



# Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Year A - 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

### **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:**

**(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:** (contd)

**(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

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

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:** Mt 2:2

**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 Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

# IN OUR PARISH

## PARISH TEAM

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## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA

Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic?  
 Please invite them to contact:  
 Parish Office on 9623 1962

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the St Vincent de Paul Office beside the Parish Hall.

**Junior Legion of Mary:** meets on Fridays, 5:00pm to 5:45pm in the Parish Hall and Parish Meeting Rooms. *Young people welcome*

**Senior Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. *All Welcome to join.*

**The Cenacle:** Every Thursday after 9am Mass, you are invited to join us to pray the Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.

**Cuppa and Craft Club:** Thursdays at 9:30am, Parish Hall. Contact Parish Office 9623 1962.

**Computer Class (50 years & over):** 9.30am-11:30am Parish Hall Meeting Room. Please contact Parish Office.

**Rosary Statue:** Mr & Mrs Bonnici, 169 Forrester Rd, St Marys

**RCIA:** meets Thursdays, 7:30pm, Parish Meeting Room. *Know someone who would like to be a Catholic? New enquirers welcome.*

**Catechists:** Teaching God's Word in our State schools. Volunteers needed. Contact Maureen Watts 9623 9272.

**Mother's Prayers:** On Mondays, 10am at the MacKillop Centre.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Interested in joining? Contact Parish Off.

**Youth Choir:** Choir Practices on the 2nd Sunday of the month, 2.30pm - 4pm. Choir sings at the 9am Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month. All young people welcome.

**OLR-Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother Apostolate (PMA) Rosary Prayer:** every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month after the 10.30am Mass (11.45am) in the Church. All Welcome!

## MASSSES THIS WEEK

Purposely hidden.

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

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Purposely hidden.

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

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

Aylene Psistalr, Zarko Markovic, Rita Camilleri, Monica Galea, Damian Okeke,  
 Aivana Cabanero Vincent Nouven Michael Fleeton Imelda Ronser Margaret

Purposely hidden.

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### 1st and 2nd Collections:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: for the support of the Parish Priests.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: goes towards the weekly operating budget for the Parish. Parish weekly running costs approximately \$4000. Last weekend's 2nd Collection \$3670.85

**We Thankyou for your ongoing support.**

### RECONCILIATION

Every Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am.  
 Every Saturday: 9:00am - 10:00am, 5:00pm - 5:30pm

### ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday & Tuesday : In the Adoration Chapel, 8am-9pm  
 Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am, Mass at 12 noon  
 Thursday: 9:30am - 6:00pm (after 9:00am Mass)  
 Friday: 8:30am - 9:00am. followed by Mass at 9:15am

### Next Sunday's Readings:

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 28:1-4, 9-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17



## **COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY**

**WE WISH ALL OUR PARISH FAMILIES A  
VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR 2020**



**Sunday 5 Jan: The Epiphany of the Lord**

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

#### **Adoration Chapel**



#### **Usual Weekly Adoration Times:**

Monday 8am - 9pm  
Tuesday 8am - 9pm  
Thursday 8am - 9pm  
Friday 8am - 9pm

**ALL WELCOME**

## **OLR PARISH CUPPA & CRAFT CLUB**

Cuppa and Craft Club begins on

**Thursday 6th February 2020**

**9.30am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall**



Ladies you may be new in the Parish or recently retired and are interested in knitting, crocheting or other crafts. **Come and join us.**

## **OLR PARISH COMPUTER CLASSES**



**Start Date: 6 February, 2020**

**Venue: Parish Hall Meeting Room**

**Basic Class: 9.30am – 11.30am**

*(pre requisite for Advanced Class -*

*basic knowledge of MS Windows).*

If Interested, please contact the Parish Office for bookings.

## **ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP**

**9 FEBRUARY 2020**



Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Place: Institute of Mission

1-5 Marion St, Blacktown

Lunch & Refreshments provided.

Registrations and Further Information:

Pastoral Planning office:

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Alpha in a Catholic context:

[Lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au](mailto:Lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au).

## **PARISH MONTHLY ROSARY**



This year, Our preparatory Marian Year, for the 75th Anniversary of OLR Church.

The Monthly Rosary for the welfare of the parish will be held on the 7th of each month in the Marian Chapel at the front of the Church.

**Please come and fill the chapel. The first one will be on Tuesday 7th January at 7pm.**

*If you require transport, please contact the Parish office.*

*If any parishioner would like to help out with transport, please inform Parish office.*

## **FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

Our Altar has been beautifully adorned with flowers this year through the kind generosity of our Parishioners. Our sincere thanks to each of you for your donations.

If you wish to make donations for the flowers, please put in an envelope with your name and hand in to the Parish office during office hours. Jesus bless you.



## **OLR - DEFECT REGISTER**

**(Parish Maintenance)**

If any Parish maintenance / safety issues need to be addressed, please use the Defect Register at the Parish office during office hours (Mon - Fri 9:30am - 3:30pm). Thank you for your co-operation,

*Parish Maintenance Team*



## **CHOIR CO-ORDINATORS**

For Copyright purposes, all Parish Choirs must complete a copyright sheet before Mass.

Please leave it in the blue folder next to the Church Organ. Thank you!



