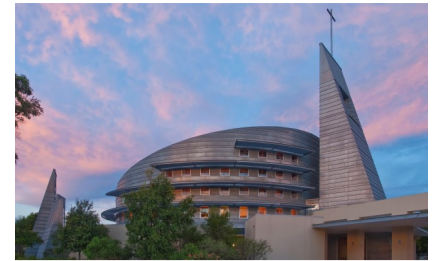




WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

“He must increase, I must decrease” (Jn 3:30)



The EPIPHANY of the LORD 2nd JANUARY 2022

Epiphany - Mystery of God’s Revelation

Dear People of God,

Epiphany means revelation. Pope Francis says that the revelation can help us to understand more fully what it means to be worshipers of the Lord. They are: “to lift up our eyes”, “to set out on a journey” and “to see”. The Magi teach us that worshipping Jesus is a gradual process. It is taking of God’s gift of faith to others irrespective of what they are and who they are and where they are.

Our Heavenly Mother Mary is the best example of taking the Saviour to others, as she did carry the Lord to her cousin Elizabeth. The mother of the Lord and Mediatrix of all graces leads us by her

great example to fulfil the Christ known through our assigned to her in faith Bethlehem, she cares for Christ - her Son and God’s. to herself, but she welcomes and adore Christ. She invites to Jesus and His heal-tate her devotion, come to Jesus to make known with Him always.



mission of making Jesus lives. She plays the role and trust. In the crib in and loves the infant She does not keep Jesus comes all visitors to see vites us to welcome othering presence. Let us immitment and obedience Her Lord by being there

People of faith find that

promise in the wonder of the Christ-child born in Bethlehem to be our Saviour. Like the Magi who followed the star, faith guides our journey through the uncertainty and the unknown. Just as a loving parent takes the hand of their frightened child, so we firmly grasp the hand of God who has made us, Who redeemed us and saved us, and Who is journeying with us every step of the way.

good news, hope and

With the passage of time, life’s trials and difficulties– experienced in faith–help to purify our hearts, making them humbler and thus more and more open to God.

We need to look for the star to guide us and reach our destination filled with hope, joy and peace.

Wish you all a happy Feast of Revelation.

Fr Timothy msfs

COVID-19 REGULATIONS: WE REMIND YOU THAT from Friday 24 December 2021:

- o Electronic check-in is mandatory, as is sanitising, mask wearing and physical distancing
- please ensure you are seated 2m² from anyone outside your family bubble, and you stand on the stickers provided when queueing for Communion.
- * It is your responsibility not to enter the church if you have a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath.
- * If you wish to take Communion on the tongue, please ensure that you are at the end of the priest’s queue.



We The Woy Woy Catholic Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

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

Reading II: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Alleluia: Mt 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



Keep Us In Your Prayers of your charity pray for the souls of:

Recently deceased:

Anniversary:

Remembrance: Peter Whiteman, Thomas and Aileen Carr, Terri Hall, Sr Anne O'Shaughnessy

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Lisa Ryan, Hanaa El Khatib, Sheila Houghton, Marie Head, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Moretti, Linda Italiano, Eneio Wolfgram, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Jones, Kiliti Na'ati, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Pat Savage, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Donna Vella, Ken Joyce, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Rose Aloisio, Tina Cohen, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Anne Singleton, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Karen Marie McNamee, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Maria Arundell, Larry Cresswell, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Head, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, Jim Matthews
