



8 January 2017—Year A The Epiphany of the Lord



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes
Children's Liturgy during School
Term)

Sunday - 7.30am

Sunday - 9am (Includes Chil-
dren's Liturgy during School Term)

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9am

Wednesday - 9am

Thursday - 9am

Friday - 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.30 - 5.15pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months -

check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation
with Funeral Directors.

Entrance Antiphon: Vigil: Arise Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

7.30 & 9am: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in His grasp, and power and dominion.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord every nation on earth will adore You.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: We have seen His star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord Year A

1. The Way Things Are

In the Gospel Reading, by means of heavenly signs God sent the Magi to the baby Jesus. In the end, the signs in heaven were not enough; but there was a special revelation about this child that added the missing element. When they did find the child, the Magi left him rich gifts. And then God warned the Magi in a dream not to return to King Herod to tell him where the baby was. Because of that dream, the Magi went home another way, and the baby was kept safe from Herod.

Just look at all the things God does for this one child! Signs in heaven, miraculously helpful strangers, special messages from God, rich gifts, and warning dreams, divine protection against powerful bad people.

God will not force anybody to omit what is evil or to do what is good.

How many children die, who might have been saved if even one of these things had been done for them? A sign that brings help from afar, a special instruction from God, huge amounts of money, a dream that protects from bad guys—these things are not enough to keep all children from early death, but surely many children could have been saved by any of these means.

Why does God give all these things to Jesus? Why doesn't God give even some of them to all children?

The answer to both questions is the same, I think. The first thing that happens after the Fall is that Abel, one of the children of Adam and Eve, dies at the hand of Cain, their other child. God could have protected Abel from Cain by any of the means God used to help Jesus—but God doesn't do so. From the very beginning of our post-Fall world, God establishes this policy: he will not force anybody to omit what is evil or to do what is good. God will call his people and shepherd them—but he will not force them. And so countless children die because of the evil of other human beings. But the powerless baby Jesus is God's best hope of healing for human evil. Jesus is God's call of love. And that is why God's power can be used to keep Jesus from dying as a baby. He needs to die on the cross. That death is the last, most powerful call of love.

2. Cleaning the Church

3. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

4. St Vincent de Paul

May God Bless You

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

9-14 January

M Sarpa, M Gimellaro, M DeVries

16-21 January 2017

The Nguyen Family



READERS ROSTER

7/8 January 2017

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Allan Phillips: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Daniela Romeo: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

14/15 January 2017 (2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rito Moro

Readers:

Rita Moro: 1st Reading

Francine Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Pisani

Readers:

Margaret Pisani: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

John-William Fisher: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

7/8 January

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Ken O'Leary



14/15 January 2017

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Mary Power & Pam Ajkay

ACOLYTES ROSTER

7/8 Jan 2017

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

14/15 January

Saturday Vigil

Eric Hockings

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

7 January

Saturday Vigil

Joey Grima
Alyssa Galea
Emily Galea

14 January

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina Steimbesser
Claudia Sarpa
Nicholas Sarpa



CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

We are looking for more volunteers for childrens liturgy, If you can help can you give your name to Father after mass, ring the presbytery on 9606 0206 or put your name on the sheet at the back of the church. Thankyou.



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS RE YEAR 7 ENROLEMENTS IN SYDNEY CATHOLIC SYSTEMIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS

From 2017, all Sydney Catholic Secondary Systemic Schools will be enrolling students for Year 7 two years before their intended start date.

This means that, for students in Year 5 in 2017, enrolment applications, interviews and offers of places will be conducted at Sydney Catholic Secondary Schools over the course of 2017.

The earlier enrolment timing will give parents greater assurance of securing a place for their child so that they can follow a continuous Catholic education pathway from Kindergarten to year 12.

For more information, please contact the Principal of your child's Sydney Catholic School.

Perfumed Roses consecrated in the Garden of Mary Children's Prayer Group

Children and parents are invited to participate in the Children's Prayer Group.

Every first Saturday of the month

Next Meeting is January 7th 2017 in the Hall.

Where: St Anthony's Church Hall, Austral

Time: 4:15pm until 5:15pm.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

Also for: Sam & Maria Gauci, Bradley Gauci, Michael & Joseph Jackson, Ashleigh Connor, Chris Bestwick, Denise Segatto, Carron Smith

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Lorraine Stedman, Sarina Macri, Lina Cataldo, Tony Pustahija, Tony Macri, Paul Farnsworth.



- Archbishop’s homily: A Knights of Malta conspiracy?
- Monica Doumit: three cheers for Cardinal George Pell, man of courage
- Lidcombe milestone: twelve months of Adoration
- Eileen O’Connor special school opens
- Get your free 2017 Rome Pilgrimages Calendar
- Just before the end: extinction of Christianity in the Middle East looms
- Plus: Vista whats on in your Parish?

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KID’S CORNER.



Q. What did the nut say when it got a cold?
A. Cashew.

