



Sunday 6 January - The Epiphany of the Lord

Holy Name Catholic Parish

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Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Holy Name please visit our parish website at www.holynamewahroonga.com.au. We hope you enjoy your time here at Holy Name Wahroonga. Please visit us again soon.

What may have happened to the resolutions we made last Tuesday? As we know New Year resolutions often fade as quickly as they are made. In some ways, they are little like the great flares we saw on New Year's Eve itself. The rocket into prominence but they do not endure; they provide a great blast of spectacular energy but they ever so quickly become but a memory. Indeed, after the extravaganza of New Year's Eve it is good for us to make a distinction between stars and flares. A star endures; a flare extinguishes itself almost as quickly as it lights up the sky. Flares also make it very difficult to see the true stars.

In our own life, are we relying on flares? Or are we following a star? And what star are we following?

The true star that we follow as disciples of Jesus, born for us now as yesterday as forever, is the Kingdom of God. This is the start that guides us, on which we keep focussed and which helps us negotiate our way through the Herodian politics of our own time. It is the star which also helps keep us to our true course in the midst of our own grand plans and our own Herodian plans of how things should be. As followers of Jesus, this is the star which shines more brightly than all the others.

Yet, in the Christmas story, it is important for us not to forget where the star which guides our life, leads us. The star the wise men are following leads them to an unexpected place: it leads them to a stable – not quite the place kings would expect to find something. So, in our own search for Jesus, we are led to the stables of our own life. The star, the light of Jesus, which guides us must lead us to those places in our society, in our family, in our personalities which, at first, seem so ordinary, almost disdainful, where we would not expect to see the splendour of God. Where would we least expect to find God in our own personalities and in our life together? Maybe that is where the star of the Kingdom of God comes to rest. It is these places that we must approach with reverence and expectation, just as the wise men from the East walked into the stable at Bethlehem and recognised in the fragility of a baby the wonder of God's presence, and in the insecurity of a stable, the palace of a Kingdom beyond imagination. At these places in our life where we would least expect to find God, a hidden truth awaits to reveal itself. We need to spend time at these places waiting, deeply attentive to what might manifest itself there which invites us into vitality and freshness of spirit. This is slow soul work. It is searching work and involves a journey of our spirits as it did for the men from the East. Are we prepared to set out on a journey along with the men from the East? Or do we prefer to stay in the comfort of our past, fearful of where the star might be leading us? In the midst of all the flares going off around us, and within us, let us keep our eyes and our journey fixed on one star, the Kingdom of God, whose court forever remains a stable. Let us go there with those who are wise in humility and with a great sense of wonder. Is it not amazing that this is where our star should lead us? Is it not amazing that this is where God himself reveals himself, indeed, as our saviour?

Fr David

*We seek to grow as a Welcoming and Inclusive Community, supporting
Life's Journey, through God's Grace and Mercy*

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	7 January	No Mass	Weekday of Christmas Time
Tuesday	8 January	9.15am Mass	Weekday of Christmas Time
Wednesday	9 January	9.15am Mass	Weekday of Christmas Time
Thursday	10 January	9.15am Mass	Weekday of Christmas Time
Friday	11 January	9.15am Mass	Weekday of Christmas Time
Saturday	12 January	5.00pm Mass	Vigil Mass for the Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	13 January	9.15am and 5.30pm	The BAPTISM of the LORD



Children's Liturgy is taking a break during the school holidays.

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ingrid Thompson (teacher at Brigidine, died 1 January), Charlie Deguara (husband of Sue and father to Brendan, Ben, Sam and Jared, died 20 December), Eleanor Shirley Firkins (friend of Leila and Conor McCreton, died 20 December), Ron Aboitiz (nephew of Rose Planas, died in The Philippines), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, died 30 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, died 10 November aged 92), Joyce James (died 1 November).

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:

Lucy Machado (mother of Tony, 13 January) Katherine Morrison (grandmother of Liz Webster, 1st anniversary) and Alexander Ryan (nephew of Liz Webster - 1st anniversary), Elisha Foti - 6th anniversary on 4 January Emile Nassar - 8th anniversary on 6 January), Ricki Hayes, (friend of Cecilia Kean, 1st anniversary on 7 January), Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 3rd anniversary on 8 January), Bettina Luca (7th anniversary on 7 January) and Amedeo (Laurie) Luca 22nd anniversary on 8 January and (parents of Greg Luca and Daniela McGrath). Margaret Couch (Paul's mother) 1st anniversary on 25 December, Mario Severino (26 December), Joe DeGuara, (father of Damian, first anniversary on 19 December), Tony Coutinho (5th anniversary on 16 December), Yvonne Pickup (1st anniversary on 14 December), Neville (George) Thornton (Jackie's father in law) 1st anniversary on 15 December, Molly Goldsworthy (sister of Chris Madden, 1st anniversary 19 December), Joan McNally (mother of Greg) Barry Fields (brother of Helen Tysoe), , Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 4th anniversary on 7 December), Marie Shortis (1st anniversary on 27 November), Frances Sim (1st anniversary on 30 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 13th anniversary on 29 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 1st anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 51st anniversary on 16 November), Ron Young (father of Monica Dinnar, 2nd anniversary 5 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 3rd anniversary on 13 November).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Helen Tysoe, Margaret Woodlands, Julia Farrell, Byrant and Yvonne McGrath (brother and sister-in-law of Ves McGrath), Helen McGrath (friend of Jo and Frank Waldron), Joseph Gilmore (grandson of Leila and Conor McCreton), Ron Phillips (Lynne Attard's Dad), Charlie Attard (Ray's brother), Nancy Portelli (Ray Attard's sister), Athol Higgins, Hildegard McLaughlin, Barbara Dunning, Eleanor Shirley Firkins, Bryan O'Brien, Joan Dell, David Coombes, Mary Salter, Liz Rodgers (friend of the Waldrons in Melbourne), Steve Ralph, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Gus Almgren, Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Mary Greco (friend of Eleanor Cooray), Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Philip Stanley, Thomas Nash, Donna Lucas, Andrew Watson, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Helen Gait (wife of Tom), Kevin Madden (brother of Chris), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Eunice Spangaro, Maureen Ritchard, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Denise Waudby (Patrice Buzinskas' sister), Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne, Sue Roche.



