

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

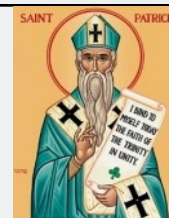
Diocese of Broken Bay

7th January 2018

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



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was

born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus.

In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a

saviour. **Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.**

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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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 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9am Wednesday,

9am Friday

First Friday- 10.30am Adoration

St Bernard's 11.00am Reconciliation

11.30am Healing Mass

St Patrick's 8am Wednesday and Friday

9am Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Sat.

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 9.30 am at St Patrick's

Every Friday After 9.10am Mass at St Bernard's,

(except First Friday—see above)

January Office Hours

The Pastoral Centre

is opening for restricted and variable hours throughout January, so please call ahead to

check if open. If the phone is unanswered please leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

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

Reflection on the Epiphany

For many of the Eastern Churches, Epiphany is the greatest feast of the year.

It reminds us of the missionary vocation of the Christian community from the beginning.

It points to the openness of Eastern people to Jesus.

As Babylonian astronomy scanned the visible skies,

the spiritual wisdom of the East kept exploring the inner horizons of human hope.

The spiritual alertness of the wise men opened a door to them. Anyone who watches cosmic and human realities in wonder and longs for Enlightenment will surely attain it.

Miracles are not only about healing ailments and multiplication of loaves; they are also about the refinement of our perceptions, transformation of our hearts, or the opening of our eyes to deeper meanings.

The Wise Men felt convinced that the star on the horizon pointed to the fulfilment of a long awaited hope of humanity.

As we admire the faith of the Wise Men, we are shocked by the insensitivity and cunning of Herod.

It is amazing how good and evil keep striving against each other in every field of human activity and every stage of human history.

But then, the star appears again, restoring joy and showing the direction.

Even at the darkest hour of human experience a light shows itself at a distance drawing humanity forward.

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ALPHA 2018~ Beginning Sunday 4 March ~MARK YOUR DIARY

Begin your Alpha journey at Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Catholic Parish.

You're invited to a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Catholic Faith. Come for a bite to eat, watch a video and have a chat and explore life's biggest questions with Alpha.

Alpha 2018 will be held at St Bernard's Parish Hall in Berowra starting on Sunday 4 March following the 9am mass.

Join us for an informal morning tea and introduction to Alpha.

Then continuing every Monday night at 6.30pm on the following dates:

March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 9, 16, 22 (Day Retreat), 30; May 7, 14.

Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish

REMEMBERS and PRAYS for....


RECENTLY DECEASED: Kenneth Tipping, Benedict Redfern, Samuel Fuda, Maureen Stone
ANNIVERSARIES: Rose Hayden

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: John Messina, Darcy Green, Brian Neary, Malcolm Cross, Ellen Asistente, Alfredo De Ramos, Marcelina De Ramos, Patricia Pascuzzo, Sam Calacoci, Matthew Conlon, Vince Hughes, Ivy Daria, John Buckley, Kath Lock, Narelle Cartwright, Arlene Joson, Dcn Jim Caulfield, Mary Fernandes, John Macy, Maciej Maciejewski, Matthew Sutton, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Barbara Jones, Robert Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, Alfredo De Ramos Sr, Barbara & Frederick Novak, Cadia Maestri, Tom & Moya.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 13/14 Jan. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1: 35-42

|  <small>KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia</small> | St Bernard's Church | | St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904) | | | |
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| | 5.00pm | 9.00am | 6.00pm | 8.00am | 10.00am | 6.00pm |
| | Fr Shiju Simon | Fr Shaju John | Fr Shaju John | Fr Shiju Simon | Fr Shiju Simon | Fr Shaju John |
| Acolyte/Snr Server | Garth Graham | Barbara McMullan | Mani Subramany | Trevor McAdam | John Messina | Keith Fone |
| Server | Megan Chung Preston Nguyen David Russell | Josh Du Moulin Max Jarominek Bridie Savage | Eliza Dodd | Sarah Croft Lachlan Donell Sam Park Leith Suyyah Abbey McAdam | Adrian Joson Sam Holm Gabiella Chahine | Anika Campos Olivia Ratcliffe John Larson |
| Reader | Alysha Berry Mark Dunkley | Denise Harant Paul Maher | Lorraine Bongloy Edwina Subramany | Rosemary Pendlebury David De-Fina | Deborah de Voss Norma De Couter | Fiona Fone Michael Halliday |
| Children's Liturgy | <i>In recess until February 2018</i> | | <i>In recess until February 2018</i> | | | |
| Communion to Sick | Jane Hunter, Jenny Prideaux | | Ellen Downey, Vincente Sanchez | | | |
| Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers | Marcia Woods, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood, Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite(f), Gisela Muschal(s) | | Pat Smith, Alison Henson, Teresa Schneider, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta (Friday) | | | |
| Maintenance | Teams A & B. | | January: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Filso Sebastian | | | |
| Counters | Ruth Maher, Philip Turner | | Chris Newnham, Jan Bennet, Angela Smith | | | |

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 | What's happening in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish |
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| <p>Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches</p> <p>Visit Housebound Fr Shaju John & Fr Shiju Simon 9456 2450</p> <p>Urgent sick calls Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery) Fr Shiju Simon 9476 8843 (Presbytery)</p> <p>Emergency Priest 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only)</p> <p>Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju John – Monday Fr Shiju Simon – Tuesday</p> <p>Home Visits For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests Please phone the Pastoral Centre 9456 2450.</p> <p>HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.</p> <p style="color: red;">Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre, if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.</p> <p>250 Club: Wk 1 (2018): 26/12/17: \$25.00 # 160 - M Stokes Wk 2: 02/01/18: # TBA</p> | <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">A snapshot of what's happening up to Easter 2018</p> <p>26 January: Australia Day // Republic Day India</p> <p>8 February: Opening School Mass at St Patrick's, Asquith</p> <p>14 February: Ash Wednesday</p> <p>February/March: The Light is on for You - Lenten Reflection & Reconciliation</p> <p>17 March: 60th Anniversary of St Patrick's School, Asquith</p> <p>1 April: Easter Sunday Alpha // Journey into Truth</p> <p>On the NOTICEBOARDS - Are full details of:</p> <p>Women in Leadership: a gift for the world April 13-15 2018 Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo.</p> <p>2018 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND THE HOLY LAND — Led by Fr Tadeusz PP of St Patrick's East Gosford: Aug 29—Sept 18.</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">WEEKEND COLLECTIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The 2nd Collection:</i> ESSENTIAL for our PARISH to FUNCTION FINANCIALLY</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>The 1st Collection:</i> goes to a common fund outside the Parish to support priests.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">The businesses below support our parish by advertising here. Please give them your support in turn.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">King Tide Café/Restaurant <i>Owned and operated by our very own</i> KCCP Parishioners John & Moauli Griffiths Open 7 days from 8am to 4pm <i>Come by Car</i> <i>by Boat or by Train</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Delicious food, fabulous service & exceptional views await YOU!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hawkesbury River Marina 9 Dangar Rd Brooklyn NSW (02) 9985 7102</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Nick Berman</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Your Local Area Specialist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P. (02) 8914 8804 M. 0411 216 332 E. nickberman@mcgrath.com.au</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">McGrath</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Francesca Parrino</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Your Berowra / Berowra Heights Specialist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P. (02) 9456 9999 M. 0415 651 740 E. francescaparrino@mcgrath.com.au</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">McGrath</p> |
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