

Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco



Our Lady of the Rosary

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Year B -

3 January 2021

Entrance Antiphon:

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



First Reading:

Is 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11

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

1. 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.)

2. 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.)

Responsorial Psalm:

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

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:

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

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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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL: Mt 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

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

Communion Antiphon:

The brightness of God illumined the holy city of Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

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Director: Fr John Walenciej SDB

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Purposely hidden.

For more information, please contact Parish Office
on (02) 9623 1962

1st and 2nd Collections:

1st Collection: for the support of the Parish Priests

2nd Collection: goes towards the weekly operating budget for the Parish.

We Thankyou for your ongoing support.

If you prefer to donate using ONLINE BANKING, details are as below:

(For 1st Collection) - PASTORAL REVENUE

BSB NO: 067 950
ACCOUNT NO: 00004414
ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Pastoral Revenue

(2nd Collection) - CHURCH PLANNED GIVING

BSB NO: 067 950
ACCOUNT NO: 00222
ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Catholic Church

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands those who are sick

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially

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Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs Bonnici
169 Forrester Rd, St Marys

RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am. Mass at 12 noon
Saturdays: 9:00am - 10:00am, 5:00pm - 5:30pm

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays: 9:30am - 8:50pm, Church (All welcome)
Friday: 8:30am - 9am

DEVOTIONS

MONTHLY 1st FRIDAY - 1st SATURDAY
ALL NIGHT VIGIL IN THE CHURCH

Friday 6:00pm - Saturday 7:55am. Mass at 8:00am

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA
Every Wednesday 7:30pm - 9:00pm in the church

COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

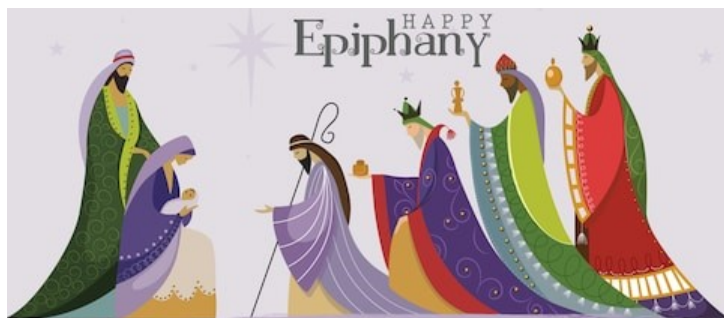
3 Jan: Epiphany of the Lord
 5 Jan: Legion of Mary, Parish Hall, 6.30pm
 St Vincent De Paul, Parish Hall Mtg Room, 7pm
 7 Jan: 7th of the Month Rosary for the Parish, 7pm
 8 Jan: Junior Legion of Mary, 5pm, Parish Hall
 21 Jan: Hall Management Meeting, 7:30pm
 24 Jan: Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary, 11:45am
 26 Jan: **Australia Day**
 28 Jan: Pre-Baptism Programme, Church, 7:30pm
 31 January: Feast of Saint John Bosco. Family Day
 at Don Bosco Youth Centre after 10:30am Mass.

There will be No 6:30am Masses this week.

Please Note: The Parish Office is closed and will re-open on Monday 11 January 2021.

Office Hours: 9:30am to 12:30pm and
 1:30pm to 3:30pm

In an Emergency, please call:
0414 590 702 or 0477 653 687



TRIVIA NIGHT
13th FEBRUARY 2020!

Come one and all to make this night
 a fun night of laughter, friendly
 banter and lots of great prizes to be won.

**Raffle tickets and Trivia tickets will be on
 sale shortly.**

Trivia Team

*If you have any New / Unwanted Christmas gifts or
 anything else you think we could use, please put them
 aside for us to collect or kindly drop them off at the
 Parish office after 11 January 2021.*

**Trivia Night final decisions will be made based
 on the Government's Covid Restrictions
 for social gatherings.**

The Epiphany Pilgrimage 2021



The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a
 not-for-profit event of the Diocese of
 Parramatta and outreach of the Blue
 Mountains Deanery.

From 2 – 9 January, pilgrims walk
 through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland
 and spend time in prayer and fellowship. Limited
 overnight registrations are available, and day
 walkers are welcome.

For more information and to register,
 visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org.

To follow the journey see [https://
 www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/](https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/)

Social Justice COVID-19

Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and
 House of Welcome are dealing
 with a 400% increase in emer-
 gency assistance calls and are
 needing to feed over 1,000
 people facing destitution each week. You can
 help by running a food and toiletry drive or
 donating yourself. For more information, contact



Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505, House of
 Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or
 JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

Natural Fertility Services is still open

Following COVID-19 restrictions, Natural
 Fertility Services has reintroduced face-to-face
 instruction. We will, however, continue with
 Zoom meetings as this has enabled more
 couples access to information.

We have educators available to teach any of
 the three methods of Natural Family Planning.
 If you would like more information, or to book
 an appointment, please contact Catherine via
 email catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or
 call 0400 427 605.

