



PARISH MATTERS

The Parish of Sydney City South acknowledge the Gadigal People, the traditional custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation of this land.

8 January 2023 | Epiphany of the Lord

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January Office Hours:
(Office reopening Tue 10 Jan)

Tuesdays & Thursdays
10am to 2pm
(Closed all Public Holidays)

A request from Sr Rosemary:

Sr Rosemary will gladly take all old Christmas cards to be recycled into children's Christmas craft at the end of the year.

Pass cards on to Sr at mass or leave them at the back of the church in a bag with Sr Rosemary's name on it.



First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

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.)**

3. 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.)**

4. 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.)**

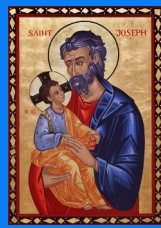
Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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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For details of our Parish Giving program including monthly donations via credit card contact the Parish Office, tax deductions are available.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Anthony Collins, Elizabeth Saliba, Mary Tesoriero

Anniversary: Fay Hayden (7/1), Vicki McNab (8/1), Eileen O'Connor (10/1), Catheron Gleeson (11/1), Rosemary Cooley (13/1)

Deceased: Domenico Verardo, Mary Nappa, Annie Poulton, Fr Kevin Muldoon, Arthur & Janice Gray, Ethel & George Gray, Bill & Pat Clarke, John & Eileen Dennett, Arthur & Edna Dennett, Sydney & Violet Green, Hazel Holly, Arthur & Rose Dennett, Gino Mio, Rosemary Cooley, Bill, Muriel, Marc & Jamie Wickert, Shirley Turner, Sr. Patricia Wilkinson, Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins, Jay Rosenstrauss.

All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them, All Souls of the Unborn, All souls in Purgatory.

Those who are sick: George Scibberas, June Elliot, Theresa Flores, Lyndall Storey, Brian & Marilyn Manton, Margie Humilde, Nhia Nguyen, Marina Fox, Jo-Anne Davies, Maureen Maher, Lidia Freitas, Sr Dominic Furlong OSU, Ana Lucia Solorzano, Jack, Ruby, Samsia, John Cooley, Christina O'Connor, John Gavan, Geraldine Carrington, Therese Mullaney

If you wish to be included in bulletin lists, please email the Parish Office.

For Mass Intentions please email before 10am Friday. Donations can be made via website or given to Fr Paul directly.

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Rosters		Readers
5:00pm	This	Lenette Carter
	Next	Geraldine Marcellion
7:30am	This	Michael Burns
	Next	John Sciberras
9:00am	This	Abbey K
	Next	Amelia K
11:00am	This	Sr Esmey
	Next	Sr Rosemary

If you are not available on your rostered date, please contact the Parish Office before 1pm on Friday so an alternate reader can be organised.

Financial Update

Week Ending 1 January

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 647
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program)	Supports the Parish	\$ 693

Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

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

Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you became flesh. Lord have mercy.
You offer us salvation. Christ have mercy.
You lead us rejoicing to the Father. Lord have mercy.

OR

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Gloria 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.

Nicaean 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 and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

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.

Holy Holy (Sanctus Latin) Vigil Mass

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Lamb of God (Latin) Vigil Mass

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

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quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East,

and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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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Mass Times This Week:

Weekday Mass Times

Monday 9 January

NO Liturgy of the Word
(returning 16 January)

Tuesday 10 January

Mass to honour Servant of
God Eileen O'Connor:

St Brigid's Coogee, 11am

Wednesday 11 January

St Joseph's Rosebery,
7:30am

Friday 13 January

Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Waterloo, 8am

Sunday Mass Times

Waterloo:

5pm Sat Vigil

Rosebery:

Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am.

Reconciliation 8.30am.

Redfern: 11.00am

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Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Please note:** There will be no Wednesday morning tea at Rosebery during December/January. Wednesday morning teas will recommence in February.

- ◆ **2023 Annual Parish Dinner: Friday 2nd June 2023** 6pm-10pm at The Tea Room QVB.

The Epiphany Blessing

There is an ancient custom of marking the doors of our homes at Epiphany with blessed chalk. This ancient rite is a beautiful way of incorporating the liturgical feast of the Epiphany into the prayer life of our family. Chalk will be blessed at Mass. At the end of Mass please take some chalk and follow this Blessing Rite. The letters C, M & B stand for the traditional names for the Three wise Men who come seeking Jesus: Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. These letters also represent the word *Christus Mansionem Benediccat* (may Christ bless this abode). During the rite, your child may hold the figures of the three wise men from the Christmas crib.

Leader: Peace be upon this house and with all of us who live here. Amen!

Matthew 2:16,10-11 The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking: *where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star at it's rising and have come to pay him homage.* When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they knelt down and paid homage.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Mark the lintel of your front door 20 C+M+B 23

C-Casper; M-Melchior; B-Balthasar following the light of the star to find Jesus the Son of God who came among us 20- Two thousand; 23 and twenty three years ago + may Christ bless our home today and + remain with us throughout the year.

Let us pray,

God of mercy, fill our home with the light and love of Christ that it may be a place of hospitality and welcome. May Christ be our shelter when we are at home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.