

THE LIGHT WE ALL FOLLOW

The Feast of the Epiphany concludes the Christmas season with the story of visitors from the East coming to honour the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

This story, told only in the Gospel of Matthew, was developed in the early Christian centuries where the Magi are given names – “Balthasar, Melchior, Gaspar” – and, in some accounts, are specified as “kings of Arabia, Persia and India”. Others call the wise men astrologers since they could read the stars; others again name them sorcerers on account of their use of supernatural or magic powers.

Matthew’s more sparse account does not specify their number, names, nationalities, occupations or regal positions. For Matthew they are just “some wise men from the East” who come to pay homage to “the infant king of the Jews”. The remarkable aspect of the story, apart from the encounter with Herod, is that these visitors to Bethlehem are, like most of us, strangers from afar, outside God’s original covenant with the Jewish people. For the gospel writer, the journey of the Magi announces that God’s covenant is no longer for a single people, but for everyone.

The word *Epiphany* means a moment of sudden, great revelation represented by a new light enabling us to see things as they really are. The birth of Jesus is that new light to announce the Good News of God’s salvation for all peoples and nations. Our response should be that of the non-Jewish Magi – but instead of worshipping Jesus with gold, frankincense and myrrh, we do so with the gifts of our different personalities, ways of life, cultures and traditions.

St John Chrysostom in the fourth century asked why the star shining in the East was only seen by the Magi? He answered that the Magi did not set out because they saw the star; rather, they saw the star because they had already set out! He adds they were searchers guided by an inner-restlessness.

Pope Francis says the Magi represent all of us who, refusing to let our hearts be frozen, have a longing to taste something of God in our lives. This longing for God is something more than a vague hope or distant expectation. Rather it is a deep movement in our hearts represented by Simeon who “longed to see the Saviour”, the Prodigal Son who “longed to return to his Father”, the shepherd “longing for his lost sheep”, and Mary Magdalene running to the tomb “longing to see the risen Jesus”.

In our contemporary culture it often seems God has gone missing! We know our world needs a new Epiphany to show the light of Christ. As such, we are all called to be today’s Magi by searching for signs of God’s presence in our world leading to the joyful celebration of the light of Christ shining on us and throughout the whole of creation.



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5th January, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord
Year A

Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

12th January, 2020

The Baptism of the Lord
Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17

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Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - 1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00-5.45pm or anytime by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00-6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00 - 7.00pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

Praying For You



Death Anniversary

Ece Panici, Luigi Panaci

Our Sick

Richard Bisnath,
Gerry & Annette Greenway,
Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen,
Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira,
John Warui, Metilde Warui,
Con Farano, Natasha Curran,
Hirute Selassie, Peter Cox,
Mary Hazel Calupig, Bill Tucker,
Margaret Evans, Rene Priest,
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Mavis Hall, Rose Thomas

2020 Columban Calendar

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Feast Days this Week		
Jan 7	Tue	St Raymond of Penafort, St Andrew Bessette
8	Wed	St Nathalan, St Peter Thomas
9	Thu	St Adrian of Canterbury, St Andrew Corsini

Rosters for 4/5 January, 2020						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Richard Serrano	Mary Ann Bombita	Lenny Dcruz	Pam Davies, Lloyd Davies Cigi Dcruz, Vivian Loh Faye Mitchell, Christy Ravanez	Elsa Rehart, Ashton Rica-Franca Joshua Rozario, Aya Van Ingen Dashiell Van Ingen, Angel Villan
Sunday 7.30am	Ann Ralston Eric Almen	Jenny Mills	Ann Ralston	Aruna Ratnasekera	Volunteer, Ann Ralston Diana Chong, Pay Tru	Ayden Ratnasekera, Joel Thomas Josés Thomas, Josey Thomas
Sunday 9.30am	Elsie T-Boundy Jackie Vogels	Robert Szlezak	Silvana Sciorilli	Nigel Hayward	Servite Sister, Lorna Mitchell Geraldine Pereira, Peta Phillips Silvana Sciorilli, Elsie T-Boundy	Thomas Armoogum, Able Biju Aron Biju, Juan Carlos Bonlongan Khryzia Casas, Emily Crestani
Tellers this week: Sidney & Esmie D’Souza, Richard Serrano					Tellers next week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak	
Rosters for 11/12 January , 2020						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Bette Lyra	Vilma Lyra	Lynette Lieveaux	Richard Serrano	Bridget Soh, Ludette Van Der Spil Sandra Wren, Remi Biju Pam Davies, Lloyd Davies	Emmanuel Armoogum, Diobett Bangayan Tristan Bettridge, Bella Bresland Athena Calupig, Matthew Costantino
Sunday 7.30am	Wendie Almen Jackie Hall	Jeanette Pedulla	Deb Wild	Clint Barnes	Peter Mack, Rod McAtee Volunteer, Ann Ralston	Michael Almen, Tom Antu Justin Kyaw-Tun, Naomi Kyaw-Tun
Sunday 9.30am	Theresa Walker Hanna Allen	Hanna Allen	Elsie T-Boundy	Dan Hewitt	Servite Sister, Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi, Volunteer Francisco Aung, Michael Ayeni	Larissa Farr, Linleigh Frasco Angel Garavillas, Paige Jacob Sanjay Jojo, Noel Justin

