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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 + 23) 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

### 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

Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,  
11:00 a.m.

### Rosters

### Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

## DONATIONS

**BSB:** 067-950

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### 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.

### 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.

### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 3: Hanh Hanh  
and the Vietnamese community

### Readers

**Vigil** Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,  
Gerry Pinto

**10:00 a.m.** Rozsa Kazmer,  
Ingrid Bifulco, Hind Dagher-Hadchiti

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus,  
Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo  
Colosimo, Marcus El-Khoury, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea,  
Evangeline Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter  
Higgins, Therese Khalil, Kay King, Ruth La Rosa, Jacob  
Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott  
Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor,  
Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini,  
Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.



*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

Susan Abdallah, Teresa Akkary, Ercilia Apap, Vincent Apap,  
Attard family, Lorenza Attwill, Axiak family, Victor  
Azzopardi, Basil Benjamin, Bonello family, Betty Borg,  
Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Dick  
Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, Christine Derwin, Maria  
Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam  
Grech, Clair Karaki, Daoud Karaki, Nouhad Khoury, Jacob  
Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Jack McIntyre, Crising  
Mendoza, Magdalena Mendoza, Joseph Nammour,  
Haydee Nursoo, Edward Pidgeon, Boutros Rahme, Saliba  
family, Anna Saunig, Garry Smith, Andrea So, Emmanuel  
Tabone, Darren Thornton, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Joseph Vella,  
Dib Zaiter.



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



## Holy Trinity Church Cleaners' Roster

The cleaners' roster for Holy Trinity Church for January to December 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.

To all those who volunteer in any way and in many ways, thank you for your contribution to the parish and for your participation in the life of the parish. Your work, much of which often goes unseen, is of tremendous support.

May God bless all our volunteers for their service and all those who support the parish.

## Important Holy Mass Intentions Reminder

A reminder that if you would like a particular Mass offered for an intention, please speak with Fr. Andrew at least 4 weeks in advance. There are many intentions requested and it is not always possible to fulfill a request for a particular Mass unless there is sufficient time allowed.

Please do not write your request for a specific day and time on an envelope and leave it in a collections box, but speak directly with Fr. Andrew to make your request. Without doing this there is no guarantee that the Mass can be offered at that time but instead will be offered at the next available opportunity. Also note that it is not the custom of the Roman rite to announce the intention of the Mass. If you want the name said aloud, you will need to speak with Fr. Andrew in regard to this.



## His Late Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI *Requiescant in Pace*

On the death of His Late Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, requiem Masses were said in Holy Cross Parish for the repose of his immortal soul.

Last Thursday evening, a requiem Mass was said in Latin and last Friday evening a requiem Mass was said in English.

In your charity, pray for the repose of his soul in the faith and hope of the resurrection of Our Lord.

May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of Priests enfold him in her arms and carry him to her son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ so that he may hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Mt. 25:21).



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and may perpetual light  
shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Amen.



*Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine,  
et lux perpetua luceat ei.*

*Fidelium animae,  
per misericordiam Dei,  
requiescant in pace.*

Amen.

## First Collection and Second Collection Contributions

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.

At Holy Trinity Church we are fortunate to have volunteers to take up these collections. At Holy Family Church boxes have been placed at the doors of the church for the first and second collections.

