

08 January 2023
The Epiphany
of the Lord.



Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the
Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp,
and power and dominion

First Reading from the
prophet Isaiah 60: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R.
see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on
earth will adore you.

Second Reading from the
letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in
the East; and have come
to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according
to Matthew 2: 1-12

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star
in the East, and have
come with gifts to
adore the Lord.

We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners & custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Born Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger;
16 April 1927 – 31 December 2022
was the head of the Catholic Church and
sovereign of the Vatican City State from
19 April 2005 until his resignation on
28 February 2013.



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says
Pope Benedict XVI will long be remembered fondly in Australia
as the Pontiff who led young people from around the globe in
prayer at World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008.

Pope Benedict, had earlier served as head of the Congregation
for the Doctrine of the Faith, one of the Vatican's most
influential departments, for more than two decades.

"From his time as an expert adviser – or peritus – at the
Second Vatican Council onwards, there was no question that
Joseph Ratzinger was a major figure within the Church around
the world," said Archbishop Costelloe, president of the
Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

"His papacy will be remembered as one of rich teaching,
including his encyclicals on love, hope, and truth, as well as his
book series Jesus of Nazareth, and for important reforms in
areas like liturgy and in the handling of child sexual abuse."

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the bishop who oversaw World
Youth Day in 2008, said Pope Benedict had been a key
influence and someone with whom he became close.

"I had the great privilege of spending some private moments
with Pope Benedict, away from the spotlight," Archbishop
Fisher said. "They were moments I will forever cherish. He
had a great intellect, which he shared through his work as a
professor, a Church leader, and ultimately as Pope.

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Mass times

Sunday Mass times	Weekday Mass times
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am
Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm

Adoration Prayer every Saturday at 9:30-10:30am after 9am Mass
Reconciliation at 11am every Saturday

Prayer intentions

For the sick & homebound: Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Amanda & John Meredith, Reg Gardner, Phyllis Cooper, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Elizabeth Moore, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys.
May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Marites Sitjar, Ron Allen, Norly Tuyor, Lydia Fajardo, Lily Pereira, Marita Waugh, Danilo Mercado, John McDermott,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Hilda Young, John Peter Francis, Lio Feiloakitohi, Resse Mangulabnan, Florentine Menezes,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.



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“He did not seek nor enjoy the spotlight, but he produced some magnificent works that have shaped and will continue to shape Catholic thought and Catholic life.”

Archbishop Fisher said he was very grateful to spend some time with Pope Benedict during his visits to Rome.

“Reminiscing about his time in Australia and learning from this gentle father figure was a real joy,” he said.

A Memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XV1 will be held in our parish on Thursday 12 January at 7.30pm.

Property news: The Construction certificate has been issued for the proposed foyer, toilet and kitchen refurbishment. The Property Committee will be able to finalise the tenders. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

The Family Fun Night that was postponed in October will be held on Saturday 11 February 2023 at 7pm in the parish hall. Tickets will be available for purchase during January and all those who purchased tickets previously will be contacted to confirm they are able to attend the new date.

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- Click ‘Sign Up as a Parishioner’
- Type 'Catholic Diocese of Wollongong' into the box on the left.
- Then click the Diocese’s name and address (38 Harbour St) which will appear
- Enter your name and email address. You'll get a confirmation email asking you to sign in and then follow the prompts.

An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council An electronic regular gift provides many benefits. You will find it a secure, convenient, and efficient way to regularly support your parish, while also reducing our administration costs. It will also help us to confidently forecast and plan, as we know that we can rely on your support. You can increase, decrease, discontinue or restart your monthly gift at any time. Please visit <https://dow.sh/parishgiving> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew 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 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 Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection by Diane Bergant CSA

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.