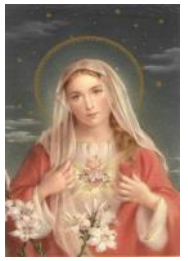




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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

DAILY MASS READINGS: 6—11 JAN

Mon 6th Jan: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 & Matt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues 7th Jan: 1 Jn 4:7-10 & Matt 6:34-44
Wed 8th Jan: 1 Jn 4:11-18 & Mk 6:45-52
Thurs 9th Jan: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 & Lk 4:14-22
Fri 10th Jan 1 Jn 5:5-13 & Lk 5:12-16
Sat 11th Jan: 1 Jn 5:14-21 & Jn 3:22-30

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from midday Christmas Eve to the 6th of January 2025. The office staff will resume work on the 7th of January from 9am. Fr Oliver will still be onsite occasionally during this time. In cases of emergencies, you will need to contact Fr Oliver on **0491895087** Please email the Parish Office for all other issues or information.

The first Baptism Preparation for 2025 will take place on the 4th of February at 7pm.

For those reading and needing Power Point presentations for weekend liturgies, please go to our website for a copy of the weekend liturgies. Simply click and download.

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY THROUGH THE CARPARK

5th January 2025

SANCTUARY STATUE UPDATE

For a few weeks now, we have had the company of the statue of St Anthony in our new sanctuary. We are now ready to accommodate the others. The cost for each statue will be \$6700.00. This includes the manufacture of the statue and delivery. We have a way of providing a tax deductible option. Please speak to Anthony in the Parish Office. Thank you to all those who have donated to the statues thus far.

NO CHILDRENS LITURGY

During the school holiday's there will be no Children's Liturgy. Thank you to all the volunteers for their help in educating our parish children during the Liturgy of the Word.

PARISH VISION & MISSION

Our Vision Statement is:

To create a vibrant, loving Catholic community that inspires and empowers members to make a positive impact in our world.

Our Mission Statement is:

To provide an inclusive, engaging environment for members to deepen their faith, use their talents to serve others, and make a positive impact in our world.

GODS WORD 2025

God's word 2025 is available to purchase from the piety store for \$20 each.

Sick:

Lennox Mastrosa (10 months old), Margaret Cooper, Nina Chavez, Ray Johnston, Precious Tamayo, Sophia Pal, Dominic Fernandez, Liberty Ventura, Harrison Whelan, Joseph Buttigieg, Jackson Naidoo & Faye Demagante
Chadia Kaminski

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Anniversary of Death:

Guadalupe Allarey, Fausta Marinas, Joseph Newton, Len Cluff, Clara Zurbano

Recently Deceased:

Hyacinth Das, Ambrosio Francisco, Lorence Zammit, Sr Gloria Ando, Solera Jumao-as

In Memoriam:

