

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."



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8 January, 2023— *The EPIPHANY of the LORD*



At Epiphany, the Church celebrates the manifestation of the Son of God as the Saviour and Messiah. Also called Three Kings Day, at Epiphany we recall the visit of the Magi to the newborn Jesus: "And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:9–12) The epiphany, or showing, of Jesus teaches us that Jesus' coming into the world was important to the whole world and that the Good News of Jesus Christ is meant for everyone!



VALE—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI died at his home in Rome on Saturday 31st December 2022. He was 95. His death in Rome came a few days after Pope Francis asked for prayers for his predecessor whose health deteriorated in the days before Christmas when he developed respiratory complications.

"I recall the then Prefect giving a few words of welcome. Until that moment I had only read some of his writings, which were erudite, logical, and precise. Now I encountered a gentle man, by nature a shy person, who went out of his way to be hospitable and welcoming. He quietly enlightened me that I was the first Australian to work in the Holy Office". *Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay*



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	9 January	No Mass			The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday	10 January	Mass	9.15am		Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Wednesday	11 January	Mass	9.15am		Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Thursday	12 January	Mass	9.15am		Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Friday	13 January	Mass	9.15am		Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Saturday	14 January	Mass	5:00pm		Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Sunday	15 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5:30pm	2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jacqueline (Jan) Spillane (died 23 December), Kathleen Gurr (sister of Moira Sullivan, died 16 December), Michael Slattery (husband of Bev, died 9 December aged 70), Fr Mike Champlin OP (died in USA, 14 November), Peter McDermott (son of Julie, & stepson of Brian McGarry, died 17 November), Barbara Woodfine (mother of Michael, died 15 November aged 92).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 7th anniversary on 8 January), Carl Shannon (30th anniversary 10 January), Emile Nassar (9th anniversary on 6 January), Ricki Hayes, (friend of Cecilia Kean, 5th anniversary on 7 January), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (4th anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 10th anniversary on 4 January), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 22nd anniversary on 28 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 2nd anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (37th anniversary on 29 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 2nd anniversary 31 December), Margaret Couch (Paul's Mum—5th anniversary, 25 December), Mario Severino (17th anniversary on 26 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 2nd anniversary on 24 December), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 53rd anniversary on 24 December), Nalin Singh (1st anniversary, 18 December), Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 9th anniversary 16 December), Maria Lombardo (10th anniversary on 16 December), George Thornton (5th anniversary on 15 December), Geoff Ranson (Fr David's father, 3rd anniversary on 15 December), Assunta Fraietta (9th anniversary on 5 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 8th anniversary on 7 December), Denese O'Brien (1st anniversary 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne and grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan).

FOR THE SICK:

Mitchell Lawrence (friend of Phillip King), Marian Noach, Pammie Lee (former parent St Lucy's & St Edmund's), Gerard de Silva, Mike Tighe, Philip Clump, Chris Le Gras, Lachlan Kean (nephew of Cecilia and Noel), Sally Salehian, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Lasserre Gomes (father of Linette Sardinha), Conor and Leila McCreton, Tina Northcott, Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Dymrna Hayes (sister of Maureen Kippax), Margaret Ryan (sister of Reg Gibbons and wife of Con), Cyril Littrich, Pam Gallagher, Margaret MacMillan, Leon D'Apice, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Greg McNally, John Clark, Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Patricia McGrath, Edda Fragiacomio, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Judith Hodson, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Grant Jepson, Noline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Margaret Hayes, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.



Mass Times:

Throughout January, regular weekday and weekend Mass times will be maintained.

Weekdays: Tuesday to Friday 9:15am Weekends: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am 9:30am and 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours into January:

The Parish Office will be open for reduced hours until Tuesday 17 January. The answering machine will be checked regularly so please feel free to leave a message on 9489 3221. During this time, Masses will be celebrated regularly, Sacraments available and Fr Sam on duty.

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday, 8 January 2023, the Solemnity of the Epiphany?

First reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah prophesied that the glory of the Lord will appear in Israel's midst. Kings shall come to him, and all nations will recognise his glory.

Second reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

The mystery of the Saviour who has appeared among them will be for all people, including the Gentiles and the pagans.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

St Matthew explores the events surrounding the visit of the magi, who come bearing gifts as they pay homage to the Christ child.

A Reflection for the coming week:

When they found the Christ child, the magi offered him gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Gold is the gift for kings (see 1 Kings 9:14, 28) because it symbolizes kingship and royalty—a fitting gift for the “King of kings” (1 Timothy 6:15). Gold has historically served as a most precious metal and form of currency. Some traditions further note that gold is a symbol of divinity, recognizing Jesus as God in human form. It is a pure & incorruptible metal, suitable for the One who is without sin.

Frankincense is sweet-smelling incense. Frankincense was mixed with the oil for anointing priests. Thus, it can represent the Lord's priesthood and His role as the Lamb of God to be sacrificed on our behalf (see John 1:29). The psalmist prays: “May my prayer rise before you like incense.” Like the frankincense, Jesus' life would be given up as a sacred offering in obedience to the Father for the sins of humanity.

Myrrh is associated with the death of Jesus. Myrrh was mixed with the wine and offered to Jesus on the cross (Mark 15:23) and its bitter taste is associated with the suffering Jesus endured on the cross. The use of myrrh in embalming and preparing the body for burial has also been associated with the death of Jesus.

So the three gifts are highly symbolic, reminding us that Jesus is King of Kings, Son of God, our one and only true High Priest who suffers and dies for all humanity.

We too may ask: how do I greet the newborn King, the child Jesus? Do I follow the star seeking him? Do I bring him gifts? Do I receive the gift of his salvation, his riches, his peace and his life?



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm (and FIRST Saturday of the month Mass at 9:15am)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm
and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

8.30am - 9.00am *Silent Prayer*

9.00am—9.15am *Morning Prayer of the Church*

Rosary after Mass Tuesday—Friday and after 1st Saturday Mass

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening during Lent: Adoration 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Mass is also celebrated: :

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara— Monday 7.00am

St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 12.55pm during school terms

Baptism: Preparation - last Sunday of the month.

Baptisms - 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Bookings essential through the Parish Office.

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0484 581 647 out of office hours.

Confessions:

Saturday 11.30am or by appointment. The list of times in surrounding parishes is on our parish website. We recommend you call the parish in advance to confirm times.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020/2021: Tess Denham-Fabry (Deputy Chair), Ed Scully (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Tom Waugh, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong and Roger Bohlsen, along with Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Elizabeth Webster (St Lucy's) and a representative from St Edmunds.

Parish Finance Committee: Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien

Parish Fundraising Committee: Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, James Toomey

The Parish Bank Account Number: The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) with whom the parish banks, has changed some of its processes. This means we have a new account number. In the past, we would provide the details here, however, in late 2020, the Diocese of Broken Bay advised we were no longer to advertise our bank account details in the parish bulletin or on our website. **SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?** If you deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new account number. There is no change to regular credit card contributors.

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests. It is greatly appreciated.

- The 1st Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by joining a Planned Giving scheme. Please contact the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach.

Alternatively see the "Make A Payment" tab on www.holynamewahroonga.com.au

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is located near the entrance to the church, next to the notice board. It is designed to be used by everyone. Please familiarise yourself with the use of this device at [AED Plus Step-by-Step Demo - YouTube](#) in case of an emergency.