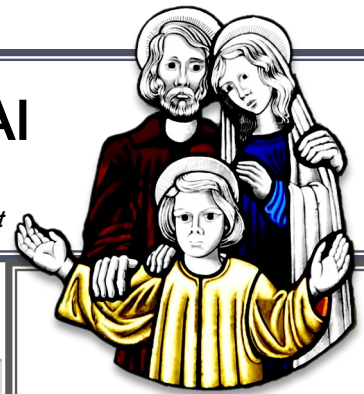


HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH MENAI

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 7 January 2024 Year B/2—Divine office Psalter Week 1

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

(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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesian (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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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 (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.

Next Sunday's Reading: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Sam 3:3-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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Parish Office hours:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 4pm

Mass Timings:

Weekday: Tue - Sat 9.15am

1st Friday of the month: 7.00pm

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am

Blessed Sacrament Exposition

Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am

Fri - 8.30am Laud's music

8.45am Divine Mercy Chaplet

9am Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)

Lauds Tue, Wed and Thu - 8.45am

Reconciliation: Sat: 4.30 - 5.15pm

Or by appointment.

Holy Communion or Visit at Home:

Please contact the parish office to arrange a time.

Baptisms: Every 2nd Sunday, 11.15am and 4th Sunday during 10am Mass (no baptisms during Lent)

Baptism Preparation Program:

11am on the 1st Sat of each month.

In your love and concern, please pray for all the sick and vulnerable members of our Holy Family community:

Robert Nicholls, Brad Jory, Donna White, Jayden, Natividad Sora, Paul Hill, Bernard Aclan, Julius Aclan, Jean Aclan, Geoff Eastgate, Joanne Mannah, Marie Collins and Chris Halvey

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Marilyn Nicholls and Johanna Nicholls.

Recently Deceased.

Norma Miller and John Cavanagh.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. - Amen -

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is

seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Heavenly Father, grant that our families too may be places of Communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Heavenly Father, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

Heavenly Father, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

What's on at Holy Family Parish

- + **Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 January** - Special Wedding Anniversary Blessing at all Masses.
 - + **Monday 8 January** - The Baptism of the Lord, Special Mass at 9.15am.
 - + **Wednesday 17 January** - St Anthony, Mass at 9.15am.
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- + **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** - Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am
 - + **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** - Fri 9am, Mass 9.15am
1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)
 - + **Lauds** - Tue, Wed and Thu 8.45am. Fri Lauds music 8.30am
 - + **Divine Mercy Chaplet** - Fri - 8.45am
 - + **Children's Liturgy** - Not during school holidays
 - + **Daily Rosary, Rosary** at 8-8.30pm on Zoom, please text (ROSARY) to 0418 433 333 to receive the link.

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HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you know of any parishioners that are homebound or in the hospital and would like a Priest to visit them. Please contact the Parish office at admin@holymenai.org.au or 9543 2677.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WITH A GLUTEN INTOLERANCE. LOW GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD IS AVAILABLE. GLUTEN CONTENT BELOW 20 PPM. KINDLY MEET WITH THE PRIEST BEFORE YOUR MASS.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Stars and Seekers after Truth



Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

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PARISHIONERS...PLEASE NOTE!

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 2 January and will re-open on Tuesday 16 January 2024. If you have any urgent queries you can call 9543 2677 and press 4 to talk to one of the Priests or you can email Fr Mani at pastor@holymenai.org.au

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ROSTER FOR 13/14 JANUARY: (2ND WEEKEND) 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	ACOLYTE SERVERS	Ivan David	Peter Mauch	Adrian D'Mello	Counters: Jeff Low's Team
	READERS	Luce Dunn Hastie Family	Allen Oliver Maguy Nakhl Georgette Roumanos	Julie or Michael Monk John Shanahan	Children's Liturgy: Not in the school holidays
	WARDENS	Charlie Zammit/Benny Falls	George Szymura/Jim Montague	Cosimo Gioiello	Heritage Aged Care: Roslyn
	MUSICIANS	Parish Choir	Jeff and Sue Low	Emma (PowerPoint and MP3)	Barden Lodge Aged Care: Ann Di Leo
	PIETY STALL	Michelle	Roslyn	Dianna G	



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

at all Masses this weekend 6/7 January, for all couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary during the month of January.



Christmas Mass Offering

Apologies fellow parishioners, I omitted to mention in the Christmas bulletin that the Christmas Offering envelopes were in the foyer. You can find them at the end of the pews.



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The wise men had to search for Jesus. Where are some of the places we can find Jesus in our world today?

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Monday 8 January 2024

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8.30am

Mass at 9.15am

"I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."
- Mark 1:8



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Help the wise men find their way to Bethlehem - watch out for King Herod!

