

The EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6th January 2019

Entrance Ant:

Vigil: Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see Your Children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

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

First reading : from the prophet Isaiah 60: 1 - 6.

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

Second Reading : from the letter to the Ephesians 3: 2, 5 - 6 .

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

Gospel : according to Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Communion Antiphon:

Vigil: The brightness of God illuminated the holy city of Jerusalem and the nations will walk by its light.

Day: We have seen His star in the east, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Pray for the Plenary Council

Across Australia, Catholics are gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith and the Church. Many parishes within the Archdiocese have commenced their journey towards the Plenary Council 2020, sharing and reflecting on the future of the Catholic church in Australia. Please continue to pray for the community of the Sydney Archdiocese that we will respond well to the call of the Holy Spirit, by engaging in the preparatory phase of the Plenary with open and humble hearts, listening to what the Spirit is saying to each one of us as we share our experiences of faith towards the preparation of the agenda of the Plenary Council. <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/pray/> 9390 5147 or email plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org

Bereavement Support Reflection Mornings.

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support

Ph: (02) 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,
love and commitment*

Administrator : Rev. Fr. Andrew Feng
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Forget 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.

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Parish News

Collections : 30/12/2018 1) \$750.10 2) \$1,323.60

Parish Mass times / Services

It is hoped that our new Parish Priest Fr. Andrew Feng will begin his appointment this week. Parishioners should be aware that services during the week may encounter a need for late change until he arrives. At this stage there is no morning Mass on Monday or Tuesday

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) next event

Plans to celebrate our Church turning 50 next year are well under way. We are currently looking for any memorabilia available from the early years until now. All photos/documents will need to be copies to avoid losses. The celebration will be on Sunday, 27th January, 2019 at the 9.30am Mass. As the Church was built by the Defence Forces Engineers there will be Army involvement and other dignitaries. There will be a BBQ after the Mass in the grounds of the church and parishioners are invited to bring a plate, e.g., sandwiches, cakes, nibbles, soft drinks/water. For catering purposes could you please indicate your attendance on the forms available in the new noticeboard in the foyer of the church.

For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842

Trash & Treasure

A new shipping container compliments of St Joseph's Parish, Moorebank has been delivered. The collection of quality saleable goods including books, CD's, children toys and homewares for the Trash & Treasure stall for our Fete on the 14th Sept, 2019 will commence on the 5th Jan, 2019. All goods to be left in the crate in the foyer of the Church. At this stage we are unable to accept electrical goods or heavy furniture. For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.



Parish Flower Ministry

Do you have a spare 1 to 1-1/2 hours once every 5 to 6 weeks to help the small group of ladies who look after the flower arranging in our Parish. If you could spare some time to assist in this Ministry please contact Lorraine on 0428 894326. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Hammondcare

There will be no Mass at Hammondville Nursing home this month.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	5th Jan	5 : 30 pm.....	Special Intention
Sunday	6th Jan	8 : 00 am.....	The Sick
Sunday	6th Jan	9 : 30 am	Mass Intentions
Monday	7th Jan	9 : 15 am.....	No service
Tuesday	8th Jan	9 : 15 am.....	No service
Wednesday	9th Jan	9 : 15 am	Mass Intention
Thursday	10th Jan	9 : 15 am.....	Thanksgiving Mass
Friday	11th Jan	9 : 15 am.....	Australian Troups serving overseas

Reconciliation : Saturdays : 4:15 pm.

Baptisms : Second & Third Sunday of the month after 9:30am Mass.
Baptism & Preparation meetings by appointment only. stchris@tpg.com.au

The new Liturgical timetable will be issued in due course

Reminder :

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH CHURCH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 27th January. 9:30am Mass



Saints of the Week / Feasts

Monday 7th - St. Raymond of Penyafort

We Pray For The Sick

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney,
Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez,
Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan,
Steven Aboud, Sofia Abener



Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. Amen.*