



The Epiphany of the Lord

4th / 5th January 2020

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Tuesday: Mercy Place 11.00am includes sacrament of anointing

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ. (Dianne Bergant CSS)



Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kelvin Duke, Phyllis Ward, Peter Conrick, Terry Quirk.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Sykes, Keith Hertzog, Kerryn Mildren, John Mamouney, Albert Williams, Robert Watson, Sr Monica Esler, Lynette Dosenko, John Cronin, Katherine Wishart, Alma Putnam, Peter Liepins, Veronica Fagg, Myrtle Westblade, Fred Owen, Frank Tracey, Maria Kramer, Martha Oldcarn, Margaret Keys, James Whitehead, Noel Frauenfelder, Joy Bruton.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.

May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 4th / 5th January

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Ed Brown Nano Clancy Justin Clancy	Colleen Day Wendy McFerran Bede Hart
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Judy Lindsay Michael Regan	Mary Lefevre Sue McLaurin Kevin Kennedy Marjorie Serbinek Ann McIntyre Marisa Hart Pauline Willis
Cantor Musicians	Marg & Ed Brown Val Hayes	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon		

Sat /Sun: 11th / 12th January

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Brian Waters Paula Waters Michael Byrnes	Richard Parkinson Leanne Michael Lachlan McIntyre
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Anna Farrell Judy Lindsay	Pamela McIntosh Pauline Willis Carmel Butts Gemma Whitehead Sr Patricia Weekes Peter & Dianne Treacy
Cantor Musicians	John van Lint Catherine Cutler	Simon Goss Val Hayes
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher		

Blessing upon the New Year

Lord,

At the beginning of this new year, I offer you my life.

Come take my voice, may the words I speak be filled with encouragement and goodness.

Come take my hands, may the work they create be generous and giving.

Come take my feet, may the journeys I walk be led by your Spirit within.

Come take my life Lord, for I love your goodness, your kindness and your leading.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed so that we may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

Amen.

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'Follow the light that leads to Christ.'

Parish News



Concerned Catholics for Renewal-Reforming Our Church Together

Based on the model already existing within other dioceses a similar group has been formed within the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. It's mission is to help create a gospel-centred Australian Church which is accountable, inclusive and transparent.

Getting Back in Mission available through Garratt Publishing is the formal submission of Catholics for Renewal to the Australian Plenary Council. In its forward Robert Fitzgerald (Former Commissioner, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse) writes, 'I hope and pray that the Plenary Council 2020/21 will be an opportunity for the Church in Australia to explore the evidence, engage in open dialogue and discern a new course for the Church. The time for resolute action is upon us. The time to govern out of hope not fear is now!'

A public forum is planned to be held in Albury on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 7.30-9.00pm at the Stanley Room Commercial Club.

Additional information is available on the website www.concernedcatholicswagga.com or www.catholicsforrenewal.org.au

We welcome into the community of the Christian faith through the sacrament of baptism Noah Thomas Robert Hitchcock son of Luke and Jessica.

The Christmas season provides us with a unique opportunity to contemplate the mystery of God's love. That love finds its manifestation in us, our families and in our celebrating community. Christmas reminds us of the need to care for those who live on the margins of society - those who need to discover not our judgement, but God's mercy and hope.

May this New Year lead you to discover and share the peace and happiness which only God can give and which is reflected by our journey of faith.

Thanks to all of you for continuing to live and share your faith within our Sacred Heart Parish community. A special mention needs to be made for those who walk that extra mile so that we might continue to proclaim Christ's presence in our midst with sure and certain hope. Your efforts are much appreciated and valued.

Plenary Council 2020

In recent days parishes have received an email from the office of Archbishop Christopher Prowse (Apostolic Administrator of Diocese of Wagga Wagga) indicating that our diocese will be sending a delegation of 5 people to the Plenary Council. This includes the Bishop and two members of diocesan church leadership. This leaves **Two** delegates to be chosen across the lay faithful of the diocese.

Have you been part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese?

Expressions of interest to participate in the Plenary Council as a diocesan delegate need to be received at McAlroy House by 12.00pm 25 January, 2020.

Copies of the information sheet and the application form are available from the parish office or on the table at the Swan Street entrance to the church.

You may wish to encourage someone from our parish community to consider engaging in the selection process.

Alpha Course

Sacred Heart Parish intends offering the Alpha course in 2020. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith. Exploring faith is a journey—no pressure, no charge. People come on the Alpha course for many different reasons; some have never been to church and want to investigate whether God exists, others may have attended church and want to further explore the relevance of the Christian faith to their daily lives. Listen, learn, discuss and discover. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile. In an informal, friendly and open environment, lives can be transformed. For further information please view the parish website or contact Michael Regan mjregan68@bigpond.com

Heartbeat—Christmas Edition 2019

The renewed and reinvigorated edition of 'Heartbeat' is available for collection at all the church entrances.

If you wish to be a part of the team that continues to nourish the life of 'Heartbeat' or have a creative suggestion or contribution for future editions please contact Karen Purtle: bevispurtle@internode.on.net

Beat The Heat!

Bottled water and clean face washers are now located in the long cupboard at the side of the confessional. Free to use at your convenience.

Because of the extreme hot weather and debilitating smoke if you are unable to come to weekend mass and wish to receive holy communion please contact Narelle Naughton so that home visitation can be arranged. Narelle 0417 216 488.

Men's Breakfast—Saturday 11 January

St James Hall, cnr Schneider & Heriot Streets, Lavington. Welcome and Grace 8.00am. Donation \$5.

Liturgy of the Word

The Epiphany of the Lord—Year A

Readings: Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6 ; Mt 2: 1-12

Responsorial Psalm:



Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Alleluia Verse:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



Communal Prayer - Lighting of White Candle

All: God of heaven and earth, from the breath of your love came the creation of the world. We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky helping us to appreciate your constant and affirming presence.

Be our bright star, guiding our lives as we begin the journey of a New Year.

May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do, forever trusting in your word.

Lift our eyes to see your eternal light shining radiantly, leading us home.

(Candle is lit)

May the persistent and courageous quest of the Magi illumine our own faith in the coming year. Whatever the circumstances of our lives let us trust in the one who walks with us as companion and friend. Amen



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