## **OUR 21<sup>st</sup>...YES, 21<sup>st</sup>!! TRIVIA NIGHT**

**29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020!**

**Just a friendly reminder to put this date '29 February' in your calendar!**

More details will be available at a later date.... but as it is almost Christmas, keep in mind if you have any unwanted new gifts or anything else new you think we could use, please put them aside for us to collect in the New Year or drop them off at the Parish Office at a date to be decided upon later. Thank you. We wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Trivia Team



## **Working with children checks (WWCC)**

May we request Acolytes, Special Ministers of Communion, Youth Leaders & Choir Co-ordinators with members under the age of 16 years to kindly drop off a current copy of your WWCC to the Parish office, as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so.

**This is a requirement by the Diocese of Parramatta.**

*If you need help attaining a WWCC, contact Parish office*



## **St Marys Gardens Nursing Home**

Sun 5 Jan: Jasna Bekic, Leon Ross

Sun 12 Jan: Philip S, Gliceria F, Joseph Buhagiar



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**January 4-5 2020**  
**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
*Parish Marian Year*

*Dear Parishioners,*

**Happy New Year:** We enter a new year and a new decade. God is with us. Happy new year.

**Welcome:** This week we shall welcome our new Salesian confrere, Father Shadi Ibrahim SDB, to our community. We shall also be welcoming some Salesian brothers from our international Salesian theologate in Melbourne who will be coming to assist at Don Bosco Youth Centre:  
Jan 6-13: Br Euclidio Marques, Br Silao Moeloa.  
Jan 13-20: Br Joseph Vu, Br Foua Tea Peato.  
Jan 20-26: Br Filipe Cardoso Sarmento, Br Damian Taofinu  
Deacon Dominic will arrive on January 13.

**OLR School Anniversary:** Today, Jan 5, marks the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish school, started by Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and her Sisters in 1880, when Father James Phelan was parish priest of Penrith and St Marys.

### **Some 2020 Anniversaries:**

140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of OLR Primary School (Jan 5 1880)  
200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of arrival of Fr John Therry. (May 3)  
200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Catholic education in Australia.  
75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of end of World War II.

### **Coming up:**

**Jan 5:** Anniversary of Fr James Phelan, first resident priest of St Marys (RIP 1898)  
**Sun Feb 9:** Alpha seminar, Blacktown.  
**February:** Visit of relics of Saints Louis & Zelie Martin and of St Therese of Lisieux, their daughter.

*God bless.*

*Fr Brendan*

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### **As pope turns 83, these are some of his secrets for staying young:** (Part 2)

*Pope Francis lives in peace with himself and he's explained over the years how he does it.*

#### **Take rest in God**

Pope Francis takes time each day to "rest in God," and to discern his will. "He reveals his loving plan when we are in repose," explains the pope, adding that this rest is necessary for the "health of our spirit and of our bodies."

Even though it's difficult to create this space of quiet restfulness in God, "it is essential for hearing the voice of God, and understanding what he asks of us."

#### **Early to bed, early to rise**

Francis maintains a regular daily schedule and it's said he turns in before 9 p.m., so as to be awake by 4 a.m. He also has a short siesta after lunch.

And, well, he's at peace with himself if sleep sneaks up on him in prayer. "I sometimes fall asleep when I pray," he admitted with a smile during an interview in 2017. "St. Therese of the Child Jesus said that she did as well, but that she was still pleasing to God."

The pope explained: A believer should be with God "like a child in the arms of his father" since "this is one of the many ways to bless the name of God, to feel like a child in his arms."

#### **De-stress with prayer**

Pope Francis affirms that the best way to keep stress at bay is, simply, to pray. And he prays a lot. "I pray according to my style. I love the breviary and I always have it with me. Mass, every day. The Rosary ... When I pray, I always turn to the Bible. And then peace grows within me."

#### **Keep a sense of humor**

"Without a sense of humour, it's hard to be happy," Francis says in *God Is Young*. The Holy Father says that a Christian should always have a sense of humor because it's necessary for "enjoying life, for getting enthusiastic about things." Quoting Chesterton, he adds, "Life is much too important to be taken seriously."

In 2014, he told the Roman Curia that he prays Thomas More's Prayer for Good Humour every day:

#### **Prayer for Good Humor** by St. Thomas More

*Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.*

*Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it.*

*Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.*

*Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."*

*Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor.*

*Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.*

#### **Finally, say no to sin and yes to God**

Lastly, Pope Francis' fountain of youth is found in his clear conscience. "What ages a person isn't years, it's sin," he explains. Thus, Our Lady gives the most resplendent example of enduring youthfulness: "Her youthfulness is not in her age, nor is her beauty in her exterior appearance. ..." Francis noted. "In many paintings, Mary is represented sitting before an angel with a book in her hands. This book is Scripture. Mary always listened to God and spent her time with him. The Word of God was her secret: near her heart, it took flesh in her womb."

Following Our Lady, the Holy Father invites us all to open our hearts to the grace of youthfulness by saying no to sin and living a luminous life in our "yes" to God.

Marzena Devoud and Kathleen N. Hattrup, *Aleteia*, Dec 17, 2019

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"For Catholics it is a fundamental dogma of the Faith that all human beings, without any exception whatever, are specially made, were specially shaped and pointed like shining arrows, for the end of hitting the mark of Beatitude."

Chesterton, *The Thing*

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# *Happy New Year*