

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

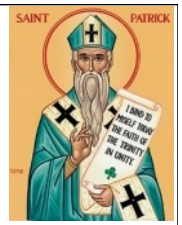
Diocese of Broken Bay

6th January 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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Recently some Christian scientists got to work trying to explain the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem.

They came up with a complicated, and no doubt plausible,

astronomical theory about how a certain brilliant star may have appeared around the time of the birth of Jesus. Though I was intrigued by their methods, I wondered why they bothered.

Matthew's wandering star is not about astronomy. It's religious shorthand for describing how the heavens preside over and guide the events of the world. The image of a star is used in similar ways in the Books of Deuteronomy, Numbers, Isaiah and the Psalms. This entire feast is all about symbols, not science. Reported by Hippolytus as early as the third century, it is celebrated twelve days after Christmas, the number itself echoing God's goodness in creating and recreating us.

The wise men's star is on a par with the other images Matthew uses. At the centre of each of the first three chapters of his Gospel there is an extraordinary event. In chapter one Joseph hears the message of an angel in a dream. In chapter two the wise men find Jesus by following a star. And by chapter three the heavens open and God speaks at the baptism of the Lord.

By any standards that's quite an opening to a biography! It's all about the manifestation, or epiphany, of God's glory in the world.

And let's look carefully at where and for whom this glory is revealed. The first instance is to Joseph while he's in bed asleep.

The second is to gentile astrologers who, by reporting their news to Herod, set up an immediate threat to Jesus.

The third instance is to all those Jews who were coming to hear John the Baptist.

Within three chapters of Matthew's Gospel the circles of God's glory revealed in Jesus become more public and change lives.

The lives of Joseph, the star gazers, John the Baptist and those who heard Jesus preach will never be the same again.

The Feast of the Epiphany is not an ancient version of Halley's comet. It is about how God's glory changes human hearts. T.S. Eliot got this point in his poem 'The journey of the Magi'.

'Birth or death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.'

And so, may this feast change our hearts and enable us to die to self, so as to be born to God's glory, that can and does shine through us. And may we remember that this epiphany is not meant for us alone, but that we are called to go public with it and demonstrate our belief in today's feast by the way we live, the world we help create, and the one we strive to recreate.



Happy New Year - 2019

As we begin this new year, with all its potential for starting afresh and keeping resolutions, we sometimes forget that we don't do anything in our lives truly alone—God is always with us, every step of the way.

The prayer below was written by James Freeman for all soldiers during World War II and it is a powerful today as it was then.

'Prayer for Protection'

The Light of God surrounds me.
The Love of God enfolds me.
The Power of God protects me.
The Presence of God watches over me.
The Mind of God guides me.
The Life of God flows through me.
The Laws of God direct me.
The Power of God abides within me.
The Joy of God uplifts me.
The Strength of God renews me.
The Beauty of God inspires me.
Wherever I am, God is!

To all parishioners, your extended families and all visitors to

Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish,
May you feel the presence of Our Lord beside you during 2019 and always.

Fr Shaju & F Shiju

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KU-RING-GAI CHASE
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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	5pm	St Bernard's
	6pm	St Patrick's
Sunday	8am	St Patrick's
	9am	St Bernard's
	10am	St Patrick's
	6pm	St Patrick's

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Bernard's	8am	Mon, Tues and Thurs.
	9am	Wednesday and Friday
St Patrick's	8am	Wednesday and Friday
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.
First Friday -	St Bernard's	
	10.30am	Adoration
	11.00am	Reconciliation
	11.30am	Healing Mass
First Friday -	St Patrick's	
	Night Vigil	7.30pm

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday	9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday	After 9am Mass at St Bernard's, (except First Friday—see above)

January Office Hours



The Pastoral Centre will reopen 7 Jan. to Fri 11 Jan 2019 between 9.30am and 12.30pm only.

If you need assistance outside these hours please phone the office and leave a message (9456 2450) and we'll get back to you as soon as we can. USUAL OFFICE HOURS will resume on Monday 14 Jan. 2019 (9am to 3.30pm).

