

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR

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THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. - Lk 2:46

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1ST READING

1 Samuel 1:20-22. 24-28

Hannah gives thanks for the birth of Samuel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5

*How happy they who dwell in your house,
O Lord.*

2ND READING

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

We are children of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus is found in the Temple.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES

CHURCH OF ST. CECILIA

Wanganella St and White St, Balgowlah 2093

MASS:

Wednesday, 9am

Sunday, 9am

BAPTISM:

Sunday, 10.30am

1st Sundays of the month (within the 9am Mass)

*Baptism Preparation is required for first baptisms.
Contact Parish Office for more details. Thank you.*

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 5.00 to 5.45pm

Church of St. Kieran

YOUTH MASS:

2nd Sundays of the month
during the school term.

WEDDING:

Require six months notice and
include Pre-Marriage Course as
part of the preparation.

CHURCH OF ST. KIERAN

2 King Street, Manly Vale 2093

MASS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday*, Saturday,
8.30am

Saturday (Vigil), 5.30pm

Sunday, 7.30am, 9.30am, 5pm

** Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
on Fridays.*

BAPTISM:

Sunday, 11.30am

1st Sundays of the month (within the 9.30am Mass)

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In the spirit of reconciliation the Catholic Community of North Harbour acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of these lands on which we gather. We recognise their continuing connection to the lands and waterways and pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people in our community.



WELCOME TO NORTH HARBOUR

- YOU ARE INVITED
- JOIN US IN OUR VARIED CELEBRATIONS & ACTIVITIES
- CONSIDER SHARING YOUR GIFTS TO US

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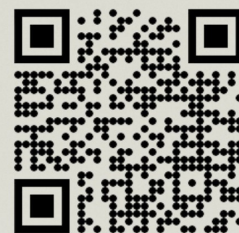


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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men... who were they?

Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men *magoi*. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations. ©LPI

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Mary and Joseph are coming back from Jerusalem in a large caravan of relatives. After traveling for a full day they realize Jesus is missing. Imagine the scene. They are scared to death. Maybe they even argue a bit about what to do. Perhaps Joseph allows his fear to sound like anger as he questions Mary about when she has last seen Jesus. They turn around and retrace their steps to and through Jerusalem.

For three days they search for Jesus, concerned that he is afraid, alone and lost. Instead, they find Jesus in the temple, sitting comfortably with the teachers. Their relief turns to the very human emotion of frustration, as Mary asks her son, "Why have you done this to us?" Jesus answers like any other twelve-year-old: "I thought you'd know...."

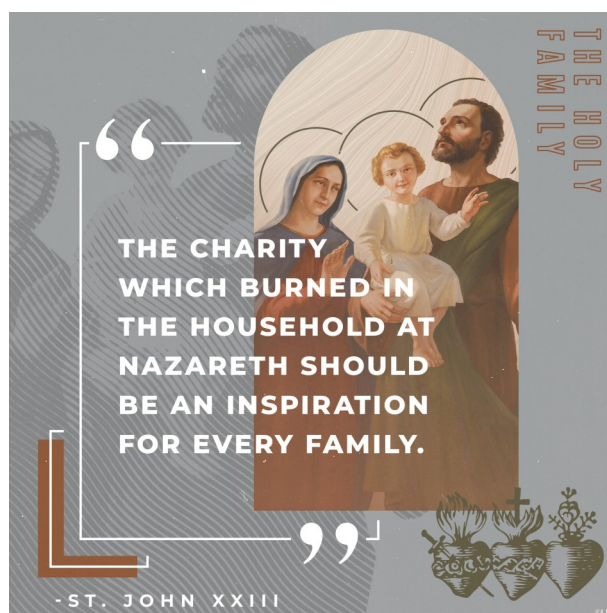
Like all families, the Holy Family probably had times when their communication was less than perfect. Like all strong families, they probably said their "sorrys" and learned from their mistakes. I jokingly like to say that we don't hear about Jesus for the next eighteen years because he was grounded, but I'm just projecting a mother's frustration. More seriously, we know this was an important event for Mary, because she kept it forever in her heart.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

All families have problems. Handling problems in a positive way, and not letting them dissolve family unity, is a trait of strong families. And so is good communication. Ask family members to talk about positive ways of solving problems.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

All parents hold things in their hearts regarding their children. What are the really special things about your child or children that you do not want to forget?



