



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook
THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B

2nd & 3rd January 2021

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

Happy New Year to all our dear Parishioners, may the new born child blesses your year with Happiness, love and great time. Thank you all for all your help and support throughout the year. We appreciate it all.

Fr Joe's Musings

Who Are You?

In the Gospel of John, the Pharisees asked Jesus the important question: "Where are you from?" (John 19:9). Some answered this question by pointing to the family relation of Jesus: "Is he not the son of Joseph, the carpenter. And is his mother not Mary?" The Magi never doubted about Jesus' identity: "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." (Mt 2:10-11).

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfilment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

On the meaning of epiphany, Saint Augustine (354-430) wrote: "So also, now that the Divine epiphany of the Word of God has taken place, the darkness of idols prevails no more, and all parts of the world in every direction are enlightened by His teaching. Similarly, if a king be reigning somewhere, but stays in his own house and does not let himself be seen, it often happens that some insubordinate fellows, taking advantage of his retirement, will have themselves proclaimed in his stead; and each of them, being invested with the semblance of kingship, misleads the simple who, because they cannot enter the palace and see the real king, are led astray by just hearing a king named. When the real king emerges, however, and appears to view, things stand differently. The insubordinate impostors are shown up by his presence, and men, seeing the real king, forsake those who previously misled them. In the same way the demons used formerly to impose on men, investing themselves with the honour due to God. But since the Word of God has been manifested in a body, and has made known to us His own Father, the fraud of the demons is stopped and made to disappear; and men, turning their eyes to the true God, Word of the Father, forsake the idols and come to know the true God. Now this is proof that Christ is God, the Word and Power of God. For whereas human things cease, and the fact of Christ remains, it is clear to all that the things which cease are temporary, but that He Who remains is God and very Son of God, the sole-begotten Word."

Imitating the Magi, a group of parishioners are currently undertaking the traditional annual epiphany pilgrimage from 2-8 January 2021, a spiritual walk over 110km from Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains to the Chapel of the Magi, Bell through the beautiful Blue Mountains.

Let us pray for the pilgrims that they also delight in the STAR of truth that leads them to the house of salvation.

Fr. Joe

Sunday 3rd January <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass
Monday 4th January	Parish Office is closed.
Tuesday 5th January	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 6th January	9.00am Mass + Rosary 7.00pm Bridge P/C (<i>Pending on the Corona Virus Restrictions</i>)
Thursday 7th January	9.00am Mass 1.30pm Bridge P/C (<i>Pending on the Corona Virus Restrictions</i>)
Friday 8th January	9.00am Mass 10.00am First Friday visits 1.00pm Bowlers 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice
Saturday 9th January	9.00am Mass 11.30am Te Deum Choir Practice 4.45pm Confession 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 10th January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass

WELCOME all visitors to our church today. We extend our greetings to you. If you wish to join St Finbar's Parish, please make yourself known to one of our Wardens so we can give you our Parish Welcome Pack.

Our Parish lies within the Traditional Country of the Darug people- The Aboriginal Custodians of our area.

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St. Finbar's Playgroup Christmas 2020 Party



ROSTER FOR 9TH & 10TH JANUARY 2021

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Deb Lawrence
Senior Server	Anaru Veitch	Peter McMahon	Garry Pursehouse
Junior Server	Alex & Johnny McLoughlin	Joshua & Lucy Toutounji	Emily Dowling & Sophie McDonald
Warden	Ken Schneiders	Volunteer Please	Patricia Murnane
1 st Reading	Allan Jones	Michelle Wilson	Richard Cutler
2 nd Reading	Dawn Willis	Volunteer Please	Carmel Higgins
Intercession	Ken Schneiders	John Killeen	Joanne Stubbs
IT Operators	Eleanor Thompson	Robyn Flynn	Joseph Marceau
Cashiers	Bernadette Shalala & Erika McNay		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson & St. Finbar's Playgroup		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gusta and Harvey Paclat (Merrilee and John Verhoeven's aunt and uncle), Richard Mason, Beatrice Doughty (Erika McNay's sister), Margaret Garvan, Mikaela Au and Tricia McQuade (Jan Smith's cousin).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Karen Single, Karen Bishop, Michael McMahon (Peter's brother), Christine McGillion, Margaret Christensen, Angela Dengate (Jim Pope's daughter), Adam Carlyon (Theresa Luczak's Son in Law), Ryder Lopez, Rev. Max Barrett (CSSR) (Jim Barrett's Brother), Joan Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Reg Moore, Pam Clyne, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Sophie Hollies, Colleen Nolan, Michelle Anthony and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Alfred Groves, Valma Adamson, Joan Kelly, Robert Clark, Helen Morgan, Jonathan Murray, Christopher Appleton, Patrick Dempster and Francis Amaral.