From Fr David

Dear friends

It is difficult to believe that already we are in a new year! May the year ahead be one of much blessing for us all.

Deacon Adrian is busily preparing for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Panama. He will be leaving on 16th January, along with 80 young people from our Diocese. Do keep him and all our travellers in your prayer during their sojourn. We have been very blest by Deacon Adrian's ministry with us since June 2018. Given that he has been with us constantly every weekend since this time, I have also granted him family leave until the end of February so that he might be able to enjoy more time with Christina and his son and daughter. Balancing family life and the duties of diaconal ministry is not an easy task, but we thank Deacon Adrian for the very generous way in which he has exercised his ministry of Word and Charity in our midst for the past six months. It will be important for him to enjoy some more time with his family over the coming weeks once he has returned from Central America.

Our warmest congratulations to the Attard family! Next weekend, on Saturday 12 January, Elly Attard marries Jarod Wakefield at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. We extend our warmest wishes to them as they begin their married life together.

Please remember in your prayer, Ingrid Thompson. Ingrid is a much loved teacher at Brigidine College. She passed away on New Years Day after a battle with cancer. She will be farewelled at Brigidine Chapel on Monday 14 January at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Our Over 50s and Singles Group



The recent outing for the group was to the Grace Hotel in the city where we had a buffet lunch. We met at Gordon Station at 10.15 am and went by train to Wynyard and then walked to the hotel. There was a variety of food salads, hot dishes of meat and rice and an assortment of hot and cold meats. We served ourselves to the food but a waitress brought wines and soft drinks to our table, and then cleared our dishes as we were allowed to help ourselves to second helpings to desserts and to coffee. The meal and the service was very good and we thoroughly enjoyed the company of other diners as everyone was in the festive mood just before Christmas. This a photo is of the interior of the hotel.

SAVE THE DATE

**We will be meeting on Saturday,
26th January in the Parish Sunroom to discuss
the programme for 2019.**

Please join us 10.00am - 11:00am

Enquiries please phone Susan Robson on 0404 005 267 or Reg Gibbons on 9481 0334 or 0409 599 440.

The Parish Office will reopen Monday 7th January

The answering machine will be checked regularly during this time. Craig Joshua and other helpers will be in the office until Jackie's return on Monday 21 January.

Prayer for Epiphany

Lord and God!

You created us for a lifelong journey to you.

Each one of us takes a different path, over mountains and through valleys, through joy and sorrow and need.

May the three Holy Kings guide us in our wanderings, as their faith, knowledge and determination guided them through many perils on their journey to you.

They saw you, knelt before you, offered up their gifts, and paid homage to you. They were filled with the joy of finding you.

Lord and God!

We thank you for granting us the freedom to seek and find you, our life's goal.

Grant us the faith, strength and trust we need to follow in the path of the three kings.

Give us the courage when we are at risk of taking easier but false paths.



During this Christmas Season let us be reminded that the spiritual lives of children are of unsurpassable value

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things
new
You bring hope alive in our
hearts
And cause our Spirits to be
born again.



Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen.

(A modern prayer for the New Year from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

Parish Diary in the Coming Week

Saturday

12 January

2.00pm

Wedding of Elly Attard and Jarod Wakefield, St Mary's Cathedral

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 9.15am and 5.30pm.

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Morning Tea after Mass on Wednesday

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (not in January)

Mass is also celebrated:

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara: Monday 9.30am

St Leo's College: Friday 12.55pm during school terms

Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Aquinas Chapel:

Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00am – 6.00pm

Baptism:

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am.
Please make an appointment through the Parish Office

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0408 350 885 out of office hours

Confessions:

Saturday 11.30am or by appointment

Sacrament of Anointing:

Last Thursday of the month following the 9.15am Mass
At Hammond Care, North Turrumurra monthly

Parish Pastoral Council in 2019

Gemma McDermott, Tom Waugh, Lucian Wijetunga, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Chrissie Goldrick, Tess Denham-Fabry, along with Sue Bevan (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Terry O'Keefe (St Edmunds)

Parish Finance Committee in 2019

Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Brian McGarry, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty

Parish Fundraising Committee 2019

Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, Sonia Carbone, Ian Edmunds, James Toomey

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests—it is very much appreciated.

- The 1st Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by committing to a Planned Giving scheme. Please see the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Another way to assist our parish is to consider a gift in your will. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach. Please contact the parish office for a confidential discussion or more information.
(Alternatively see the "giving" pages at www.dbb.org.au)

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Wahroonga Catholic Parish Account BSB: 062-784 Account No: 1389 8001 CBA- 48 Martin Place, Sydney

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secretary@holynamewahroonga.com.au

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