



ST. THÉRÈSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH EDENVALE

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4th January 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Clergy:

Rev. Fr. Jonathan Petersen OMI

Rev. D Gregory (Deacon)

Rev. F. Graham (Deacon)

Rev. P. Rohrbeck (Deacon)

Entrance Antiphon

Vigil Mass: Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the east and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

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

First Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm 72

R: All nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

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 great peace till the moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth. **R**

3. The kings of Tarshish and the islands 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 needy when they cry, the poor, and those who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy. **R**

Second reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation:

(Matthew 2:2)

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

Communion Antiphon:

Vigil Mass: The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

Day Mass: We have seen his star in the east and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Reflection:

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet.

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COMMUNITY

VARIOUS INTENTIONS TO PRAY FOR:

*Our Sick – Dear Lord, in your great compassion and love, we ask you to lay your healing hands on the sick and aged of our parish and all our loved ones.

*The Unemployed – Dear Lord, we pray for those struggling to find employment, that through their hardship they will put their faith and trust in you.

*Those who are grieving: – O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for January:

For Prayer With The Word Of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

SACRAMENTS AND PREPARATION

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you have a family member in the parish who is housebound and in need of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a course of instruction before the baptism of their child. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment. Please ensure that you book your baby's baptism date with the office. No baptism will be done without a booking.

MARRIAGE

Couples are required to attend a pre-marriage course of instruction or an Engaged Encounter weekend. Please Contact Fr. Jonathan three to six months before the event.

CATECHETICS

Please diarise enrolment dates for 2026 Junior Catechism: Phases 1 – 3 (Reconciliation and First Holy Communion **Saturday 17th January at: 10am**

Coordinator: Mary-Ann –
maryann@ntnis.co.za or 082 877 9066
Kids for Christ: Phase 4 (Youngsters who have received first communion)

Saturday 24th January at: 10am

Coordinator: Gaily -
gailypillay@gmail.com or 083 589 0063

Senior Catechism: 3 phase course (traditionally starting in Gr 8) leading to Confirmation.

& Bridging Classes:

Saturday 31st January at: 10am

Coordinator : Leisle –
leisle.williams@icloud.com
or 082 923 1256

These meetings will take place in the church hall and run from 10am to 12 noon for all phases. Parents attendance is compulsory to ensure your child's registration.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is intended to instruct in the Catholic Faith those adults who are seeking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation. RCIA is your compass to the Catholic Faith. Please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with **Fr. Jonathan**.



CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2025

Mon 5th Jan. to Fri 9th Jan: 8.30am daily Mass

NO EVENING MASSES

The Office will function on an emergency needs only

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

God reveals himself, if only you could open your eyes!

Today the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Epiphany.

"*Epiphany*" means manifestation. It refers to the manifestation of a glory of the Saviour that was hidden to all humanity. Today's gospel presents some magicians from the East, who, from distant lands made a long journey guided by a star, came to visit the child. They want to worship the king of the Jews who, they say, has just been born.

Tradition has given names for these magicians: Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar. It has also made them belong to the three main races of the earth: white, yellow and black. Tradition also transformed them from wizards into kings. In such a clear way the evangelist tells us that the Magi were the representatives of all the peoples and races of the earth. The gifts they brought him: gold, incense and myrrh, are signs of that recognition. They are gifts for a king which were never given to anyone else.

Moreover, there is another important factor, also simultaneously presented in the Gospels: the evils of betrayal. For this new-born king, the betrayal is not something that happens at the end of his life... he had to live with it from the very beginning. Herod fears that the new king will take away his power. Despite being a helpless child, Herod feels threatened. The betrayal that will lead Jesus to the cross is already shown germinating in the minds of people in power. God reveals himself, but if only you could open your eyes to see Him!

We too recognise in Jesus the saviour of our lives. With the Magi we adore Him and confess Him as our Saviour. After paying homage to the new-born King, "The Magi went to their own country...". What would they say, what would they do... from what they found in Bethlehem? That is what it means to be a missionary: to announce with words and to show with actions that God is with us and for us in the person of Jesus, opening for us paths of new life. After listening to the Word of God and receiving him in the Sacraments, what would you say and what would you do? To be "missionary disciples", in the style of the Wise Men of the East, is a gift and a task that we are reminded of on the feast of the Epiphany.

NEXT WEEK

11TH JANUARY 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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REGULAR MASS TIMES

Please see Christmas timetable on Page 3

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday	17h00
Sunday	07h30 ; 09h30 ; 17h00

Weekday Masses

Monday	08h30
Tuesday	06h15
Wednesday	School Mass at 08h00 17h30
Thursday	08h30
Friday	06h15 & 17h30
Saturday	08h00

Public Holidays 08h30

CONFESSION:

Thursday	After morning Mass
Saturday	After morning Mass

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BENEDICTION

Will begin at 5pm every first Friday.

Every other Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 followed by Mass at 5.30pm.

First Friday Mass will be celebrated at Little Eden every first Friday at 10am.

First Saturday Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is prayed after morning Mass.

St Thérèse Worshipping Community:

Our Vision

*A pilgrim community striving to be a
visible expression of God's presence
to everyone through faith,
hope, unity, and love.*

Our Mission

*A Church that lives by faith, is
recognised for its love, and is a voice
of hope to the community and
Beyond.*