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Jesus, the Reason for the Season!



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May the joy we celebrate this season be
the joy we share with others.
May the peace that Jesus brings be
ours to keep.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU



Thank you to all those who were involved in making this Christmas a joyous celebration. So many people gave so much of their time and love. Thank you to those who so generously donated towards the costs of our Christmas flowers and those who arranged the flowers so beautifully. Those who set up the Christmas crib and the members of the music ministry who spent so much time in practice and then leading us into singing with joy, all the children and their parents who were involved in bringing to life the Christmas Story for the Vigil Family Mass, the readers and commentators, the acolytes and altar servers, the collectors and sacristan, those who donated the chocolate for the children, and those who organised the cake and wine after the Midnight Mass. Thank you too for bringing your relatives, friends and neighbours to our Christmas Masses.

I would also like to thank all of you for your many gifts, well wishes and support.

May the peace of God's Love be with you always.

Sincerely,
Fr Philip

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Winners

1st Prize: Carmen Pace

2nd Prize: Ann Rawlston

3rd Prize: Maryie Platt

4th Prize: Greg Drewett

Funds raised from raffle tickets was
\$1,100.00

Thank you for all your support.

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome and thank you to Fr Richard Rutkauskas who will be celebrating Mass this weekend.

Flowers for Christmas

We thank all those who have contributed towards the cost of our flowers for Christmas. May God continue to bless and keep you and your family as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Parish Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed from 23rd December to 7th January 2020.

A heart felt thank-you to all our parishioners that donate their time by volunteering for our Parish ministries, out-reach programs through Marycare and St Vincent de Paul, our Parish Committees and to all that have contributed to our Parish in any way. May your Christmas be filled with the love and light of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the new year be filled with many blessings.

Sincerely,

Naomi

Parish Secretary



Marycare

Our parish outreach program exists to provide assistance to parishioners in times of short term need - transport, home support, etc.

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Marycare coordinators and volunteers extend best wishes to all parishioners for a happy and peace-filled Christmas season and look forward to your continued support in the new year.



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Phone 0432 398 973 or email safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au



ACYF Thanks And Appreciation

About two weeks ago, we had over 20 youth from our very own Gosnells Parish attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. We all had a wonderful time attending various spirit inspired workshops, daily plenary sessions and meeting like minded young people across Australia. None of this would have been possible without your support and prayers especially throughout this year; please accept our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation. Please continue to support us and May God continue to bless you all in all your endeavours and undertakings. We wish you all a holy and blessed Christmas.



Vinnies

Thank You for your support for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We wish you, and your families, all the joys of Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!!



New Rosters

The roster for Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes for the next four months is available in the foyer. Please ensure that you collect a copy for your reference at home. Once again thank you for your service to our community.



Thank You and Goodbye

Thank you Fr Philip and everyone in the beautiful Gosnells Parish for supporting and helping me during my stay here. I felt very happy with blessings from God. I like this community because you are friendly and each of you are gifts which God sent to me. I will go to Melbourne to serve the Vietnamese people for 4 years. Please pray for me as I will also pray for you so that I would become a genuine witness for Jesus Christ to bring Good News to everyone, especially for the poor people and those who are abandoned in society. May God bless you always. Merry Christmas and Happy a New Year. Thank you. Fr Hieu Nguyen, CSsR.

A Weekend For Your Marriage

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Catholic Faith Renewal

We wish to remind you about our coming Weekend Retreat By Fr Gino Henriques. "The Joy of the Gospel" Friday, 1 May, 6.00pm to Sunday 3 May, 5.00pm - 2020. Advent Park 345 Kalamunda Rd, Maida Vale. Each day will begin with morning Prayers and Praise & Worship, followed by teachings from Fr Gino. Daily Holy Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. More details to follow nearer the date. For more information please call Charles 0413 755 799, Ron or Rita 0422 917 054 or email: catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com

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