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SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm

On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am

Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

WEEKDAY MASSES Mondays 9:10am Communion service

Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

HOSPITAL CALL Fairfield Parish 0488 693482

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass until 4:00pm.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

BAPTISMS By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on

the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

MARRIAGES By appointment at least 6 months notice.

The Epiphany of the Lord/B 7TH JANUARY 2024

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .

" The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

There will be **an hour Adoration & Benediction** on Thursdays in the month of January and regular time will resume from the 1st of February. For the month of January, the Parish office will only be open on Mondays & Fridays.

Thank you to Mary Attard & family for donating flowers this weekend.

Wishing you a Happy New Year and blessed year ahead. May God's light guide your way in 2024!

Fr Danai
Parish Administrator

Thought of the Week

"There is no space where God is not; space does not exist apart from Him. He is in heaven, in hell, beyond the seas; dwelling in all things and enveloping all.

Thus He embraces and is embraced by, the universe, confined to no part of it but pervading all."

~ St Hilary of Poitiers (315-368) Father & Doctor of the Church

Celebrating Community

Congratulations to

Robert & Fanny Morandarte on their
40th Wedding Anniversary!



Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It can also be the path to prepare for First Eucharist and/or Confirmation for baptised Catholics. RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. To register, please contact the Parish office on 9604 8927.

We pray for...

Our sick: Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Bernice Mack, Catherine Cordina, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Neda, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Ed Malapitan, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Stiv, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Roque Noronha, Ana, Maria & Richard, Tony Surace, Mate, Tania, Anka, Roman, Cecilia Felipe, Marcus Batros, Vincenzo Melissari, Josipa, Gioseppina Bartone, Alex, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Sipina family, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Bernadetta Russo (*Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise*).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Thomas Kongchay Nontanovan, Rosaria Fenech, Violette Habelreeh, Joseph Francis, Amparo Juan, Giorgio Perencin, Johny Brown, Gloria Stollsteimer, Gloria O'Brien, Pasquale Albanesi, Anthony Reitano, Steven Suplat, Lorenzo Biordi, Maria Luz Labis, And those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** Emmanuel Attard, Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Isabel & Joseph Fenech **Other deceased including:** Mario Cutajar, Louis Borg, Caterina Laria, Gaspar Vargas, Reena Redoblado, Domenico Nicola, Stefano Collu, Teresa Dinan, Conor Dinan, Emmanuel Attard, Margaret Bastic, Joseph Am Nontanovan, Joanna Khien, Thomas Ha, Theresa Bounlien, Luca Kat Dithavong, Anna Sue, Francis Xavier Vien, Thomas Nantha, Anna Balien, Petro Khamtu, Aladar Saaghy, Wendy Marshall-Ward, Francesco Leuzzi, Giuseppa Leuzzi, Rosario & Rosaria Papalia, Rocco Leuzzi, Concetta Leuzzi, Vincenzo Demaio, Domenico Marando, Juana Frijas, Donna Frijas, Timoteo Lagang, Maria Nguyen, Emmanuel Ellul, Linda Caias, Ivin Lozina, Anna Cattelini, Pasquale Carbone, Sime Tomislav Bakic, Anthony Mascari, Daniel O'Connell, Clifford Fernandes, Gloria O'Brien, Peter Sanfilippo, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Tom & Patrick Anderson, Larry Cruz, Nonata San Miguel, Derrick Mack, Grant Colomb, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Guido & Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. **May they rest in peace.**

Special Intentions/Blessings: Maria Bugge



Parish Diary



Monday 8th January	The Baptism of the Lord 9:10am—Communion Service
Tuesday 9th January	9:10am Mass
Wednesday 10th January	9:10am 1st Anniversary Mass for Cardinal George Pell 5:30pm St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
Thursday 11th January	9:10am Presider - Fr Emmanuel CS. One hour adoration after the Mass for the month of January.
Friday 12th January	9:10am Mass
Saturday 13th January	5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 14th January	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass

The Epiphany of them Lord

1st Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6
2nd Reading	Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
Responsorial Psalm	Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12
Next Weekend:	Samuel 3:3-10,19
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20 John 1:35-42



Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays of the month at 11am. The next **baptismal info** is on the 15th February, 7:30pm at the Parish centre.

The Parent's information evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on the 7th March at 6pm in the church. Children must be 8 years old (Year3) at the time of preparation.

Striving to be a “Loving, Caring, Christian Community”

From the Liturgy Office...

Themes for the Feast of the Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany, also known as The Feast of Manifestation, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day

after Christmas, January 6th.

However, the Church celebrates this feast on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. This year we will be celebrating Epiphany on 7 January 2023.

The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord commemorates when Jesus Christ was revealed as the Messiah. The Gospel of Matthew recounts that three wise men from the East visited our saviour after his birth and acknowledged him with gifts representing kingship, priesthood, and death. The readings for this feast tell of the revelation of Jesus Christ to all people. The first reading tells of a light in Jerusalem which all nations are drawn to. The psalm foretells kings bringing gifts. The second reading explains how God's grace is now known to all generations and the whole world. The gospel recalls how the Magi came from afar to worship the child Jesus. It also recounts Herod's jealousy and treachery.

Blessing of the Home on Epiphany

On this day, families are invited to bless their homes and place the inscription of the year and the initials of the three Magi above each door (20+C+M+B+24). This is a way for families to remember that every time they pass through that door, they are to search for Christ and pay him homage as the wise men did. This blessing can be performed by the father or head of the family. Copies of the blessing which has been adapted from the book, “The Twelve Days of Christmas”, by Elsa Chaney, can be found on the table in the Church Foyer.

Wishing you good health, abundant happiness and many blessings in the new year.
God bless,

Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

Upcoming Feasts and Memorials

8 January—The Baptism of the Lord

13 January—St Hilary

Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

JANUARY: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

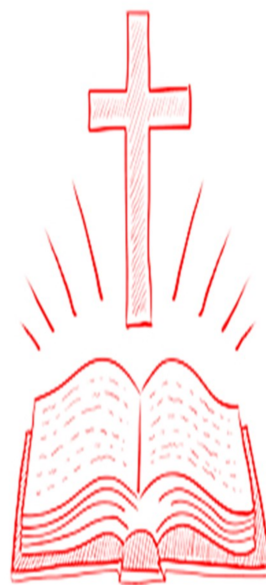


2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 13/14 January 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
Com,Pot F	A Soldo	J Cruz	V Pante	E Russo
Minister of the Word	Y Vitagliani	D Pizzin	J Weaver	T Seraglio
EMHC	F Di Marco E Sadsad	Y Dawood L Pham	A Elizes R Ranola L Biag	T Corpus L Bykowski
Data Proj/ Musician	J Haddad Recorded Music	L Lardum M Vargas	R Mannino Recorded Music	A Fleita Recorded Music
Altar Servers	R Mascarenas	Volunteer	B Rice R Qool	Volunteer
Piety Stall	C Stanislas	G Smith	D Hrkac	T Seraglio
Counter: Group 2 P&N Redoblado M Dandan	Altar Linen : A Fleming	Cleaners : Group 2 Filcos Fairfield C\ A Amores	M Abogado D Elizes M Alejandro	Flowers : M La Rosa

Epiphany

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid.
Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



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BABY, BALTHAZAR, BAPTISM, BETHLEHEM, CASPAR, CHRISTIAN, EPIPHANY, FEAST, FIRST MIRACLE,
FRANKINCENSE, GOLD, HEROD, HOLIDAY, HOPE, JANUARY, JESUS, MAGI, MELCHIOR, MYRRH,
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