

All Hallows' Five Dock



The Epiphany of the Lord | Year A | Sunday 8th January

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a spirit of
service, that creates a sense of
God's presence among us.

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A Reflection by Fr Richard

Dear parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word Epiphany comes from the Greek "epiphaneia", meaning "Manifestation". After Christmas, we continue to ponder at the revelation of God to the world in Jesus Christ. The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. This great feast celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East.

In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations (See, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 528).

The magi left their homeland and their families following the star to pay homage to the baby Jesus with special gifts. They offered Jesus gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. Gold (found in palaces) - representing Jesus' kingship; the Frankincense (used in worship) - symbolizing Jesus' divinity and a symbol of his priestly role; and finally, Myrrh (used to prepare bodies for burial) - prefiguring his death and embalming.

Like the wise men we are called to search for the truth which sets us free, that's to say, constantly seeking for God in prayers and in the way we live our life. Like the wise men who recognised the infant Jesus as 'the Christ' (the promised Messiah), and brought him gifts, we are called to recognise Jesus in others and share our gifts with them.

With best wishes -
Fr Richard



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 3pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday:

8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm
Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday at 11am.






Weddings:

Contact the parish office.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Is 60:1-6 A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>The glory of the Lord shines upon you.</i></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p>	<p>Eph 3:2-3. 5-6 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians <i>The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.</i></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3 Gospel: Jn 1:29-34</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!</p>  

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
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.



Gospel Focus – Going home

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way. How could they do anything but go home another way – indeed, go home as different people? They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind. When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.

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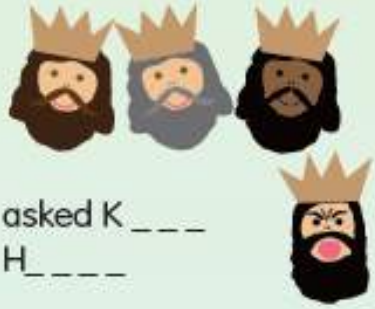
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In the GOSPEL TODAY

GIFTS FOR JESUS

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 H_____

for directions. He sent them to B_____



to find b_____ J_____

The wise men gave g_____



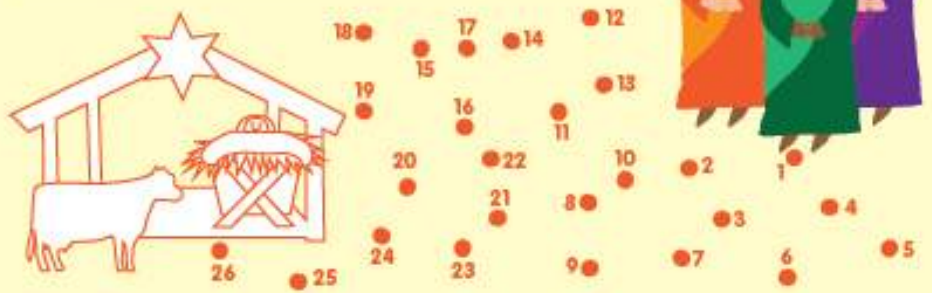
to the new baby king.



God shows how much he loves us by giving Jesus to the whole world. God leads the wise men to Jesus with a star. They travel a long way from a faraway country – but then they find him! The wise men give Jesus gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense.

Making their way to Jesus

The wise men are searching for Jesus. Follow the numbers and make a road to help them.



How many hearts?

Jesus is a special gift for everyone, not just the people from his own country. Jesus brings love to the whole world. How many hearts are covering this picture of the world?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to show your love to everyone I meet by the good and kind way that I treat them. Amen.



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Answers: 22 hearts