support our parish renovation project. Just \$10 from each of you (weekly or monthly or just once in a while or even just once) would help us immensely. With God's help we can collect the money we need to make our church more beautiful. In addition, there is a **separate** "tap and go" credit card machine to assist the friars. We will be having more expenses this year as postulants (those discerning a call to our way of life) will be living with us, such as Mitchell Gallagher. Just \$10 from each of you (weekly or monthly or just once in a while or even just once) would assist us in paying our bills. Please consider giving to either account. If you wish to give more, tap again and again. May God bless you for your generosity.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 DELEGATE NEEDED** Please discern if the Lord is calling you to represent the local Church in Parramatta at the upcoming Plenary Council. Two delegates will be chosen from the "presbyters and others of Christ's faithful." For more info contact Richard McMahon or Tanya Quinn at the 8838-3441 or via email at [pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org](mailto:pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org)

Thank you for last week's parish collection of \$2,578.55

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## OLOR PARISH SCHEDULE

**Mon. 7pm Mass** followed with Divine Mercy Novena, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
**Confessions 7.30-8pm**, Benediction at 8pm.

**Tues. 7pm Mass** followed by St. Anthony Novena

**Wed. 9.15am Mass**

**Thur. 9.15am Mass**

**Fri. 9.15am Mass** with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction at 11.45am  
**On First Fridays: 7pm Mass** followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
**Confessions 7.30-8pm**, Benediction at 8pm.

**Sat. 9am Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion 9.15am Mass**  
**Confessions 9.45-10.15am and again 5pm to 5.45pm**  
5.50pm Angelus  
**6pm Vigil Mass**

**Sun. 7am, 9am, 11am Masses**, 5.50pm Angelus, 6pm Mass

## MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 53rd WORLD DAY OF PEACE, 1 JANUARY 2020:

Peace, in effect, is the fruit of a great political project grounded in the mutual responsibility and interdependence of human beings. But it is also a challenge that demands to be taken up ever anew. It entails a conversion of heart and soul; it is both interior and communal; and it has three inseparable aspects: peace with oneself...; peace with others: family members, friends, strangers, the poor and the suffering, being unafraid to encounter them and listen to what they have to say; peace with all creation, rediscovering the grandeur of God's gifts and our individual and shared responsibility as inhabitants of this world, citizens and builders of the future. - For the full text visit: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco\\_20181208\\_messaggio-52giornatamondiale-pace2019.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20181208_messaggio-52giornatamondiale-pace2019.html)

## CATHOLIC PRAYER FOR RAIN

God our Father, You created our earth to nourish us and give us life. And Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us. We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that You look with favour on our drought stricken land, our starving animals and failing produce. Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought. In Your loving providence send abundant rain soon and renew the faith of Your people and the face of our land. We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who gives new life to all living things. Amen. Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Pray for us; St Mary of the Cross Mackillop - Pray for us.

**WANT TO HELP WITH THE DROUGHT OR FIRE?** Consider donating to our local chapter of St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you are in need of assistance or are looking to volunteer, visit a local Vinnies store or call on 13 18 12 or visit [www.vinnies.org.au/nswbushfires](http://www.vinnies.org.au/nswbushfires) the website to donate to the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal.

**WELCOME FR. TONY FOX** who is visiting with us for a week of holiday. Please be sure to welcome him home as he has ministered as Parish Priest to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish not too long ago.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** Giuseppina Rossi, Tracy Capdor, Stephanie, Christopher Anthony, Niko Juanengo, Peter Prizas, Diosdado Deang, Leo Keutman, Helen Lewis, Moira Maroney, Winnie Smith, Robin Banks, Amanda Webb, Annalise Sherlock, Ricardo Patane, Michelle Nickols, Michael Dimech, Fallon Weinman, Chris Ransom, Avelina Iberra, Saja Derbas, Nigel Napoli, Denise, Antonietta Cigolini, Amelia Williams, Kim Kenna, Leonie Hite, Arnel Galeng, David McHenry, Andrea Bioco, Lily Eyles, Dodoy Calisura, Guida Lambropoulos, Vitaliana Terrado, Antonino Pull, Winston Nickols, Betty Muldoon, Bev Swann, Carmelo M Ortea, Liam Newland, Elvie Anderson, Josephine Murphy, Fran Clarke, Barbara Higgins, David Got, Floralba Gonzalez, Caleb Peter Newland, Maria Glinka, Doreen and Dudley Fernando, Rita Terese Keogh, Wieslawa Kielich, Cosimo, Mary Arrowsmith, Sarah-Jane Bailon, Jo Fuller, Peter Crocker, Concordia Llave, Angelique Vanjour, Michelle Climpson, Therese Sergi, Matthew Francis Crowley, Miguel Cayari, Julie Windle, Marie Milligan, Scarlett Lizano, Daniella Gularte, Monty Roughe, Gary Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Margaret Loscialpo, Christopher Dean, Mark de Vries, Susan, Waliamma Naidu, Bev Schnellen, Charlene Lucre, Marshall Charles, Janae Winpe, Joelle Fameli, Nancy Margaret Courtney, Janis Murphy, Eunice Ally, Andrew John Foley, Paul Karam, Charlene Charlston, Marie Adolphe, Felix Weinman, Iolanda Giannetta, Brian, Lucy Farrugia, Marie Raijanayagam, Christopher Youl, Clement, Joseph Vella, Tony Weinman, Phil Nickols, Angela Vasta

