

All Hallows' Five Dock



The Epiphany of the Lord | Year C | Sunday 2nd 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 Message from 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' or "public appearance". After Christmas, we continue to ponder at the revelation of God to the world in Jesus Christ. This feast celebrates the appearance of Christ to all the world – or to the whole universe, especially with the coming of wise men from the East.

The Gospel gives us a wonderful picture of these wise men who were searchers for the truth. They left their homeland and their families to follow the star to discover the birth of God's Son in Bethlehem. The significance of this from the scriptural point of view is that Christ came for all people including the non-Jews. From our point of view the story shows the wise men as people who yearn for the truth by reaching out to seek for it. They were free and flexible. How different they were to Herod who resorted to lies and murder when his plan failed? Like the wise men we are called to search for the truth which sets us free.

May we like the wise men seek to recognise Jesus in the circumstances of our daily lives and may we also lead those who seek re-assurance and a Saviour to the Stable - To the One who was born - To bring freedom, Forgiveness & Liberty.

With best wishes -
Fr Richard



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday - 3pm - Eucharistic
Exposition and Adoration

Reconciliation:

Saturday:

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

Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office.



Supporting our Parish



You can support our Parish financially by accessing the BPoint Secure Payment Service on the Parish website or you can use the QR Code printed here.

For contributions to the First Collection, please select *Pastoral Revenue* from the drop down menu. For Planned Giving contributions, please select *Planned Giving* from the drop down menu and include your name and your Planned Giving Number (if known). You can also contribute using the Tap and Go devices in the Gathering Space at the entrance to the church.

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 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. 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> 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.</p> <p>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> 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>The Baptism of the Lord 1st Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Gospel: Lk 3:15-16, 21-22</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. The Creed is said.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant

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 marvelous 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.