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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | 4TH / 5TH JANUARY 2020

*The Catholic Community of City South acknowledge the Gadigal People, 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 the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation of this land.*

Dear friends,

The scene that is described in today's Gospel is another revelation that the child in the manger is indeed the Son of God. The Wise men are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod. This is depicted in this picture from the a cathedral in Autun.

The Wise Men before Herod, the Adoration of the Wise Men, the Dream of the Wise Men, shown here, and the Flight into Egypt. Here he adopts a Romanesque convention of showing the three kings in bed together under the one blanket. It must have been uncomfortable in the bed, wearing their crowns, but this was of course the only way of indicating that they really were kings. The embroidered blanket seems to move in harmony with the face, halo, sleeves and wing of the angel in one graceful, circular movement. It is as though the angel has slipped suddenly and silently in. With one hand he points to the star which will guide them safely home. With the other he touches one of the kings, who opens his eyes. The angel, despite his broken nose, still conveys a wonderful sense of gentleness.

His carving, like the story on which it is based, wanted to convey two truths. First, God cares for each one of us. Having guided the three kings to the Christ child, he did not then abandon them. On the contrary, they are to be seen safely home, away from the angry plotting of Herod. Secondly, in caring for us, God guides us. This is symbolized by a star in the heavens. But for us it may be a light within. People in the ancient world had no problem about believing that God, through his angels, spoke to us in dreams. During the twentieth century we have rediscovered the importance of dreams in showing us more about ourselves. Moreover, as the Holy Spirit works through the whole of us, he works also through our unconscious, including our dreams. In understanding our dreams we may be able to understand more about ourselves and therefore more about the direction in which our lives should go. However, God guides us in many different ways, not just through dreams.

What The artist, Gislebertus, conveys so beautifully is the gentle touch of the angel. The flight barely disturbs the air. Suddenly he is there, a sweet and silent presence. The guidance of God is rarely loud and overwhelming. It is usually the slightest touch, the nudge, the hint.

*Paul*



### PARISH DIARY

#### Monday 6/1

7.00am Liturgy of the Word with  
Communion, Rosebery

#### Tuesday 7/1

NO MASS

#### Wednesday 8/1

9.00am Mass, Rosebery

#### Thursday 9/1

9.00am Mass, Rosebery

#### Friday 10/1

NO MASS

#### Sat 11/1

*Baptism of the Lord*

#### **Waterloo**

Adoration: 4pm, Rosary: 4.30pm,

Confession: from 4.30pm,

Benediction: 4.45pm

5.00pm Vigil\*

#### Sunday 12/1

#### **Rosebery**

7.30am & 9.30am

#### **Redfern**

11.00am *Baptism of Roman Calantti*

**Fr Paul Smithers | Parish Priest |**

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**Sr Rosemary Mitchell RSJ**

**Pastoral Associate**

*Lord Jesus may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of mankind; to whom be glory forever. Amen*

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased:** Dalila Quinatoa; Jamie Wickert.

**Death Anniversaries:** Charles J. Lupton (6 Jan.).

**Those who are sick:** Jozo Stipic; Carolyn White; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Mary Cunney; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Rosemary Cooley; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

**Remembered in the Masses and names recorded at the Archdiocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel:** Joseph Mizzi; Chiu Kue Hock; Lourdes Chiu; Tessie Chiu; Delfin Basilio; Alexis Espino; Charlie & Carmen Vassallo; Arthur & Janice Gray; Ethel & George Gray; Bill & Pat Clarke; Sydney & Violet Green; Arthur & Edna Dennett; John & Eileen Dennett; Hazel Holly; Arthur and Rose Dennett; Carmen Bonello; Bonello Family; Bill, Muriel and Marc Wickert; Shirley Turner; Sr Patricia Wilkinson; Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins; Therese & Alfred Scerri; Margaret & Joseph Fenech; Isabel Fenech; Joseph & Rose Lia; Robert Clarke; Jay Rosenstraus. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

**Birthdays:** Tanya Silveira, Patricia Frost (4 Jan.); Vanessa Lascano Fierro (5 Jan.); Frank Balbi (6 Jan.); Helen D’Souza, Alicia Khoe (8 Jan.); David Matheson (9 Jan); Eva Torrisi, Alexander Kennedy (10 Jan).

**Wedding Anniversary:** Carlos & Aruna Lobo (4 Jan.); Frank & Helen D’Souza (8 Jan.); Glenn & Josette Merchant (9 Jan).

**If you would like your name included in this section please email the parish office.**

*For Mass offerings, please use the envelopes available on the notice tables.*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

**Modified Weekday Mass Times**

Tuesday 7 January - No Mass  
Wednesday 8 January - 9.00am Rosebery  
Thursday 9 January - 9.00am Rosebery  
Friday 10 January - No Mass

**Monday 13 January - Friday 17 January**  
No weekday Masses



**Next Morning Tea at Rosebery**  
Sunday 2 February after 9.30am Mass.

The Parish Office hours during Holiday Season will be:  
Tue 7 Jan to Fri 10 Jan 10am - 1pm.  
Normal Office hours resume Tuesday 14 January 2020

Epiphany Chalk Blessing Cards  
are available for collection from the foyer of each  
Church.

