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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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## THE EPIPHANY *of the* LORD

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Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” is Greek meaning “to manifest” or “to show” for it was the new-born baby that revealed or showed God to all the world. Epiphany marks the twelfth day of Christmas, as it is traditionally celebrated on January 6.

The Magi, often referred to as kings or wise men, and traditionally named Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, came from the East, most likely Persia, modern-day Iran, and were properly speaking a class of priests who saw in the movement of the stars and planets the annunciation of major events. Coming from the East they were not Jews and so were held to be foreigners, or Gentiles, and it is because of this that this feast of the

Epiphany is significant for it marks the revelation of God in the birth of Christ to the Gentiles—the people of all the world. Whereas at Christmas the incarnation was made manifest to the Jews represented by the shepherds, at Epiphany the incarnation was made manifest to the gentiles represented by the Magi.

There are many customs that surround Epiphany.

There is the blessing of chalk which is then distributed to the people who then take it to their homes to mark the year by writing the initials of the three Magi over the door of their house (20 + C + M + B + 22) to remind all who enter and leave through the main door that they also must be ready to leave all, if necessary, and follow Christ.

Then there is the blessing of water on the Vigil of Epiphany which is then given to the faithful to use in their homes, and also for the sick.

There is also the blessing of the homes where the Priest may either climb the steeple of the church and bless the homes of the parishes in all four directions of the compass or he may visit the homes of parishioners to impart the blessing personally.

And then there is the blessing of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—with the gold used for the making of sacred vessels, and the frankincense burned in the thurible and also given to the people to be burned at home.

These customs remind us of the rich tradition of the Church and that our faith is embodied in things both seen and unseen, both the physical and the spiritual. It is body and soul.

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Holy Rosary** Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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### Rosters

### Altar Society

### Readers

**8:30 a.m.**

**5:00 p.m.**

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

First Friday of the month, 6:15 p.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,  
11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 2: P. Zaiter,  
M. Taumalolo, N. Chidiac

### Readers

**Vigil** Rosette Chidiac, Gerry Pinto

**10:00 a.m.** Tanya Martin,

Mary Georges, Reanne Chidiac


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*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
by the grace of your Holy Spirit  
cure the weaknesses of your servants,  
and mercifully restore them to full health.  
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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Rev. Fr. Les Campion, Rev. Fr. James Stack, Pius Ari, Lorenza Attwill, Miklina Azzopardi, Vic Azzopardi, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, Christine Derwin, Carmelo Galea, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Maureen Gardiner, Joseph Gibrine, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Simon Haddad, Keegan family, Nouhad Khoury, Betty McGrath, Jack McIntyre, Giovanni Molinaro, Sam Moussa, Samantha Moussa, Des Miller, Neville O'Sullivan, Emmanuel Tabone, Phil Thompson, Francis Tran, Peter Doan Van Tran, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Bernadette Ulbrich, Joseph Vella, Miriam Welangoda, Dib Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## **First Collection and Second Collection Contributions**

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With the current situation we are unable to take up our usual collections during Mass. Because of this, we have placed two boxes by the doors of the church for the first collection and the second collection. Your support of these collections is greatly appreciated. The money raised in the first collection supports some of the works of the diocese. The money raised in the second collection directly supports the works of the parish and helps us to meet our expenses and to continue to meet the costs and expenses of operating the parish. Thank you, especially, to those who are a part of the planned giving programme and use their envelopes to contribute each week to the parish. Your regular contributions are a great support.

You can also financially support the parish by arranging a direct debit. If you would like to set up a regular contribution, let us know and we will be happy to assist you with this. Or, if you would like to be part of the planned giving programme, we will be pleased to arrange a set of envelopes for you for regular contributions which greatly assist the parish in planning the work we carry out.

## **Revocation of the Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass**

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As of Wednesday, 15 December, the Bishop of Parramatta has revoked the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass. The dispensation was granted during the time of public health restrictions, but with the lifting of most restrictions, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday has been reinstated and the Sunday obligation is imposed.

## **Blessing for the Beginning of the Year**

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*May God, the source and origin  
of all blessing, grant you grace,  
pour out His blessing in abundance,  
and keep you safe from harm  
throughout the year.*

*May He give you integrity  
in the faith, endurance in hope,  
and perseverance in charity  
with holy patience to the end.*

*May He order your days  
and your deeds in His peace,  
grant your prayers in this  
and in every place,  
and lead you happily to eternal life.*

## **First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin**

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This Thursday evening, the first Thursday of the month, as we celebrate the Holy Mass in Latin at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Join us for this, as we celebrate the Holy Mass as we begin a new year of Our Lord.

## **“An Evening with Our Lord” First Friday Devotions in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord**

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This Friday evening, the first Friday of the month, we continue our devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord at Holy Trinity Church, as we pray in reparation for the sins of humanity against almighty God.

Beginning with the Sacrament of Penance at 6:15 p.m., the holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m., Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m., and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

Never miss a chance to pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and to receive the abundant graces that pour forth from His Sacred Heart, especially on the first Fridays of the month.