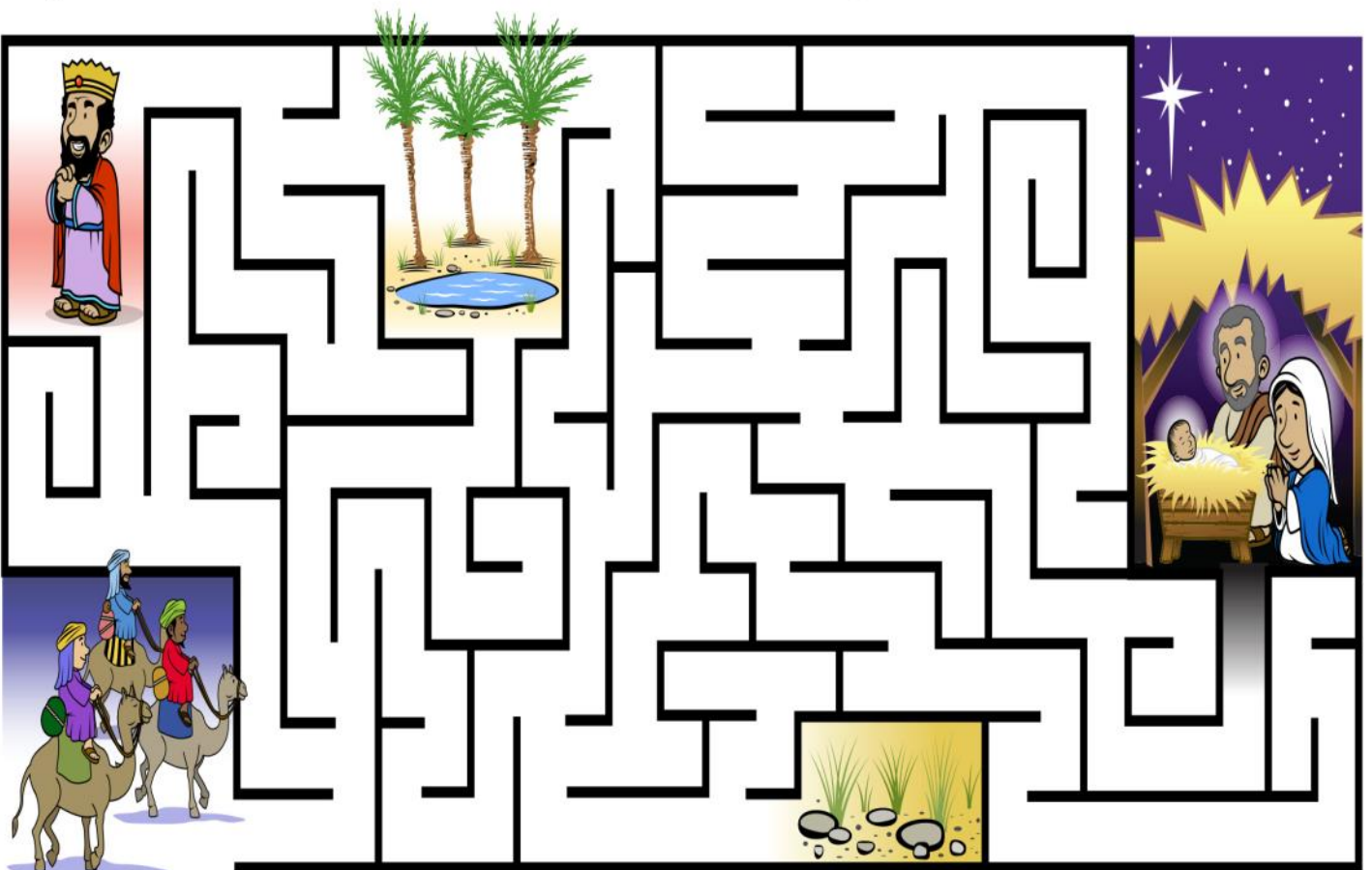
Nap Mendoza, Charles Briffa, Tony Muscat, Flower Clement, Teresita Jumao-as, Angeline Yu, Steven Houghton, John D'Souza, Jacob Gonsalves, Theresa Amjadali, Fatima Lizi, Aquileo Nacua, Jasmin Fernando, Anthony Silva, Denham Jacob, Denis Jacob, Walter & Felda Jacob, Douglas Denzil, Doreen Leivero, Daphne Bastian, Belram & Blanche Naronha, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Edward & Teresita Ombina, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Albert Gomez, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Julie Thivy, Bibiana Malaluan, Mary Lucille Serrano, Marilou, Mariano Jr., Perpetua, Arsenia, Roberto & Marichar Serrano, Joselito & Bobet Serrano, Epifanio Serrano, Lois & Bede Hill, Marie Mackenzie, Ben McShane Hill, Albert & Michael Agius, Ruben Elago, Anthony Farrugia and family members, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin & Alberto Wijewera, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Claude & Rita Joachim, Regina—Benito Franado, Joseph Grech, Roberto—Maria Reyes, Antonio—Lucia Santos, Julio De Mello, Regina—Baby Granada, Regina & Cristeta Granada, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Naty Mutuc, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granada, John & Frances Micallef, Stuart Richard, Dan Peiris & all the souls in purgatory.

