



Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8 & 10am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm

Preceded by Rosary/Novena – 5.30pm

Wednesday - Friday: 9am

Preceded by Rosary -8.45am

**Vietnamese
Masses:**

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 5.30pm



Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

The Epiphany of the Lord

8 January 2023

The Earliest Christmas feast, originating in the East in the third century and passing to the West in the fourth century. Celebrates the divine 'manifestation' or 'coming'. In the East it commemorates the Baptism of the Lord and in the West the visit of the Magi. The mystery of the incarnation is now revealed to everyone in the world, represented by these wise men from foreign lands.



Thank You

to all parishioners who have helped in any way throughout 2022.

Your help has made many things possible.

Let us keep working together.



HAPPY NEW YEAR



Fr Laurie will be starting as Parish Priest at the parish of St Anthony of Padua Clovelly on 1st March 2023

Good News

The Archbishop has given the parish permission to borrow \$600000 for the construction of our Parish Centre.
Please have a look at the diagrams at the back of the church.

Hospitality 2023

A Hospitality Roster will be established from February 2023. Anyone who is willing to assist setting up hospitality in 2023 please email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com.

Mass to honour Servant of God Eileen O'Connor

Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor invite you to an annual Mass to mark the anniversary of the death of Eileen O'Connor who is on the path to becoming **Australia's next saint**.

Date: Tuesday 10 January 2023 **Time:** 11am

Where: St Brigid's Church Cur Brook and Waltham Streets, Coogee

Principal Celebrant: Emeritus Bishop Terence Brady

COVID-19 is still around - Please **use sanitiser** when you enter our church.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services operate an OSHC facility to provide before, afterschool and vacation care for our primary school children.
please contact the OSHC on 0438 118 864 or veenita.chand@syd.catholic.edu.au



St Mary's Primary School - 9727 0000 **Principal:** Monica Palmer

Playgroup - Thursday during school term in the iCentre, meet at 8.45am out the front of the church near Our Lady's statue. Enquiries: natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Paul Ahad, Patrick Carroll, Kate Cheney, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Jennie Falvy, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, Christine Hughes, Barbara Kains, Rosemary Levack, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Margaret Rixon, Vic Ryan, Jenny Tankard, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward, Ross Williamson, Sandor Toth

Recently Deceased: Jennie Falvy, Vic Ryan, Marlene Drew, Garry Czinner, John Kolodziej, Elizabeth McVean
Anniversaries: Ken Monsell, Dora Doonan, Margaret Graham, Marie Khoury, Roy Rimmer, Celanin Celeste, Giovanni Cozzi, Paul Nguyen van Kien, Edgar St John, Niamh - 4 yrs old, Brian Shakeshaft, Rudolf Peters, Edna King, Doug Sheddon

Safeguarding our Parish - Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.
Our parish has a folder (with Safeguarding information including quarterly newsletters) in the church - parishioners are welcome to view. A link to the Archdiocese's Child Safeguarding Policy is available from the homepage of our parish website and on display in the folder.
Enquiries: Veronica via parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Funeral for the late Vic Ryan will be 10.30am Thursday 12 January
Funeral for the late Jennie Falvy will be 10.30am Monday 16 January



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.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant; but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

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The Living Word

The Epiphany of the Lord

8 January 2023

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.

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.)

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.

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