



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish
Rydalmere

The Epiphany of The Lord, Year B

Sunday, 7th January 2024

The Epiphany is the feast of the manifestation of the majesty and divinity of the newborn Saviour.

"To offer gold is to proclaim his kingship,
to offer incense is to adore his godhead,
and to offer myrrh is to acknowledge his mortality."

(Saint Odilo of Cluny)



WELCOME

Father Vincent

Please welcome Father to the parish & enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after Mass:

8am Sunday 7th January

10am Sunday 7th January

5.30pm Saturday 13th January

Recently Deceased

Patrick Boswell West,
Rolando Magsalin, Rev Dr William Aliprandi,
Denise Murphy

Anniversaries

Iolanda Cannone, Alston Mortier, Nat O'Laughlin,
Cecilia Hiutama-Purnama, John Zouki,
Clive Constables, Valma O'Mara,
Pack Hee-Yea (Columba), Radolfo Agcaioli

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Perpetual (24/7)

Wednesday 6:00pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

& 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 6:15 - 6:45pm

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

BAPTISM:

2nd & 4th Sunday of the
Month 11:30 am

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

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

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears

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: Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

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

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment. **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 the earth's bound. **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 and the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The visit of the Magi

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.

Communion Antiphon:

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

PARISH ROSTERS

13/14 January 2024

Sat Vigil 5.30pm

Sun 8.00am

Sun 9.00am

Computer Operators: Thomas Russo

Anne Marie Lyons

Glenys Oxlee

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Yolanda Urqueza

Jodie MacGregor
Helen Wong

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

THANK
YOU

Holy Name of Mary Rydalmere
would like to extend our gratitude
and thanks to
Fr John Hogan for his service to
our parish!



Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 10 February 2024

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10 February 2024 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2024 to mary.gale@parracatholic.org



Please be aware

***At the end of December 2023 over 30,000 bees
were removed from the church roof!***

The last group of bees located in the roof near the Mary Garden area are currently being moved.

Please note the Mary Garden area is closed off until further notice.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2024

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on **0460 037 795** or **mary.gale@parracatholic.org** or visit our website to enrol:
www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry

Diocesan Food Drives

Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome, which operate thanks to donations from community food drives. All parishes and schools are encouraged to run a food drive for those seeking safety in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Find out more information about how you can help at:
parracatholic.org/fooddrive or emailing james.atanasious@parracatholic.org

Catholics can receive a plenary indulgence by praying before a Nativity scene

In honour of the 800th Anniversary of the first Nativity Scene, which was depicted by Saint Francis of Assisi on Christmas Eve 1223, the Apostolic Penitentiary (The Holy See) has declared that this year, Catholics will be able to receive a plenary indulgence from 8th December 2023, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to 2nd February 2024, the feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by praying before a Nativity scene in a Franciscan church.

The usual requirements for a Plenary Indulgence also apply: To go to Confession within a week either side of the visit, to go to Mass and receive Holy Communion, to pray the Creed and to pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be for the Pope.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.



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