## **N.S.W. Government Public Health Restrictions from 15 December**

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On Wednesday, 15 December, the N.S.W. Government amended public health restrictions

Please use hand sanitiser and note that **face masks are mandatory**. Checking-in by use of the government QR code or by manually completing the sign-in sheets is also compulsory as it is for other places in order to assist with notifications of case alerts and contact tracing when necessary.

Please be aware that if you do not check-in on arrival that the N.S.W. Government can impose fines on individuals.

N.S.W. Police and N.S.W. Health officials may conduct spot checks on individuals to ensure compliance.

## **Current Government Public Health Requirements**

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1. Check-in using the QR code.
2. Wear a face mask indoors.
3. Maintain social distancing.

Please assist the churches to remain open by following these simple requirements which are for our sake and for the sake of the common good.

## **Holy Trinity Church Cleaners' Roster**

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The cleaners' roster for Holy Trinity Church for January to June of this year is now available in the piety shop.

Thank you to all those who regularly volunteer to clean the church. Your generous service is very much appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer to help clean the church once a month either on a Friday or Saturday morning, please contact the parish office and we will be grateful for your support.

# Christmas

## APPEAL

*Please support the good works  
of our parish by your gift this Christmas  
so that we can continue to offer to the glory of God  
worship and service  
for our salvation  
and for the salvation of all the world.*

The money you give to the second collection each Mass supports the day to day running costs of the parish and helps us to meet our repairs and maintenance costs to look after our churches, our halls, and our other buildings.

Like every family and every organisation the parish has many expenses to meet including electricity and water, telephone and internet, office and printing costs, and especially insurance.

These are in addition to the other costs which further support the works of the parish in public schools and the broader community.

Your gifts are a sign of your love and care for Our Lord and His holy Church in this place.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.



## ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS FOR THE YEAR A.D. 2022

Know, dear brethren,  
that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
so by leave of God's mercy  
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the second day of March will fall Ash Wednesday,  
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the seventeenth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,  
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-sixth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the fifth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the nineteenth day of June the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the twenty-seventh day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

*This traditional proclamation of the day of Easter and the other moveable feasts on Epiphany comes from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the day of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its day. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the day of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.*

# Saints & STUFF

## THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

In Philippians 2, St. Paul tells us that "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

Small wonder, then, that the Church sets aside the first month of the year in honour of the Holy Name of Jesus. Through this devotion, the Church reminds us of the power of Christ's Name and encourages us to pray in His Name. In our society, of course, we hear His Name uttered quite often, but all too frequently, it is used in a curse or blasphemy. In the past, Christians would often make the Sign of the Cross when they heard Christ's Name uttered in such a manner, and that's a practice that would be worthwhile to revive.

This month, why not take a few minutes to memorise the Jesus Prayer, and pray it during those moments of the day when you are between activities, or travelling, or simply taking a rest?

Keeping Christ's Name always on our lips is a good way to ensure that we draw ever nearer to Him.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Epiphany

**528** The *Epiphany* is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world.

The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.

The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

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# HAPPY FEAST DAY

## MISSIONARY SISTERS

### *of the* BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### QUEEN OF THE WORLD – AUSTRALIA



On Saturday, as the Church honoured the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we celebrated the feast day of our very own Sisters—the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World.

When, in 1975, the Sisters arrived in Australia they first lived at St. Joseph's novitiate in Baulkham Hills. After two years they moved to Lawson, but bushfires in 1977 destroyed their convent. It was this disaster that brought them to Granville on February 16, 1978.

Since arriving in Granville, the Sisters have occupied St. Joseph's Convent and, more recently, the former Patrician Brothers monastery in William Street.

At the heart of the vocation of the Sisters is the call to follow Jesus on His way to the Cross and to live the life of consecration under the protection of our Mother Mary as models of complete fidelity to God. The Sisters place a strong emphasis on the life of prayer as essential for the fruitfulness of their apostolic work in the Church.

The Sisters commitment to the Granville community, to the parish has made them a backbone of the parish.

In the Granville community the Sisters apostolic work includes the Golden Rose Childcare Centre on Waratah Street, and the CMP Store on Jamieson Street, selling religious and devotional items.

Our parish is blessed to have such holy and committed Sisters who dedicate so much to us and are a constant source of love and fun. The Sisters can always be found in the church either playing the organ, singing and reading at Mass, assisting the children's liturgy, putting up the banners, helping out with social activities like our parish fairs and barbecues, and generously lending statues to adorn the church and to aid our devotions.

We wish the Sisters a very happy and holy feast day. We pray for them and with them as they undertake their spiritual retreat. And we ask that almighty God and the Blessed Virgin Mary bless and protect them always.

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# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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## The Readings

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### **Introit** (Cf. Mal 3:1, 1 Chr 29:12)

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

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### **First Reading**

#### **The Prophet Isaiah** (60:1-6)

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.  
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.

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### **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13. *R.* see v. 11)

*R.* Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

### **Second Reading**

#### **The Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians** (3:2-3, 5-6)

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.

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### **Gospel Acclamation** (Mt 2:2)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

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### **Gospel of Matthew** (2:1-12)

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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### **Communio** (Cf. Mt 2:2)

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