

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and 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.*

**07 January 2024  
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

**Response:**

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.

## 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.

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Sunday Mass	Weekday Mass	Devotions
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed Mass at 9am	Adoration with the Rosary: Saturday 9.30am
Sunday: 9.30 am and 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm	Divine Mercy Devotion: Third Sunday at 3pm
Filipino Mass: Third Sunday at 11.15am	Fri and Sat Mass at 9am	Alliance of the 2 Hearts Mass and Devotion: First Friday of each month from 7.30pm
Samoan Mass: First Sunday of even months at 12 noon	Healing Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 9am	
Maori Mass: First Sunday at 2pm		Reconciliation: Saturday 11 am—12

For Baptism and Marriage enquiries contact the parish office.



***For the sick & homebound:*** Baby Matthew , Terry Maroun, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Amanda and John Meredith, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Marie and Barry Atkins, Carol and Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, 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:*** Patrick Kelleher, Fr John Landy, Sennie Masian, Jose Useche, Rufino Boying Yanga, Michael Camilleri.

***Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*** Lio Feiloakitohi, Patricia Kelleher, Resse Mangulabnan, Ron Allen, Antonio Demetrio Santos,  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

## Bulletin Notices

**This summer the Children Ministry Team will hold a Bible Camp** on 19 – 20 January 2024 here in the Parish grounds. Children aged from 8 to 14 years old are invited to participate. This is an opportunity to grow in the knowledge of God, to deepen their love of Him and to serve Jesus through others, by learning the Bible in their own way. Through fun activities, they will also learn values in life and skills they need as they grow up in the society, witnessing the Christian way of living.

Come along and join with us. Parents, please encourage and support your children to join this BIBLE CAMP. Fee by donation. For more details and more enquiries, please contact Sr. Jill by email: [asolmcp parish@gmail.com](mailto:asolmcp parish@gmail.com)

**Church Renovations:** Construction of alterations and additions to our church building have been approved and construction will commence early in 2024. Watch this space for updates on what changes lie ahead.

**Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal** Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413. An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. 'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.' With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.



**We pray you  
are abundantly  
blessed in the  
New Year.**

**Faith Circles** meets every Monday via zoom to reflect on the gospel for the coming Sunday. If you wish to join please contact the parish office for the zoom link.

**Bible Reflection Group** meets every Monday at 10am in the parish meeting room. For more information contact the parish office.

## REFLECTION BY POPE FRANCIS 6 January 2015

On Christmas Eve we meditated on the hastening of several shepherds of the people of Israel to the grotto of Bethlehem; today, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we remember the arrival of the Magi, who came from the Orient to adore the newborn King of the Jews and Universal Saviour and to offer Him symbolic gifts. With their act of adoration, the Magi bear witness that Jesus has come to earth to save not one people alone but all peoples. Therefore, on today's feast our gaze broadens to the horizons of the whole world in order to celebrate the "manifestation" of the Lord to all peoples, which is the manifestation of the love and universal salvation of God. He does not reserve his love to the privileged few, but offers it to all.

As the Creator and Father is of all people, so the Savior wants to be for all people. That is why we are called to always nourish great faith and hope for every person and his or her salvation: even those who seem far from the Lord are followed — or better yet "chased" — by his passionate love, by his faithful and also humble love. For God's love is humble, very humble!

The Gospel account of the Magi describes their journey from the East as a journey of the spirit, as a journey toward the encounter with Christ. They are attentive to signs that indicate his presence; they are tireless in facing the trials of the search; they are courageous in deducing the implications for life that derive from encounter with the Lord. This is life: Christian life is a journey, but being attentive, tireless and courageous. A Christian journeys like this. Journey attentively, tirelessly, courageously. The experience of the Magi evokes the journey of every man and woman towards Christ. As for the Magi, so for us, to seek God means to journey — and as I said: attentive, tireless and courageous — focused on the sky and discerning in the visible sign of the star the invisible God who speaks to our hearts. The star that is able to lead every man to Jesus is the Word of God, the Word that is in the Bible, in the Gospels. The Word of God is the light that guides our journey, nourishes our faith and regenerates it. It is the Word of God that continually renews our hearts and our communities. Therefore, let us not forget to read it and meditate upon it every day, so that it may become for each like a flame that we bear inside us to illuminate our steps, as well as those of others who journey beside us, who are perhaps struggling to find the path to Christ. Always with the Word of God! The Word of God carried in your hand: a little Gospel in your pocket, purse, always to be read. Do not forget this: always with me, the Word of God!

**Next Week**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**First:** 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

**Resp:** 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

**Second:** 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

