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# Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale.

*We gather as a community of believers in Jesus,  
to grow as his disciples,  
using our gifts, to proclaim the Gospel*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 4TH JANUARY 2026, YEAR A

**Readings:** Is 60:1-6;  
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12

### Response:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**



### The Feast of the Epiphany

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, the joyful manifestation of Christ to all nations. The word *Epiphany* means "manifestation" and proclaims the revelation of Jesus to the whole world. In the visit of the Magi, guided by the light of the star, we recognise Christ revealed as Saviour not only of Israel, but of all peoples.

As we reflect on the journey of the Magi, we are invited to seek Christ with open and faithful hearts, to offer Him the gifts of our lives, and to follow His light in our daily walk as disciples. May this great feast renew our commitment to make Christ known and loved within our families, our parish community, and our world.

### Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be closed from **Tuesday, 23 December** until **Friday, 9 January 2026**. During this period, please feel free to leave a voicemail or send an email to the parish office; your message will be attended to upon my return.

There will be **no weekly mailouts** during the closure. However, parish bulletins will continue to be available in the church and on the parish website.

For **urgent matters**, please contact the parish mobile on **0423 279 263**.

Wishing you all a very **Merry Christmas** and every blessing for **2026**.

*Kim—Parish Secretary*

### Congratulation to Fr Philip

On Saturday 3 January, Fr Philip celebrated 21 years of priestly ordination.

**Congratulations** on this significant milestone in your vocation and faithful service to God's people.

May the love and grace of the Lord continue to guide and strengthen you in your ministry. We give thanks for your dedication, pastoral care, and generous witness of faith.

**Blessings and prayers on the anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood, Father Philip.**

*Congratulations!*



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### Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,  
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

### Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am  
Includes Children's Liturgy

### Weekday Mass

Mon 7:30am  
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat  
9.15am  
Wednesday 8:45am

### Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month  
after 5pm Mass

### Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass  
Tues 6pm Rosary

### St Joseph's Men's Group

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7pm

### Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month  
at 9:15am

### Reconciliation

Sat 4pm - 4.45 pm

### Baptisms

Sunday 11.30am Contact the  
Parish Office for details.

### Baptisms Preparation

3rd Tuesday of each month at  
7pm in the church

### Weddings

By appointment

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues to Sat/ 8am to 9am

### Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month  
12noon at The Ary (Ziva),  
Main Rd, Toukley

### Men's & Women's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at  
8am at Warnies Café.

### Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm  
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

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**Parent Engagement Co-ordinator:** Lucy Marien Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (lucy.marien@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

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If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud ([bill@earthgold.com.au](mailto:bill@earthgold.com.au)) 0412 051 839

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## Prayer

Loving God,  
on this holy feast of the Epiphany,  
we celebrate the revelation of your  
Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, to the nations.  
As the Magi followed the star to find  
and adore Him,  
help us to follow the light of faith  
so we may always seek and find You  
in our lives.

Bless our parish community, Lord.  
Open our hearts to recognize Your  
presence  
in one another and in the world  
around us.  
Guide us to offer our gifts of love,  
kindness, and service  
just as the Magi brought their gifts to  
Jesus.  
May we be lights of hope and peace  
in our families,  
our parish, and the wider community,  
reflecting Your love to all we meet.  
Through the intercession of Mary,  
the Mother of God,  
and under the guidance of the Holy  
Spirit,  
may we walk in Your light,  
today and always.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and King.  
Amen.

## Salesian Thought

***Mere silence is not wisdom, for  
wisdom consists in knowing  
when and how to speak and  
when and where to keep silent.***

*(The Spirit of St. François de Sales, XX 2)*



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## Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our  
families, the parish and the  
world, every **Tuesday at  
6pm in the Church.**

We pray that this holy season brings  
peace, joy, and God's blessings to you  
and your families. The Rosary Prayer  
Group at Dianne and Bill Mifsud  
house will resume in **February 2026**

## Parish Collections

**1st Collection:** Contributions support  
the Clergy Remuneration Fund,  
providing financial aid to our priests.

**2nd Collection:** Funds the parish's  
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nals also go towards the 2nd collec-  
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**Monday 5 January**

**Tuesday 6 January**

**Wednesday 7 January**

St Raymond of Penyafort

**Thursday 8 January 2026**

**Friday 9 January**

**Saturday 10 January**

**Sunday 11 January**

The Baptism of the Lord



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**Recently Deceased:** Bayne Geikie, Lachlan Carlow, Patrick Millstead, PJ John, Betty Scicluna, Teuila Kelly, Jessy Edwards, Bill McGuinness, Pamela Noble, Lillian Derbyshire, Claire Otoole.



# The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A

## First Reading Prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

**The glory of the Lord shines upon you.**

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

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

O God, give your judgment to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgment. **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.**

# The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A

## Second Reading

### Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.**

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 the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

### 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.