Waterloo Rosters	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
5pm	This	Melissa	Yvonne Smith, Mark Blackman
	Next	Steven	
Overhead Projector		Melissa, Wendy	
Cleaners	1		

Redfern Rosters	Readers	Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Commentators	Music
January 5	Natasha Kathleen Hill	Mary Wiseman Esmey Herscovitch	Peter Griffin	Helen
January 12	Jack Callaghan	Joelle Battestini Jack Callaghan	Esmey	Christine and Chris
January 19	The Tongan Community			
January 26	Maria Ralph	Judy Janssen Peter Griffin	Sheila	Helen

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**(electronic transfers only):**

Thank you for your contributions towards our Parishes.

**Rosebery** (2nd Collection Dec \$5,879.60)

**Account Name:** Rosebery Parish Church Account

**BSB:** 062 784 | **Account No.:** 053 750 02

**Redfern** (2nd Collection Dec \$1,313.80)

**Account name:** Redfern Parish Church Account

**BSB:** 062 784 | **Account No.:** 208 450 00

**Waterloo** (2nd Collection Dec \$2,452.50)

**Account name:** Waterloo Parish Church Account

**BSB:** 062 784 | **Account No.:** 062 750 01

**The Tap N Go facility is an alternate way of giving to the 2nd Collection. It is not a payment to enter the Church. We thank those who use this facility and remind you that the funds go to 2nd Collection which is for the upkeep of the Church and administration expenses. Please continue to give to the 1st Collection plate which supports the Priests.**

### 9 day Novena to St Catherine of Siena for Bushfire Relief

O Blessed Catherine of Siena, protector against fire, we come before you seeking your intercession for those threatened by fire.

We pray that God protect the people of Australia from burning flames, protect too their property and homes. We ask for God's protection for all animals and wildlife, that He will keep fire of any kind from doing them harm. We ask for the protection of our bushland and rainforests, farms and fields.

We pray for rain.

Pray, dear St Catherine of Siena, that all hearts are enflamed with the fire of divine love, as yours was, and that all of our souls are protected from the fires of hell.

Amen

**Reflection:** The astrologers in the Magi story went through quite a journey in search of the baby Jesus. They obviously believed in him and had faith in the star. Have you ever 'followed a star'? Have you ever gone after a dream or an ideal you believed in? Are you still going after it? What gives you the energy to keep going? How do you know it is worth it? The gifts brought by the Magi have significance. Gold is a symbol of wealth and fidelity. Frankincense is burned to purify the atmosphere by releasing an aromatic and pleasing smell. Myrrh is a kind of resin or oil used for anointing and embalming. It is a symbol of comfort and soothing.

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

## Anniversary Mass

Death of Eileen O'Connor

Friday 10 January 11am

Chapel - Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor,  
35 Dudley Street, Coogee.

Mass to celebrate the Cause for the Beatification  
and Canonisation of Eileen O'Connor

St Mary's Cathedral Thursday 20 February 5.30pm.

Prayer for the Beatification of  
Eileen O'Connor

Great and Merciful God,

through the maternal love of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
you inspired your servant Eileen O'Connor,  
to care for the sick and dying poor  
and to serve your Church through spiritual  
and corporal works of mercy.

Listen graciously to our prayers, and grant that  
Eileen may be raised to the glory of your altar.  
We ask this though Christ our Lord. Amen.

## National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Therese, Louis and Zelig Martin

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Therese, and her parents, Louis and Zelig, will be making their way around the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March 2020. The full itinerary is on the noticeboard so you know where and when they will be to take this opportunity to venerate the relics.

## Youth Leaders Evangelisation School 2020

From 25 January to 1 February, 2020, a week long live-in experience for youth leaders and young adults between 18 and 35 years old. The school will allow leaders to explore their call to discipleship through community life, daily prayer and through building a culture of responsibility for themselves and others in their daily lives. The program is developed to encourage leaders to exercise their call to evangelisation within the many contexts of their lives, including ministry.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Pasion on 9307 8152 or [elizabeth.pasion@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:elizabeth.pasion@sydneycatholicyouth.org)

### Rosebery Rosters

### Readers

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

7:30am

**This**

Josette M. & Charlotte B.

Charlotte B.

**Next**

Michael B. & Patricia M.

John S.

9:30am

**This**

Nancy P. & Lisa S.

Pilar P. & Nancy P.

**Next**

Lisa S. & Pilar P.

Lisa S. & Pilar P.

Counters

**This**

T. McDonald, G. Elliott & T. Lumibao.

**Next**

N & P & A Paredes



# Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading Is 60:1-6

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

*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 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

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 Mt 2:2

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 2:1-12

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.

## ROSTERS

The rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion have been prepared and are ready for collection at Rosebery and Waterloo. Volunteers have been included on rosters, however if you do not complete a Working With Children Check (WWCC) and the Archdiocese Training (SALT) and submit to office for verification (together with your date of birth) by February, we will have to remove you from the roster. PLEASE NOTE, THAT ALL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRE A WWCC AND SALT Certificate, this includes counters and money collectors.

The link for WWCC

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check> and for Archdiocese Training  
<https://bit.ly/2ZvKdf1>

## Life is Changed not Ended

The church calls us to pray for those who have died. We remember them specifically through the sacrifice of the Mass. In each church there will be a Book of the Names of the Dead. Those who are buried from our Community (records dating back 10 years), have their names written in the book and will be perpetually remembered at Masses. It will be updated by the Parish Office so please do not write in it.



**Eileen O'Connor (1892-1921), Servant of God, attended Mass at Redfern and Waterloo and attended Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Waterloo. May she pray for us in our journey to unity and our desire to build a Church of welcome, respect and support.**