



# Westmead Catholic Community PARISH HEARTBEATS

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*'The sacred heart of Jesus is an open heart...'* St Teresa of Kolkata

## The Epiphany of the Lord

4 - 5 January 2025

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

MAL 3:1; 1 CHR 29:12

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

### 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.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.
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.
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.
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.

### 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

MT 2:2

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

## PARISH CONTACTS

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### MASS TIMES - Parish Church

Saturday: 6:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00am & 9:30am

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9:00am

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00pm to 5:30pm

### BAPTISMS

1st Sundays or by arrangement

### MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

By arrangement with the Parish Priest  
(min 6 months notice for weddings)

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK

By arrangement with the Parish Priest

*The Westmead Catholic Community acknowledges the Burramattagal people of the Darug nation, traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, recognising elders past & present. We aim to be an inclusive faith community, welcoming people of all ages, races, creeds, genders, orientations, marital status & cultures.*



## PARISH DIARY DATES

4 / 5 January	The Epiphany of the Lord	Solemnity
11 / 12 January	The Baptism of the Lord	Feast
19 January	Tamil Pongal Mass	11.30am
26 January	Tamil Mass	5.30pm
26 January	Australia Day	
6 - 9 January	No 9am Daily Parish Mass	
6 - 31 January	Parish Office Open - Tuesdays & Wednesdays	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish office will operate on reduced hours during January 2025. If the office is unattended during this time for any matters of importance; to leave a message - Ph: 9635 9262 or email: [office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au](mailto:office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au)



At Sacred Heart Westmead, **Baptism** is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 11am. Please contact the parish office to book for 2025.



Dates and eligibility requirements for the **Parish's 2025 Sacramental Program** will be published in our parish bulletin & are listed on our website - [www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au](http://www.sacredheartwestmead.com.au). Enrolment Forms will be available:

**Eucharist - March 2025      Confirmation - June 2025      Penance - September 2025**

The Parish staff, and I would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts and well wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Also, a special thank you to the parishioners who helped prepare our Christmas liturgies and volunteered to ministry. Your support helped to make our celebrations extra special!

Fr Walter



### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON : VIGIL**  
*Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.*

BAR 5:5

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: VIGIL**  
*Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!*

MT 2:2

**FIRST READING: VIGIL**  
*The glory of the Lord shines upon you*

IS 60:1-6

**GOSPEL: VIGIL**  
*We have come from the East to worship the King*

MT 2:1-12

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: VIGIL**  
PS 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

*R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: VIGIL**  
*The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.*

REV 21:23

**SECOND READING: VIGIL**  
*The revelation means that the pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body*

EPH 3:2-3, 5-6



Reflection by Greg Sunter

## WEEK 2 ROSTERS—WEEKEND MASS

Please notify Fr Walter you are in attendance

**EMoE - 11 / 12 January**

6:00pm: O. Nagel

8:00am: P. Vo

9:30am: M. D'Souza

**Readers - 11 / 12 January**

6:00pm: A. Pinto / A. Pinto

8:00am: V. Kastoun / L. Eid

9:30am: J. D'Souza / A. Sutanto

**Junior Altar Servers - 11 / 12 January**

6:00pm: A. Esterado / M. San Juan

8:00am: L. Burke

9:30am: L. Vicente

**Senior Altar Servers - 11 / 12 January**

6:00pm: J. Nagel

8:00am: J. Chandran

9:30am: G. Vicente

*If you are unable to attend your rostered date, please arrange a swap with another minister.*

### No 9am Daily Parish Mass

**Monday 6 January - Thursday 9 January**

- no 9am parish morning Mass due to Fr Walter's attendance at a Diocesan Conference.



### The Epiphany of the Lord

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewish-ness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way. How could they do anything but go home another way – indeed, go home as different people? They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind. When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 11 / 12 JANUARY

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

1ST READING: IS 40:1-5, 9-11

2ND READING: TITUS 2:11-14, 3:4-7

GOSPEL: LK 3:15-16, 21-22

