



The Barra

7 and 8 January 2017

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 71; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas.

It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana.

In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness.

The light of God is known in the ways in which the



most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the

darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Sunday	8 January	7.30am & 9.30am Masses	The Epiphany of the Lord 11.00am Baptisms.
Monday	9 January	9.00am Mass	The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday	10 January	No Mass	
Wednesday	11 January	No Mass	9.30am Playgroup. P/C 7.00pm Bridge
Thursday	12 January	No Mass	1.30pm Bridge
Friday	13 January	11am Funeral Mass for Robert Pope.	1.00pm Bowls
Saturday	14 January Reconciliation	No Morning Mass 4.45pm to 5.15pm 5.30pm Mass	
Sunday	15 January	7.30am & 9.30am Masses	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

- 1) **URGENT REQUESTS:** we need a **Warden** for the 1st Sunday of the month and a **Sacristan** for the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.
- 2) Please consider helping with our **PIETY STALL** at the Sunday 9.30am Mass. Contact Noreen 4739 8882.
- 3) **ONE MORE:** we also need a Sacristan to help for Funeral Masses, please call the Parish Office.
- 4) **LAST ONE:** our Hospitality Ministry needs 2 people to join the group, only once a month!!!

FRESH PERSPECTIVES: Conversation on "The Heart of Christianity" by M. Borg. Meets 4th Thursday of each month (earlier this January). Next meeting, 19 January, 7:30 pm. Inquiries: Jim Potts 47352076.

ALL OUR THANKS to the hospitality group for their work and wonderful support on Friday 30th December. God bless you all from Lorraine O'Donoghoe and family.

A FUNERAL MASS FOR ROBERT POPE will be held on Friday at 11.00 am, celebrated by Fr John McSweeney.

DURING JANUARY AND EARLY FEBRUARY, Fr Jolly will be in India for his annual holidays so we welcome Fr Robert Anderson for our weekend Masses. Please note that all **weekday Masses are cancelled for period 10 Jan.—17 Feb. inclusive** with exception of Australia Day when Mass will be celebrated at 12.00noon.

ST FINBAR'S PARISH will be hosting a Men's Breakfast in late February or early March in the Parish Hall. It will be on a Saturday morning from 7.30am to 9.00am. Date to be advised. All men are invited to attend, and more details will follow in the New Year.

We wish all our parishioners and visitors a Happy New Year and ask that God will bless you in 2017

Sacraments

Confessions: Sat 4.45-5.15pm
 Baptisms: By Appointment
 Weddings: By Appointment

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Robert Pope (Jean di Nucci's father), Phil O'Donaghoe, Coral Darr, Peter May, Patrice O'Neill, Daphne Grange (Joe's sister), Annette Hennessy, John Mulholland, Ken Glover and Betty Grange.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Ena Baker, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Fr Mac, Madge Boylan, Grant Madden, Paul Clements (friend of Gwen Parker), Stan Currey, Tony & Jacqui Visser, Noah Cariolato (student of St Columba's), Robert Toirkens, Shirley Konza, John Camilleri, Carmel Quilty Malone, Pam Clyne, Emma Gleeson, Joanne Macrae, John Roebuck, Joan Lohrey, Jan Smith, Colleen Nolan, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Maddison Farrugia, Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy and Ben Gibson.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARYS OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Donald Moffitt.

Roster for 14 and 15 January 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Paulina Grodzicki
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Andrew Teece	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Lara Selby Kate Hanigan Joshua Toutounji Dominic Scanlan		Christopher, Margaret & Nicolas Gott
Warden	Richard Mason	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	Beth Culliver	Ann Keating	Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Maureen Talk	Elizabeth Konza	Peter Hurley
Intercession	Volunteer please	John Isaksen	Pearse Cremin
IT Operator	Amie Farrell	Volunteer please	Patrick Watson
Music			Matthew's group
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett John Killeen Jacqui Visser Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher Volunteer please	Terry & Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Volunteer please	Therese Luczak Jean Di Nucci Annis Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer please Volunteer please
Children's Liturgy	School holidays		
Cashier	Geoff Shalala & Erika McNay		
Hospitality	Trish & Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena & Vicki Rendes		
Church Care	Robyn Flynn, Jan de Bie, Huia Kingi & Jessica Doherty		
Garden Club	Team 3: Paul Gatt, Tevita Afeaki & Emma Corry		