

All Hallows' Five Dock



The Epiphany of the Lord | Year B | Sunday 7th January 2024

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

20 C+M+B 24

The letters C, M and B stand for the traditional names for the Three Wise Men who come seeking Jesus: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters also represent the words Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ Bless this Abode). Traditionally, we mark (20 C+M+B 24) on the front doors of our homes with blessed chalk. This is what it means: The Three Wise Men (C) Caspar, (M) Melchior and (B) Balthasar – followed the light of the star to find Jesus, the Son of God, who came to live among us – (20) Two thousand and (24) twenty-four years ago. (+) May Christ bless our home today and (+) Remain with us throughout the year.

The feast of Epiphany brings to completion what the feast of Christmas began - God becoming one like us to redeem us. An "epiphany" is an appearance, a revelation or a manifestation. God continues to reveal himself to us even the simplest events and in the poorest and most humble. On this feast, we rejoice that the light of Christ has come into the world. And for us that seek re-assurance that we may always walk in the Light of Christ - the One who opens the eyes of our minds to understand God's Word & Truth to receive wholeness, Healing & Peace. This feast also calls us to lead those who seek a Saviour to the Stable - to the One who was born - to bring freedom, forgiveness & liberty.

The Epiphany, the appearance, the revelation or rather the manifestation of Jesus forces us to choose: Shall we follow the signs that lead to Him as the Magi did? Or shall we be like King Herod, the chief priests and the Scribes who refused to believe in the prophetic message that foretold Christ would be born at Bethlehem in Judaea?

With best wishes -
Fr Richard



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am (1st Sunday of the month - Italian mass), 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 12pm - 4pm

- Start: Exposition at 12 noon
- Divine Mercy prayers: 3:00pm
- Reconciliation: 3pm – 3:40pm
- Benediction: 3:45pm • Finish: 4:00pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday:

8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm

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. To read the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding policy, please visit the parish website (<https://www.allhallows.org.au/safeguarding>).



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Isaiah 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>Ephesians 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: 1 Sam 3:3-10.19 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20 Gospel: John 1:35-42</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
<p>Matthew 2:1-12 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew <i>We have come from the East to worship the king.</i></p> <p>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:</p> <p>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.'</p> <p>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.</p>



LOOK

Sunday 7 January 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Presents

The wise men brought Jesus presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What present would you bring for the baby Jesus? Can you draw it in the space below?

Why do you think this is a good present for the baby Jesus?

Three wise men follow a star until they find Jesus. When they find Jesus, the wise men fall on their knees to worship him. They give Jesus special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

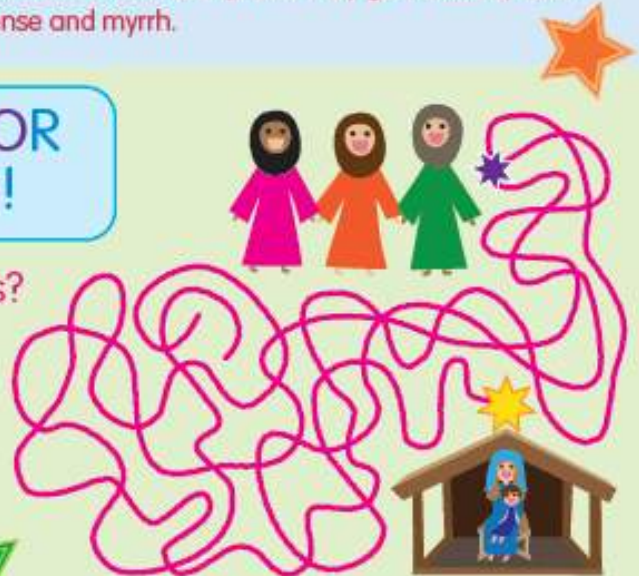
GIFTS FOR JESUS!



Where is Jesus?

The three wise men followed a star to find the new-born king.

Help them to find the way.



Coded message

The three wise men came from a different country. They spoke a different language. Can you translate the code to find out what they said?



a=	★	j=	☆	s=	★
b=	👑	l=	👑	u=	🌟
c=	★	m=	👑	w=	👑
e=	👑	o=	👑	y=	👑



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, the wise men followed the star for a very long time until they found you. Help me always to look for you in my life, even if it is not easy to see you. Amen.

Find the stars!

The three wise men followed a star that led them to baby Jesus. How many stars can you find hidden on this page?



Answers: Code: Welcome baby Jesus! There are seven stars.