REMEMBER: If in urgent need of a priest, the emergency number is: 0468 341 841.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 12/13 Jan. The Baptism of the Lord

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon
Acolyte/Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Barbara McMullan	Darrin Patterson	Malcolm Cross	John Messina	Keith Fone
Server	Liam Gallagher Molly Summerhayes Jessica Wilson	Tilly Chylewska Josephine Harman Sophia Harman		Sarah Croft Sam Park Leith Suyyah Abbey McAdam	Adrian Joson Sam Holm Gabiella Chahine	Anika Campos Olivia Ratcliffe John Larson
Reader	Jerome Gomez Anne Maree Hutchins	Cristina Hopwood Paul Maher	Helen Chui Paul Worthington	David De-Fina Rosemary Pendlebury	Anne Perez Susie Gates	Fiona Fone Ethleen Low
Children's Liturgy	<i>In recess until February 2018</i>		<i>In recess until February 2018</i>			
Communion to Sick	Garth Graham, Jane Hunter		Penny Loughland, Janette O'Brien			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Woods, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood, Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite(f), Annette Shapter(s)		Scott Smith, Maria Hon(f), Winston Rodrigues, Paul Mathew, Antony Davis			
Maintenance	Both teams A & B		January: Brian Gleeson, Paul McLoughlin			
Counters	Ann Hard, David Funk		Mary & Peter McAleer, Imm & Thomas Lui, Annie Wong			

Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay: Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though, exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches
Visit Housebound Fr Shaju & Fr Shiju - 9456 2450 **Nursing Home Visits:** By request
Emergency Priest 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only)
Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju – Monday Fr Shiju – Tuesday
Home Visits For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests—Please phone the office 9456 2450.
HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.
Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre, if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.

What's happening in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish

26 January: Australia Day // Republic Day India

250 Club Results drawn between Dec 20 and Jan 31 will be published in the 3rd February 2019 bulletin.



Are you travelling this New Year?

You are important to us and so we ask you to take special care when travelling over the New Year period. Enjoy your break, may it be relaxing and enjoyable but most of all please return to us safely.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Patricia Barton (Sr Paul); Betty Patterson, Esther Griffiths, Angelo Conte, Pedring Alvarado, Marcelino Cantuba. **ANNIVERSARIES:** Siew Kuan Wong, Wilson Long, Sylvia Holmes, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Eulalie Hailstone, Neil Mickelson, Deacon David Huntley, Bill McDonagh, Jack & Marie McNamara
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Paula McGaulley, Michael Quinn, June Eileen, Patricia Smith (Carlton), William Fullilove, Jwona Nowak, Jude Maatouk, Ramona Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, John Goudie, Peter Todd, Jaz Pitts, Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Greg Cooper, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Maureen Sharpe, Ewa Rakozy, Barbara Halliday, Jean Cook, Morrie Ramsden, Betty Borg, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Darcy Green, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Joson, Alfredo De Ramos, Kath Lock, Marcelina De Ramos, Patricia Pascuzzo, Cadia Maestri, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Narelle Cartwright, Dn Jim Caulfield, Tom Dawson, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Barbara & Frederick Novak, Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January: Evangelization –

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.



January Safeguarding Message:

During this Christmas Season let us be reminded that we become the face of Christ as we discern the face of Christ in the children we encounter (CESA).

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

The 2nd Collection is ESSENTIAL for our PARISH to FUNCTION FINANCIALLY

and goes to pay for all our costs, including insurance, maintenance, telecommunications, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses, the Priests' cars & petrol etc etc.

The 1st Collection: goes to a common fund outside the Parish to support priests.

The businesses below support our parish by advertising here. Please give them your support in turn.

King Tide Café/Restaurant

Owned and operated by our very own KCCP Parishioners
John & Moauli Griffiths
 Open 7 days from 8am to 4pm
Come by Car by Boat or by Train

Delicious food, fabulous service & exceptional views await YOU!

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