

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH MENAI

LIVING AND SHARING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A GROWING PARISH FAMILY

Alfords Point Bangor Barden Ridge Illawong Lucas Heights Menai Woronora West



The Epiphany of the Lord 6 January 2019 Year C

First Reading from the prophet Isaiah(60:1-6)

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you .

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)**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R)**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts 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)**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R)**

Second Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians(3:2-3. 5-6)

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (2:1-12)

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.'

Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Parish Office hours:

Tuesday—Friday: 9am—3.30pm

Mass Timings:

Weekday: Tue—Sat 9.15am

1st Friday of the month: 7.00pm

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am & 10.00am

Mass at Nursing Home:

2nd/3rd/4th Tuesday: 10.30am

Blessed Sacrament Exposition

Tue—Sat: 8.30am—9.10am

Fri (after mass): 9.45—10.30am

Children's Liturgy: Sun: 8.30am

(not during school holidays)

Reconciliation: Sat: 4.30—5.15pm

Or by appointment.

Baptisms:

2nd & 4th Sunday outside of Lent

Baptism Preparation Program:

11.15am on 1st Sat of each month in the Parish Meeting Rooms

Rosary: Monday 7pm

Meditation: Wednesday: 7.30pm

We pray for better health for:

*Baby Alessia Sharp,
Barbara King,
Beatrice Gonsalvez,
Fr. Bill Hannon,
Brandon Rapley,
Himits Sarajoy Ly,
Joan Sprod, John
Miller, Johnson Tan,
Kathleen Jean-Louis,
Lily Mifsud,
Lorraine Cloney,
Marie Isbester, Mary
Baddock, Mary
Farrugia, Michael
Dugan, Natalie
Lynch, Paul Tyson,
Pauline Taylor, Peter
Harris, Peter
Atkinson, Sharon
Rapley, Simone
Hoeflich, Steve Clare,
Violet Abela and all
who are sick.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Celebrant: Dear friends, today the Christ-child is revealed as saviour of all nations. Let us pray for the light of Christ to shine forth across the face of the earth.

Reader: For the members of all the Eastern Churches, that they will treasure their ancient traditions and celebrate the festival of Epiphany with great joy. Let us pray to the Lord **(R)**

Reader: For all who shed light on the truth as writers, artists and philosophers, that they will enrich the human family with their insights. Let us pray to the Lord **(R)**

Reader: For all missionaries, whether lay, vowed or ordained, that their willingness to venture forth among diverse peoples to proclaim the good news will bear a rich harvest. Let us pray to the Lord **(R)**

Reader: For summer holiday-makers, that their time of leisure will be enjoyable, safe and refreshing. Let us pray to the Lord. **(R)**

Reader: For ourselves and our parish, that our faith in Jesus will grow deeper this year and be an encouraging sign of hope for others. Let us pray to the Lord **(R)**

Reader: For the recently deceased and for Pierre Ducasse, Belinda Menezes and Veronica Bradstock whose anniversaries of death occur around this time; that the light of Christ will guide them safely to their heavenly home. Let us pray to the Lord. **(R)**

Celebrant: God of all peoples, you have revealed the mystery of your love for us in the birth of Mary's child. Help us always to walk as children of light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary?

At all masses this weekend, couples celebrating their wedding anniversary in the month of January will receive a special anniversary blessing.

Congratulations to each of you!



Youth Group

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We will meet again after the holidays on February 3 at 6pm

ROSTER FOR 13 January 2019: (2nd WEEKEND)

	5:30pm	8:30am	10am	Ancillary
WELCOMERS	Margaret Olde & Susan Thomsson	Emma Wilson	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	Counters: John Burt & Team
ALTAR SERVERS	1A	2A	3A	
ACOLYTES	Keith Corbett	Laurie Hall	Damian Kerr	Children's Liturgy: not during holidays
MUSICIANS	Peter Olde Parish Choir	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	
READERS	Margaret Philips Luce Dunn Lesley David	Allen Oliver Maguy Nakhl Georgette Roumanos	Sally Dable Elizabeth Phillips Julie/Michael Monk	Barden Lodge Aged Care: Therese Smith & Christopher Fetherston
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	Eleanor Emmerson & Georgina Morton	Ivan Connors & Joy Ficarra	Anne McIlhoney & Adrian D'Mello	Thomas Mitchell Aged Care: Cos
OFFERTORY	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	O'Brien/Trainor Families	Monk Family	
WARDENS	Charlie Zammit	George Szymura	Paul Hill	Church Cleaning: Jasna Moric
O/H OPERATOR	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	Jessica Dable	
O/H PREPARER	Emma Gioiello	Emma Gioiello	Emma Gioiello	Church Gardens <u>Volunteer Needed</u>
PIETY STALL	Michelle	Kyoko	Dianna	