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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star. - Mt 2:10

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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.

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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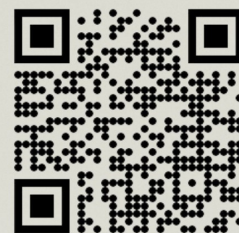


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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means “manifestation,” or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In Australia, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew’s infancy narrative differs from Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph’s long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact? ©LPI

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

When the wise men find what they are looking for, they share their most precious treasures. What are *you* looking for? What is *your* most precious treasure?

You may not want to admit it, but if you are like most people, you have probably spent a great deal of your life hoping to find the love you deserve: a love that accepts and affirms you completely. Some people follow star after star, looking for that unconditional love, only to be disappointed over and over again.

Why does this happen? We are human, which is to say imperfect. At some point, all parents end up hurting and disappointing their children. Those hurts and disappointments condition the way we love. We become frustrated and lose our tempers. We push too much or say too much. We are jealous or too sensitive. And we find ourselves hurting and disappointing the ones we love most. Those who love us do the same.

If we are lucky, we find a spouse who will grow with us through those hurts and disappointments, and the love that blessed us when we were married grows and matures. And if we are really lucky, our children forgive us for the hurts and disappointments we inflicted on them, and they love us for a lifetime. But we poor, flawed humans can never love unconditionally in this lifetime.

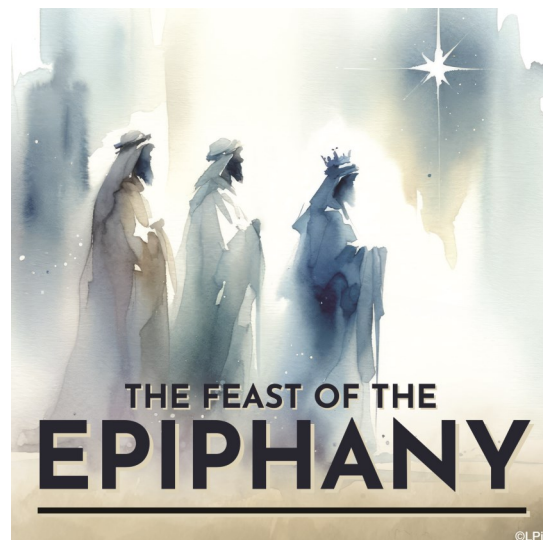
The only way to find that love is to follow the same star the wise men followed: the star that leads to Jesus. Only God can love us unconditionally, and Jesus is the Way to God’s love. Open yourself to God’s love so that you can share that love with all its acceptance and affirmation with your most precious treasure: your children.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

It is important to affirm your children. Tell each family member what you like most about him or her. Ask other family members to do the same.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Where are you in your relationship with God? Are you open to discovering who God is and how much you are loved? If so, how can you go about it?



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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord this week. This feast reminds us that Jesus was a universal saviour—for all people, not just the Jews. The Magi who brought special gifts to the infant Jesus came from distant lands. They recognized the Messiah in the tiny baby more than most of Jesus' own people did. Sometimes it's easy to forget that our Catholic faith is open to everyone. But the word "catholic" means universal—for everyone, everywhere, all the time. Your challenge this week is to give a special gift to someone who has been left out, someone who hasn't been invited into the inner circle of friendship, someone who really needs an unexpected gift. It might be something material, but it could also be the gift of conversation, listening, paying attention.



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

It's time once again for New Year's resolutions. Quite a noble time, really, when we look ahead to ways we can improve ourselves. Consider embracing a resolution related to the environment this year. As Pope Francis wrote, "We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world. They benefit society, often unbeknown to us, for they call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread" (*Laudato Si'*, 211). So pick something, large or small, that will be manageable but a good challenge for you or your family to care for creation this year.



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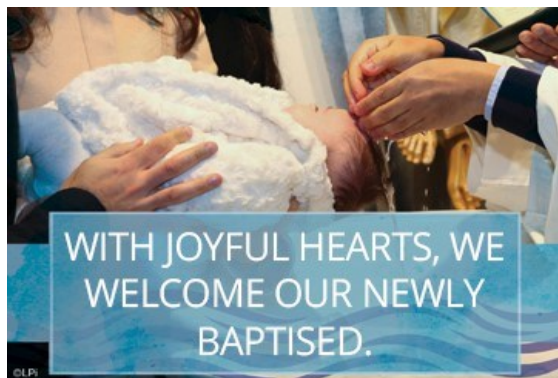
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BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE
1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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:

ANNIVERSARIES:

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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.

Are you interested in becoming a

SENIOR SERVER?

Training will be provided.

Sign-up forms available
in the foyer.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
OF NORTH HARBOUR

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

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ACROSS

- 6: north, south, ____ and west
 7: look
 8: one of the gifts given to Jesus
 9: a soft, yellow metal
 10: another of the gifts given to Jesus
 12: this showed the wise men where to find Jesus

DOWN

- 1: rested on your knees
 2: one who has wisdom
 3: significant
 4: to do something without others knowing
 5: alerted to danger
 11: a type of building people live in

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Sharing the Gospel

The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."

Prayer

Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.

Mission

I will do three favours to help someone in my family today.

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





O Lord God, give us Your Christ, let us know Your Christ, let us see Your Christ, not as the Jews saw Him, and then crucified him, but as the angels see Him and rejoice.

Commentary on Psalm 84, 9

- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (12 JANUARY 2025): BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C

1ST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

In the desert make ready the way of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30.

R. v.1

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

2ND READING

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God has made salvation possible.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism.

**11 JAN, 5.30PM
ST KIERAN'S**

Senior Server
Louise

Readers
Bob
Val
John

Music
tba

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
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**12 JAN, 7.30AM
ST KIERAN'S**

Senior Server
Joseph

Readers
Judith
Jenny

Music
tba

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

**12 JAN, 9AM
ST CECILIA'S**

Senior Server
Ilde

Readers
Maria
Francesca

Music
tba

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

**12 JAN, 9.30AM
ST KIERAN'S**

Senior Server
Catherine

Readers
TerryK
Brian C

Music
tba

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

**12 JAN, 5PM
ST KIERAN'S**

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Claire-Louise

Readers
Geraldine
Kevin

Music
tba

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 5 JANUARY

Mon 6 Jan: Weekday of Christmas Time
Tue 7 Jan: Weekday of Christmas Time
Wed 8 Jan: Weekday of Christmas Time
Thu 9 Jan: Weekday of Christmas Time
Fri 10 Jan: Weekday of Christmas Time
Sat 11 Jan: Weekday of Christmas Time

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