



Parish Matters

Parish Office Hours: Revised during Holiday Season - see back page.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | 2ND / 3RD JANUARY 2021

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.

Saturday 5.00pm  **LIVE** Sunday 9.30am

No Weekday Mass from 4 January to 25 January.
Communion Service at Rosebery resumes Monday 11 January 7.00am.

Procedure for attending Mass from 7 Dec:

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1. A new COVID Safe plan has been completed and submitted to the NSW Government.
 2. The new guidelines allow for 1 person per 4 sq/ metres, funerals and weddings are now also governed by this rule.
 3. You must register by phone, or email or by QR code when entering the church.
 4. On arrival at the church sanitize your hands, get your name marked off and sit in pews with a green 'sit here' sign. Physical distancing is still required unless you live in the same house.
 5. At the end of Mass before you leave you will need to wipe down the pew you were sitting in with the special hospital grade wipes provided.
 6. If you are sick, have even mild flu/cold symptoms DO NOT ATTEND MASS.
 7. Printed bulletins are for single use only. Take the *Parish Matters* with you.
 8. Holy water removed from stoups.
 9. Receiving Holy Communion by "making a throne for the king with our hands" (St Cyril of Jerusalem) remains normative in Australia in the ordinary form of the Latin Rite and is recommended during this COVID emergency; great care should be taken when exercising the option of Communion on the tongue; while clergy should receive Holy Communion under both kinds from the sacrifice confectioned at that Mass, the faithful shall only receive the Body of Christ.
 10. Please wear a mask during Mass in line with health advice from NSW Government.
 11. Sign of peace means a bow, wave or nod. Do not move around the church. Maintain physical distance at all times.
 12. Mt Carmel Church will be open for person prayer (via code). You must sign in via QR code or paper.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Joseph Gambin; Vlatko Cepus; Sue Ann Chua Cezar; Ruth Murphy.

Anniversary: Fr Terence Purcell (29 Dec); Fr Kevin Muldoon (2 Jan); Charles J. Lupton (6 Jan)

Deceased: Carlos Chua; Michael Poulton; Emmanuel & Josephine Nappa; Mary & Edgard Caffari; June Barrett; Carmen Bonello; Bonello Family; Bill, Muriel, Marc and Jamie Wickert; Shirley Turner; Sr. Patricia Wilkinson; Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins; Robert Clarke; Elliot Bennett; Jay Rosenstraus. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

Those who are sick: Mary Borg; Vicenzio Lovatti; Anna Siciliano; Mariazinha Quintal; Lee Frost; John Gavan; Geraldine Marcellino; Milena Braganza; Sandra Truong; Geraldine Carrington; Rose Galea; Therese Mullaney; George & Juliet D'Souza; Fr Brian Egan; Allan Walker; Fr Emmanuel Seo; Carolyn White; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Rosemary Cooley; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

Birthdays: Nancy Kolet (2 Jan); Adam Krslovic (3 Jan); Tanya Silveira, Patricia Frost (4 Jan); Vanessa Lascano Fierro (5 Jan); Helen D'Souza, Alicia Khoe (8 Jan)

Wedding Anniversary: Carlos & Aruna Lobo (4 Jan); Helen & Frank D'Souza (8 Jan).

We cannot leave Mass Offering envelopes in the Church, therefore either place your intention in the collection plate or contact the Parish Office.

IN KEEPING WITH REGULATIONS, WE HAVE A QR CODE TO CHECK INTO ALL MASSES. IF YOU HAVE A SMART PHONE, PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SERVICE NSW APP AND USE THE QR CODE TO CHECK IN. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SMART PHONE THERE WILL BE SOMEBODY TO CHECK YOU IN.

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Parish Priest

& Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel
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Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

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

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

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

(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 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.

Communion Antiphon

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



Office Hours December - January 2021

January 2021 Open Tuesdays and Thursdays only 10am - 1pm,
Usual Hours resume Tue 2 Feb 2021

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- * Direct deposit into Church Accounts. Please contact the Parish Office for details.
- * Visit the parish website and click the Support Us tab.
- * Credit Card donations - either a one off donation, or be set up to donate monthly. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.
- * Planned Giving Envelopes - please contact Parish Office for more details.
- * In person - leave in Office letterbox or visit Parish Office.