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Mass Times	Tues 09h30	Wed No mass	Thurs No Mass	Fri 08h00	Sat 08h00 17h00	Sun 07h30 10h00	Confessions Tues 10h00 Sat 08h30
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Baptism of children: Book with the parish secretary and collect the form. Attendance of one short instruction is required.

Please support your parish: **“St Patrick’s Catholic Church”** Benoni, Standard Bank. Current Account number: **021 095 612** (Branch code: 013042). To join our monthly Dedicated Giving contact Tanya; bookkeeper@stpatricksbenoni.co.za or on 060 327 2998.

Our **“Society of St Vincent de Paul”** helps the poor – on our behalf – irrespective of race, colour or creed. Please support them: Society of St Vincent de Paul, Standard Bank, Boksburg, Current Account no. 220930287.

The Johnson Crane Marathon for runners comes through Benoni city early on Sunday morning 25 January. **The 07h30 mass is therefore cancelled.** Catechism is also cancelled. The 10h00 mass will be said as usual as the runners will have gone.

The Divine Mercy chaplet will be said every Friday at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Catechism 2026

Young people's catechism **REGISTRATION** takes place in the big hall on Sunday 18 January from 08h00. Catechism classes begin on Sunday 1 February at 8.15am.

Adult instruction **REGISTRATION** (for Catholics requiring First Communion and Confirmation, and for adults wanting to become Catholic) is on Sunday 18 January in the Boardroom from 8.30. This class is not for school pupils. Classes begin on Sunday 1 February at 08h30. Come to the parish office.

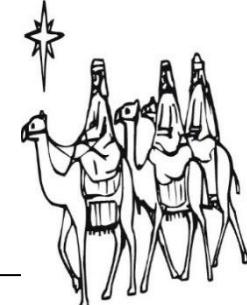
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Today is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

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The Magi were searching for Christ. When they found him, they worshipped him and offered him gifts. Since then millions of people have followed in the footsteps of the Magi and come to Christ. We count ourselves among those fortunate millions. Let us open our hearts and minds to encounter Christ today in this mass and offer ourselves as gifts to him.



Rise up in splendour! (Isaiah 60:1)

Today we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, Gentiles from the East who came seeking the King of the Jews. Their arrival in Bethlehem is the fulfilment of today's first reading, in which the glory of God draws people of every nation to Jerusalem.

But look closely, and you'll find something surprising: "Your light has come," the reading says, and "the glory of the Lord shines upon you." It's Jerusalem itself, symbol of God's chosen people, that is attracting the Gentiles, not a sudden blaze of glory coming from the heavens. It's the shining witness of a people who have bound themselves to the Lord and to each other. That's where the nations will find the glory of God.

Imagine that! We ourselves—the people of God working and praying together, loving, and forgiving one another—we can be the manifestation of God's glory to the world.

If you light one candle on a darkened, moonless night, you may be able to see it from a few feet away. But if you bring hundreds of people together and give each of them a lighted candle, you might see their brightness from a mile away. Bring enough people together, and you'd see the light from outer space! That's God's vision for us. He wants us to put aside selfish, sinful, or prideful attitudes so that we can love each other and serve each other—and so be his light. He wants us to follow him, not just because it's good for us, but because he knows that a life of discipleship brings us closer together and makes us shine out to the world even more brightly.

So join the Magi and bow before the infant Christ today. But as you do, pray for the Church. Pray for your parish. Pray for the domestic church that is your family. Ask the Holy Spirit to keep purifying you, and all of God's people, so that together we can shine more brightly and draw more people to him.

"Jesus, teach us to love each other so that we can fill the world with your glory!"