## Parish Schools:

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## MASS & MINISTRIES - 4/5 JAN 2020

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ramon Rendon Volunteer and Josephine Calangi Sr. Mary Noonan and Meaghan Staples
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Huber Karla Barnes and Nancy Comito Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Caswell Ann Maddy and Carol Caswell Joyce Weinman and Margaret Samuels
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ed Cecilia Adrian Francis and Maryse Emmanuel Evelyn Romero and Felicia Borgona
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ferdinand Villanueva Jane Lapidario and Maria Remiendo Joseph Lumapas and Ana Mustafa
Counters:		Susan, Jan and Tessie
Church Vacuum:		Youth for Christ

## MASS & MINISTRIES - 11/12 JAN. 2020

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Allen Fernandez Leonard Pinto and Francis Patag Paul Lam and Rebecca Neylan
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Greg Boland Karla Barnes and Walter Bradstock Tracy Hoey
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Allen Fernandez Vincent Knight and Minal Menezes Mylene Sarmiento and Norma Evans
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Alex Cecilia George Castline and Vincenza Sanders Dolores Estabaya and Felicia Borgona
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Lorence Tan Rowena Villanueva and Jane Lapidario Annette Tan and David Warren
Counters:		Eddy Purnomo and Cecilia Wijanto
Church Vacuum:		Community of the Risen Lord

## MASS INTENTIONS 4 - 11 Jan. 2020

<b>Sat. 4</b>	11am	Joe Andrade
	6pm	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Sun. 5</b>	7am	Krivacic family
	9am	Ernesto, Maria Rosa & Jeannette Murdocca
	11am	Vincenzo and Rosa Mesiti
	6pm	Anne Moffat
<b>Mon. 6</b>	7pm	Andy Zahra & Wayne Holland
<b>Tues. 7</b>	7pm	Neville & Beryl Bareham
<b>Wed. 8</b>	9.15am	Intention of donor
<b>Thur. 9</b>	9.15am	Intention of donor
<b>Fri. 10</b>	9.15am	Lloyd Carter
<b>Sat. 11</b>	11am	Intention of donor
	6pm	<b>PRO POPULO</b>

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

05 JANUARY 2020

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / A

THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chron 19:12

**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.**

#### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**R. And with your spirit.**

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: Lord have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

#### GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

#### WE WALK IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS

The coming of the Wise Men (Magi) from the East to pay homage to Israel's newborn King fulfils the prophet Isaiah's vision (told in the First Reading) of the nations streaming to Jerusalem, to place their riches before God.

Many peoples in the ancient world shared a belief that extraordinary manifestations in the heavens signalled the birth of persons destined to be great leaders. Through the wisdom of their people and their own scientific investigations (astronomy), these wise ones have seen in their eastern homeland a new star. They calculate that the star points to the birth of a 'King of the Jews' destined to be significant for all peoples.

Determined to pay homage, they follow the star to Jerusalem. There they are at a loss until the scriptural wisdom of Israel, related by the chief priests and scribes, points them further to David's city, Bethlehem, where finding the child Jesus with Mary his mother, they do homage and place their gifts before him.

Thus a blend of scriptural revelation and their own cultural wisdom have brought them securely to their goal.

Their coming and their enquiries have caused 'disturbance' in Jerusalem and stirred up Herod's treacherous designs, foreshadowing the Passion. Nevertheless, their coming—aided by the wisdom of their people—and the gifts they bring, foreshadow the cultural diversity of the later Church.

We walk in the footsteps of these wise ones, sharing their longing, their faith, and the joy of their discovery. We bring our own gifts to the Lord, confident that they too will be graciously received.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### HOMILY

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

#### PREFACE OF EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

#### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

#### LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

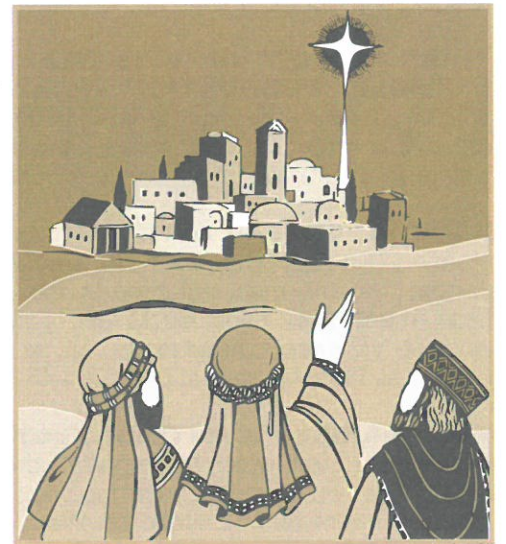
cf. Mt 2:2

**We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**



#### COLLECT

P. O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### FIRST READING

Isa 60:1-6

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

*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 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.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

##### RESP PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-13 R.v.11

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

1. 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.**

2. 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.**

3. 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.**

4. 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

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.**

*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.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

##### 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

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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