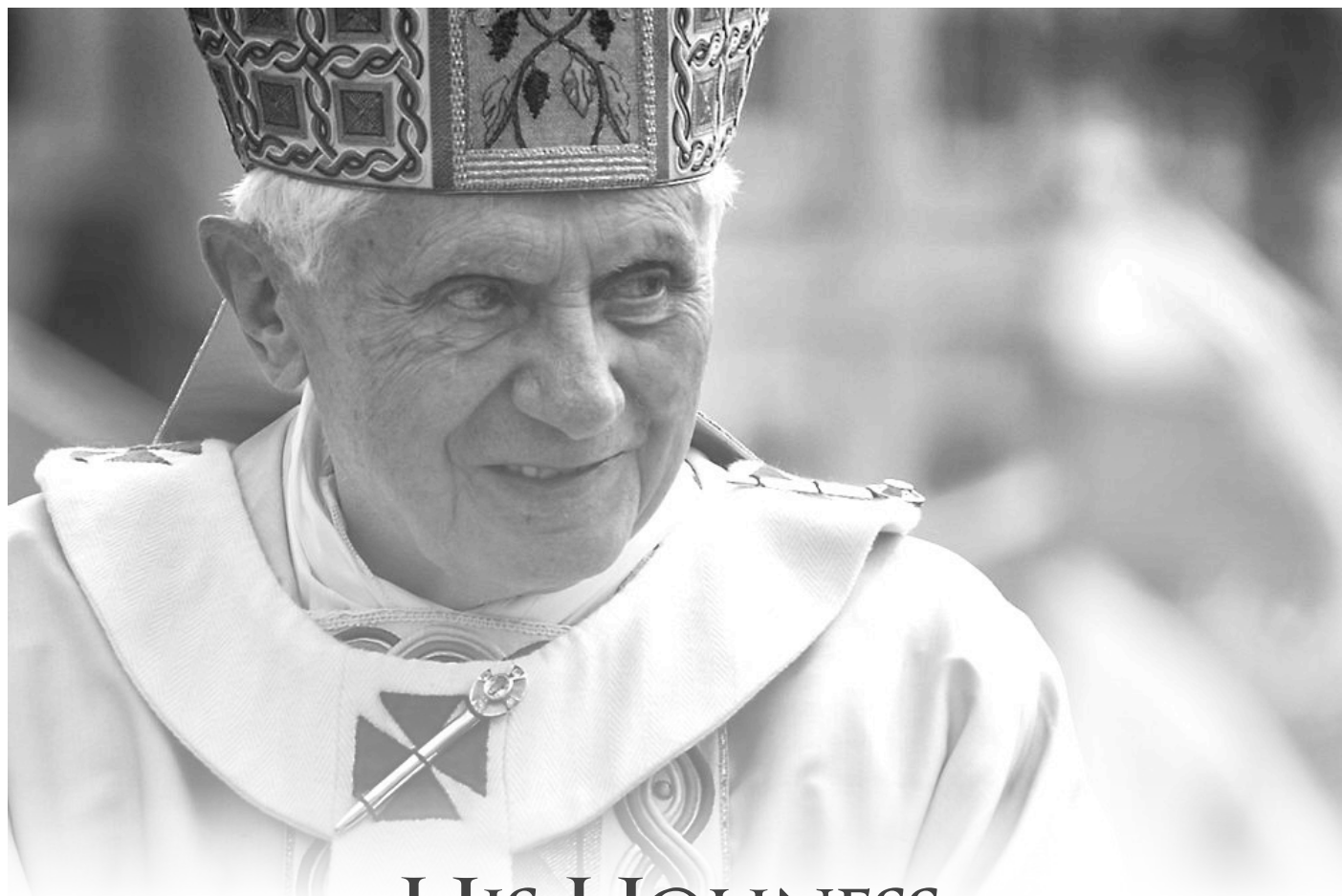
Thank you, especially, to those who are a part of the planned giving programme and use their envelopes to contribute each week to the parish. Your regular contributions are a great support.

## Online Donations in Support of the Parish

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website ([holycrossgranville.org.au](http://holycrossgranville.org.au)) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance.





# HIS HOLINESS, POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and may perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.

Amen.

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*Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine,  
et lux perpetua luceat ei.*

*Fidelium animae,  
per misericordiam Dei,  
requiescant in pace.*

*Amen.*



## ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS FOR THE YEAR A.D. 2023

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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 twenty-second day of February will fall Ash Wednesday,  
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

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

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

On the twenty-eighth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

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

On the third day of December, 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.*



# No one should be without a place to call home.

Help Catholic Care end homelessness in our community.



Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal

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**\$25**

Can provide **homeless people with fellowship support and social inclusion** over a cuppa.



**\$50**

Can fund **essential groceries for a vulnerable person** facing housing stress and food insecurity.



**\$75**

Can fund **transport costs to take homeless people with limited mobility to vital appointments.**



**\$200**

Can provide **four homeless people with gift cards to buy essential personal care items.**



**\$600**

Can provide **three homeless families with kitchen essentials.**



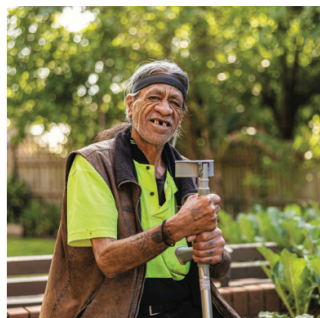
**\$1,000**

Can provide **five homeless people with basics and bedding to start a new home life.**



**\$2,000**

Provides **50 caseworker hours of practical and emotional support for vulnerable people** facing housing stress and homelessness.



**\$5,000**

Can **help set up ten homeless people in community housing.**

To learn about the impact of your kindness, and enjoy a special thank you message, please visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/thankyou](https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/thankyou)



# 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.

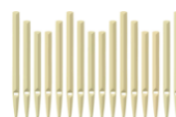
The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

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# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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## The Readings

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### **Introit** (Cf. Mal. 3:1; I 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**

#### **The 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.