

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH LALOR PARK

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PARISH BULLETIN

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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship



(Established 1961)

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

The Parish of St Bernadette's strives to be a vibrant, active, Catholic community, that is welcoming and nurturing to all and celebrates being a people of God, with Christ as the model.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B

7 JANUARY 2024

Exploring for God

It is amazing in this sophisticated and scientific age that we are all so interested in stars, horoscopes and astrological signs. All of us are pleased when we read that something spectacular will happen. The Maji's journey across mountains and deserts, following the star, echoes in our hearts. We feel that we have our own star to follow- a yearning deep down within our being for meaning truth and happiness-an individual path in our life which we alone are called to journey. When the Maji found the child Jesus, it was highly unlikely that they saw the infant with a halo who was clearly recognizable as God's Son. However, with their eyes of faith they were able to see beneath the surface of appearances and recognize, in this child, God's light which had come into the world.

We too have been given the eyes of faith to keep us on course as we follow Christ along the highways and by-ways of life, across desert paths of loneliness, disappointments, setbacks, pain and illness. There is something beautiful about the story of the three kings. Those wise men represent all of us on a spiritual adventure which goes on as long as life lasts. We are to be the 'Wisemen' of our day, seeking Jesus and making Jesus visible to the whole world as its Savior and Redeemer. Our special role is to make Jesus known along the pathways of life by being open and receptive to his word. The Lord needs our commitment in furthering his word.

The Wise Men did not come empty-handed, and neither must we. We may not have gold, frankincense, or myrrh, but we can bring the gift of ourselves as people grafted into Christ. This gift of self is something more precious, as it never wears out. The church wants us all to rejoice today and to proclaim to the world that Jesus came to save everybody, and his presence is not restricted to any one culture or race. Christmas is about making two journeys. The journey to Bethlehem and the way home by a different route. We are all making our journey home through life. Having found Bethlehem, let us hope that at the end of life's journey we will be met once more by Jesus and Mary.

With Peace in God's mission
Fr Clifford msfs

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY - For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Entrance Antiphon: Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:2-3, 6-6
The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

For our deceased brothers and sisters:

Bruce Flemming, Rachel Surdich, Mabel Green, Dean McDonald, Baby Walsh, Gerard Leslie, Mick Toomey, Dennis Tracey, Harry Tracey, Laura Vecchiet, Victoria Herzig, Sandra McShane, Gwen Gunderson, Phoebe Mae Lasmarias, Ann Thompson, Sr M. Teresa, Glenn Mowbray, Julie Daly, Annette McKenzie, Brendan Doran, Paul Mowbray, Ivy Deguzman, Karan Moloney, Joe Calabria, Carmen Sammit, Margaret Duff, John Roch, Trish Mowbray, Ginette Sharrock, Professor Keith Kennet, Jossie Thompson, Neven Vuleta, Joseph Leslie, Angie Delara, David Smythe, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Sue James, Myra Sessions, David Ward, David Williams, Nathan Weaver, Maria Posa, Angelo Posa.

Recently deceased: Baby Maximilian Epondulan

Anniversary: Caina Russell, Malcolm Speers

Deceased: Norman Hanson, Ailsia McDonald, Bruce McDonald.
Deceased members & benefactors of the St Vincent de Paul Society. We pray for all those from St Bernadette's who have died. May all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Mass Times:

Weekday Masses until 27th January - 8:15am with 7:30am Exposition

No Mass on Mondays or Wednesday Evenings

GOSPEL

Matthew 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 FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

13th & 14th JANUARY 2024

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Rachel Vaz Bianca Whittaker	Noah Bonello Charlotte Bonello Patrick Vlatko	Cate Astillo Zara Astillo Madeline Chakti
Minister at the Altar	Francis Sultana	Mario Spiteri	Michael Webster
Minister of the Word	Kim McDonald @ 1 Michael Muranty @ 2 Bernadette Nolan @	Sue Gilmore @ 1 Carmen Bonello @ 2 Ana Vlatko @	Eva Narajos @ 1 Joshua Vaz @ 2 Kate Fardouly @
Eucharistic Minister	Ella Martirez	Helen Gonzales	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Volunteer Required	Jan Weaver	Cindy Astillo
Music	CDs - Tony Walsh	CDs	
Flowers	Vicky Sant		
Counters	Kevin Sloane		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Couples for Christ / Nick Soon		