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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

During the Christmas season, we reflect on the images of peace that the prophets said would come when the Messiah arrived on earth. We hear about lions and lambs lying down together and of swords being beaten into plowshares. January 1st is World Day of Peace. Yet we live in a world in which war and violence shatter the peace for which the Old Testament prophets yearned. All of us as one global family are called to do our part to bring peace to our world. Your challenge this week is to be a peace-maker—in your family, with your friends and colleagues at work or school, in your community. How can you bring people together, encourage others to settle disputes without resorting to violence, or advocate for global peace?



PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to parishioners who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office.

CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

On this day when we celebrate the Holy Family, consider doing something simple and/or nature-based that doesn't create any more material trash or use extra natural resources. Although it's cold, go for a walk together outside, play cards or board games in the candlelight as a family, or sit around the table in your pyjamas and make art while you create thank you cards for Christmas gifts. If there were people you wanted to send Christmas cards to but you didn't get to it, you can take the time to write to them today to let them know they are on your heart.



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AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

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BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE
1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

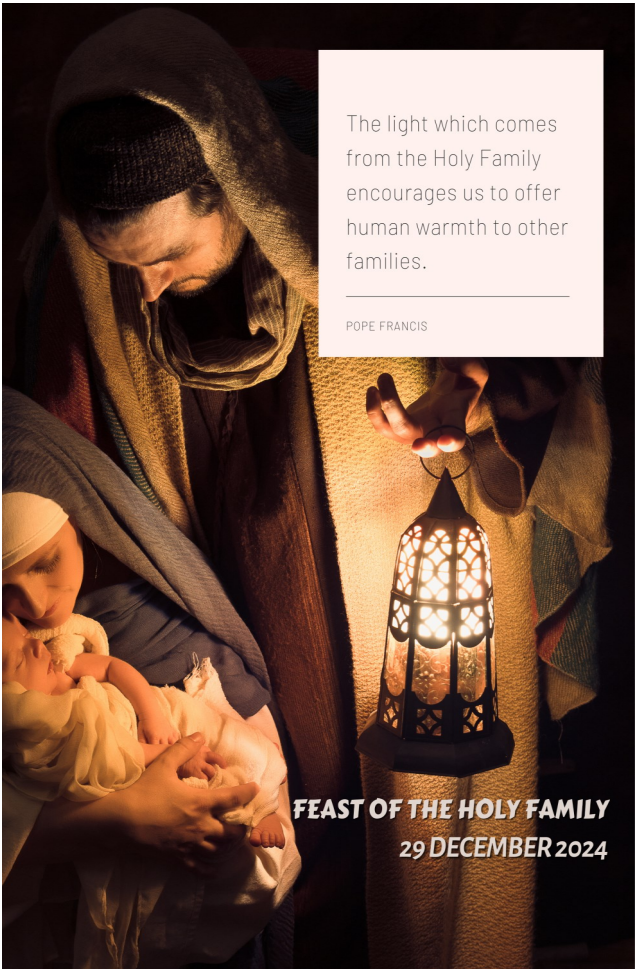
Colin Patmore, Joyce Arnold, Cecilia Yeung, Geoff Richardson, Yvonne Taylor, Erroll Abbott, Pat Cooper, Greg Hyde

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Primo Ganino, Judith Gasacao, Benjie Santiago, Peter John Hilson, Don Gaffney, Mavis Agnew, Maria Jakusic, Antonio Coniglio, Peggy Gallagher

ANNIVERSARIES:

Our community would love to pray for you.
If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin please e-mail
office@nhcatholic.org.au



The light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families.

