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2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6;  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

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

### Parish Office

Monday- Friday 9am-5pm (Closed 1pm-2pm)

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### MASS TIMES

#### Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

**Sat:** 12noon, Vigil 6pm  
**Sun:** 8am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm,  
**Mon-Sat** 12noon,  
**Tues/ Wed** 6.30am  
**Thurs & Fri** 5.40pm.  
**Novena** 11.30 -12.00noon Thursday  
**Reconciliation:** Sat 11am (1hr) /5pm (1hr)  
**Anointing Mass:** 2nd Friday 12noon/5.40pm.  
**Marian Novena & Rosary:** after 6pm Vigil Mass.

#### St. Margaret Mary's

**Sat:** 5.30pm.  
**Reconciliation- Sat:** 5.15- 5.25pm.

#### Baptisms at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

1.15pm 2nd, 3rd & 4th **Sundays (Contact Office)**

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A word now about two essential bits of human wisdom, not forgetting that grace builds on nature. The first is that **the way we think influences the way we feel**, so that **we cannot blame anyone else or anything else for the way we feel**. Whenever, for example, I feel impatient or irritable with someone or some situation, I always pause and ask myself what is my attitude, my way of thinking about the person or situation. If I can adopt a compassion approach to the person or situation, as Jesus would, then my feeling would become one of compassion. It took a long time for me to adopt this approach, to make it my own, and even now can still be a challenge at times. But it makes for a calmer and more peaceful life.

The other piece of human wisdom is much harder to make our own, because all the advertising media keep pushing the opposite. **Happiness does not consist in the satisfying of our desires, but rather in becoming ever more Godlike**. We are made in the image and likeness of God, who is love, the Trinity, a communion of love of the three Persons in the Trinity, who live in us and hold us in being. So our happiness lies in our continually trying to love others. **Our natural self-focused approach is to do what we like and avoid what we dislike**, whether it be to hang around people we like and avoid those we dislike, or to eat only what we like and avoid the foods we dislike, as opposed to eating what is good (= healthy) for us and avoiding what is bad (= unhealthy) for us. It would not have helped us if we grew up in a family that pandered to our likes and dislikes, especially regarding food, perhaps in order to keep the peace. I wonder what impact this has on some general health issues that are of concern these days in the wider community. Underlying the emphasis on acts of self-denial in Lent, for example, is the dynamic of trying to limit the impact of our tendency to do what we like and avoid what we dislike. This helps us to become less self-focused, less self-centered, less selfish, and more focused on loving others, which God takes as loving them, the Trinity. Doug Smith, MSC

**READERS NOT ON EMAIL:** The next roster will go from **28/29 Jan until 01/02 April**. If unavailable during any of that time please let Maureen know by **this Tuesday 10 Jan**.

**Deceased:** Redentor Fajardo, Herbert Edgar Kelly, Claude McBeath  
**Anniversaries:** Jack Franks, Freda Campbell, Patricia Pilgrim, Prudence Cox, Teodoro Tecson, Jeanette Tecson, Emmanuel Cruz, Ibarra Cruz, Ely Barsaga.  
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