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses



Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and
 Family Office's in-person marriage preparation
 weekend courses in 2021 are now available,
 with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course
 another option to prepare for your marriage.

To book your course, call (02) 8838 3460 or
 visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp.

Hope for healing after an Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Ministries is offering three new online reflections to bring healing and
 hope to those who seek spiritual healing from grief and loss.

Register at info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or call our confidential phoneline on 0400 092 555.

Please mention you are registering for an online session. More details: rachelsvineyard.org.au

Parish Bulletin

Year of Saint Joseph

January 2-3 2021: Epiphany of the Lord 75th Anniversary Year

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year: We entrust our new year to the good Lord, and to Saint Joseph, during this Year of St Joseph. We look forward to a good year, as we celebrate the blessings of seventy five years.

No 6:30am Masses this week.

Masks are mandatory for Mass attendees

Thank you. A big thank you to the many who have assisted in our Christmas preparations in so many different ways: in particular to our sacristan ladies, Stasia, Noemi, and Margaret; our flower ladies Antonia and Grace; Primie, who organised the liturgy rosters; crib builders, Sean and his team, and Charlie and Monica; George and Denis and others who maintain the grounds and gardens; Isabella, Giselle, Noemi and Gerry and helpers for the music; Tina and Stella and helpers for the Carols by Candlelight. Thank you to Denise and Fleur who for many weeks have been organising, at great effort, our Sunday Mass attendances. Thank you again to Fenina and Beth for the beautiful 75th anniversary productions, the calendar and commemorative book. Thank you to our Parish Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council members for another year of service. Thank you to the many who do so much quietly and humbly to serve God within the parish community.

Coming up:

Thurs Jan 7: at 7pm. 7th of the Month Rosary for the Parish.

Sun Jan 10: Centenary of death of Servant of God Eileen O'Connor.

Sunday January 31: Feast of Saint John Bosco. Family Day at Don Bosco Youth Centre after 10:30am Mass.

God bless.

Fr. Brendan

Feast of the Holy Family Pope Francis' ANGELUS Message

Dear brothers and sisters, good afternoon!

A few days after Christmas, the liturgy invites us to turn our eyes to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is good to reflect on the fact that the Son of God wanted to be in need of the warmth of a family, like all children.

Precisely for this reason, because it is Jesus' family, the family of Nazareth is the model family, in which all families of the world can find their sure point of reference and sure inspiration. In Nazareth, the springtime of the human life of the Son of God began to blossom at the moment he was conceived by the work of the Holy Spirit in the virginal womb of Mary. Within the welcoming walls of the House of Nazareth, Jesus' childhood unfolded in joy,

surrounded by the maternal attention of Mary and the care of Joseph, in whom Jesus was able to see God's tenderness (cf. Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, 2).

In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it must be founded on the love that always regenerates relationships, opening up horizons of hope. Within the family one can experience sincere communion when it is a house of prayer, when the affections are serious, profound, pure, when forgiveness prevails over discord, when the daily harshness of life is softened by mutual tenderness and serene adherence to God's will. In this way, the family opens itself to the joy that God gives to all those who know how to give joyfully. At the same time, it finds the spiritual energy to be open to the outside world, to others, to the service of brothers and sisters, to collaboration in building an ever new and better world; capable, therefore, of becoming a bearer of positive stimuli; the family evangelises by the example of life. It is true, in every family there are problems, and at times arguments. "And, Father, I argued..." but we are human, we are weak, and we all quarrel within the family at times. I would like to say something to you: if you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace. "Yes, I quarrelled", but before the end of the day, make peace. And do you know why? Because cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous. It does not help. And then, in the family there are three words, three phrases that must always be held dear: "Please", "Thank you", and "I am sorry". "Please", so as not to be intrusive in the life of others. Please: may I do something? Is it alright with you if I do this? Please. Always, so as not to be intrusive. Please, the first word. "Thank you": so much help, so much service is granted to us in the family: always say thank you. Gratitude is the lifeblood of the noble soul. "Thank you". And then, the hardest to say: "I am sorry". Because we always do bad things and very often someone is offended by this: "I am sorry", "I am sorry". Do not forget the three words: "please", "thank you", and "I am sorry". If in a family, in the family environment there are these three words, the family is fine.

Today's feast reminds us of the example of evangelising with the family, proposing to us once again the ideal of conjugal and family love, as underlined in the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, promulgated five years ago this coming 19 March. And it will be a year of reflection on *Amoris laetitia* and it will be an opportunity to focus more closely on the contents of the document. These reflections will be made available to ecclesial communities and families, to accompany them on their journey. As of now, I invite everyone to take part in the initiatives that will be promoted during the Year and that will be coordinated by the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life. Let us entrust this journey, with families all over the world, to the Holy Family of Nazareth, in particular to Saint Joseph, the devoted spouse and father. May the Virgin Mary, to whom we now address the Angelus prayer, grant that families throughout the world be increasingly fascinated by the evangelical ideal of the Holy Family, so as to become a leaven of new humanity and of a genuine and universal solidarity.

POPE FRANCIS