POPE FRANCIS

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
29 DECEMBER 2024


Farewell, Fr Tu!

This weekend, we farewell our Fr Tu during a special Mass.

Thank you, Fr Tu, for your years of ministry and service in Australia. We wish you every blessing for your ministry in Vietnam. You will be very much missed!



JANUARY 1 Solemnity of *Mary, Mother of God*



You are welcome to join us for Mass at St Cecilia's Church at 9:00AM.

Join us for prayer and worship.

EVERY FRIDAY
AFTER THE
8.30AM MASS
@ ST KIERAN'S
CHURCH



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Come and spend time with the Lord in the quiet of His presence. All are welcome to participate in this time of adoration and contemplation.

Liturgical Ministries

We are looking for volunteers who would like to be involved in the following Ministries:

MUSIC MINISTRY
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
WELCOMER AT MASS
SENIOR SERVER
READER AT MASS
ALTAR LINEN CARE
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Sign-up forms are available in the foyer. Place the completed forms in the box provided. Thank you.

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Located in West Pymble, Boonah Art Studio and Gallery is operated by CatholicCare and supports artists with a disability. Scan the QR code to view the artworks available for purchase.

Artwork displayed: "Meerkat Family at Taronga Zoo" by Angi Bulkin

Parish Christmas Closure Dates

The office will close at 4:30PM on Friday, December 20. It will reopen at 9AM on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

PARISH ROSARY PRAYER

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

Monday and Saturday

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Tuesday and Friday

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

Wednesday and Sunday

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

Thursday



You are invited to pray the Rosary with your family for the renewal of our parish. Prayer booklets and rosaries are available in our churches. You can pray with others using this meditation after Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.



The Augustinian Vocation Office



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our
Augustinian
story

If you want to know more about the Augustinian way of life contact us and join our discernment program

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WORD SEARCH

They escaped into Egypt.

TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS

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Sharing the Gospel

Mary and Joseph went to the temple and presented the baby Jesus to God. Two older people recognized that Jesus was the Messiah. They gave him special blessings. They thanked God for this child. Just like Mary and Joseph, your parents gave thanks to God when you were born. They were very happy God gave you to them. They had you baptized in church, and presented you as a gift to God, too.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for bringing the baby Jesus into my life.

Mission

I will offer everything I do for you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





Let Christ help you, the Son of the Virgin and the spouse of virgins, physically born of the virginal womb and spiritually joined in virginal marriage!

Holy Virginity 2, 2
- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (5 JANUARY 2025): THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR C

1ST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6
Jerusalem is exalted.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see
v.11

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

2ND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6
*Paul declares the Gentiles co-
heirs to the Kingdom.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 2:2
Alleluia, alleluia!
*We have seen his star in the
East; and have come to adore
the Lord. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12
*The Wise Men journey to the
infant Jesus.*

4 JAN, 5.30PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
David

Readers
Val
Cecilia

Music
TBA

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

5 JAN, 7.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Michael

Readers
Judith
Jenny

Music
None

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

5 JAN, 9AM
ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server
Ilde

Readers
Michael H
Michael C

Music
TBA

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

5 JAN, 9.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Michael

Readers
Brian C
Kate

Music
TBA

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

5 JAN, 5PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Kevin

Readers
Louise
Catherine

Music
TBA

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 29 DECEMBER

Mon 30 Dec: 6th Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Tue 31 Dec: 7th Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Wed 1 Jan: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thu 2 Jan: Sts Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzen, bishops, doctors

Fri 3 Jan: Friday before the Epiphany

Sat 4 Jan: Saturday before the Epiphany

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Manly Vale 13 Jan - 17 Jan
St Thomas Church St Kieran's Church

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