May they Rest in Peace

Some Wise Men came from the East to worship the newly born king. They came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Draw yourself offering a special gift to Jesus.



Help the wise men find their way to Bethlehem - watch out for King Herod!



First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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 your 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.

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

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

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.)
4. 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.)

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE

For those who wish to become a Reader, Special Minister or Acolyte in our parish, please complete the Ministry Formation course. The form to apply for 2025 is under the notice board. Please fill it in and return it to the office for Fr Oliver to sign.

THIS WEEKEND'S ROSTER: 4th / 5th January 2025

(1st Sunday of the Month)

Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Conrad F	Angelo C Romany D	Joseph S Ding M	Lina Z Isaac Z	Ralph H Patricia H	Arnel R John B
Junior Servers	Katrina C Kiana F Ezekiel D		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Heleni M Johan M	Stephanie S	Paolo M M Georgie Annika D
Readers	Edward S Anthony S Jeana B	Therese M Anna Z Edgie A	Rose B Jeanne C Perpetual F	Mercee M Divine M Fasa M	Merlyn F Anne T	Paea T Belen B
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A Edith M Pompey F	Mercy E	Eva C Bessie M	Pat O Esperanza D Zeny B Obet D	Aida L Tasia H	Mary Mathew
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F		Ray & Sandra G		Alfredo P	
Music Ministry	Fusion 2021	Recorded music				
Power point	Jess P	Marcus M				Juvy A
Piety Store						

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 7th / 8th December 2024

(2nd Sunday of the Month)

Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Conrad F	Angelo C Michael C	Joseph S Ding M	Lina Z Isaac Z	Isaac & Lina Z	Arthur W Ralph H
Junior Servers	Kiana F		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Rachael P Katrina C	Heleni M Johan M	J Machaya Samisoni W
Readers	Virginia F John F Edith M	Mercy E Pen B Rachelle L	Joy M Dianitha F Remy H	Mary C Kevin L Nerissa T	Lourdes M Louis E	Bernadette W Cheri-Anne L Andrew H
Special Eucharist Minister	Maria M	Therese M Maria M	Bessie M	Anna Z Esperanza D	Angela D	Patricia H
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Therese M Marcus M		Aubrey J	Fasa & Bruce M	
Music Ministry	Ray Pineda's Group	Recorded music	Blacktown Philipino Choir	Hosanna Eukaristi	5.S.M	Duly Noted
Power point	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir	Jelynn M	Choir
Piety Store		Sherry	Eva C	Joe A	Ines A	Patricia D

PARISH TEAM

Priest of the Parish: Rev Fr. Oliver Aro MSP

Deacon: Rev. Leon Decena OFS

Parish/Finance Administrator: Anthony Saliba OFS

Administrative Assistant: Marthese Sultana

Sacramental Coordinator: Sr Valerie (0414638884)

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Our current Mass services are as follows:

Monday – 6.00am only - Tuesday to Friday - 6.00am

and 9.15am - Wednesday 7pm - Saturday - 7.30am

Sunday Masses – Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Sunday- 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday's 4pm to 5pm

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Preparation for sacrament:

Baptisms on Saturdays at 10:00am & 11:00am

Two children per Baptism ceremony on Saturday.

Parents must attend a preparation session prior to baptism.

Preparation session on the 1st Tuesday of each month

If you want your child baptized, please call Marthese in the

Parish Office marthese.sultana@maryimmac.org.au

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation:

Please contact sacramental coordinator for details.

Weddings: By Appointment.

THE YOUTH GROUPS

Email: parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

R.C.I.A: Patrick D. 0435038281 or 96263326

PARISH SCHOOLS

Mary Immaculate Primary School

125 Barrier Drive, Quakers Hill
Ph: 9626-3999. Principal: Sharon Mizzi.

St. Joseph's Primary School

78 Alex Avenue, Schofields
Ph: 9626-1328. Principal: Lesley Studans.

Saint John Paul II Catholic College

85 Hambleton Road Schofields
Ph: 9208-7200. Principal: Robert Muscat