



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Times
Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sun: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm
Mon - Thur: 9.15am
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Family Mass with Children's Liturgy:
 Sunday 10.30am

Sacraments Reconciliation
 Sat 11.30am - 12 noon
 4.45pm - 5:15pm

Baptism
 2nd & 4th Sun of the month at 12 noon

Marriage - Sat & Sun
 1.30pm - 3pm (at least 6 months notice is required)

Devotions Cenacle
 Every Monday 8am

Daily Prayer
 Church is open from 8am - 3.30pm

Rosary & Prayer
 Monday 8.30am
 Thurs & Saturday 11.30am
 Saturday Adoration 11am - 12noon

Holy Hour of Mercy
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri
 2.30pm - 3.30pm
 Adoration, Prayer's and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2018

RECONCILIATION Year 3 and older.
 Enrolment Date Saturday 5th May 2018 at 4pm. **Sacrament Date:** Thursday 28th June at 6:30pm.



CONFIRMATION
 Enrolment Date Sunday 6th May at 4pm.
Sacrament Date: Saturday TBA June 10am & 2pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 Enrolment Date Saturday 4th August 2018 at 4pm.
Sacrament Dates: September Sat & Sun weekends 15th, 16th, 22nd & 23rd.

RECONCILIATION Year 2 and older.
 Enrolment Date Saturday 27th October 2018 at 4pm.
Sacrament Date: Thursday 29th November 6.30pm.

ROSARY & STATUE OF OUR LADY THIS WEEK
 Will be with Denise Nerrills 1 Austin Cres, Belfield.
 Please call Denise on 049 919 5404 if you would like to attend and pray with the group.

PRAYER GROUP
 Prayer group resumes Wednesday 24th January 2018.

JANUARY HEALING MASS
 Friday 5th January 2018
 Celebrant: Fr. Yacub Barkat
 Rosary 7pm, Reconciliation 7-8pm,
 Prayer & Praise 7:30pm, Mass 8pm
 Exposition (after Mass)
 Prayer Ministry available after Mass.
 For more information contact Rose 0412 115 961.

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES
 Looking for suitable applicants in the Greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants and sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators. For more information and application forms please contact The Manager NFS (02) 9509 1222.

GRIEF TO GRACE - HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE
 A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th - 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoGrace.org.au or phone 0407 704 539.

SYDNEY MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES - CARE WORKERS NEEDED

The SMCS specialises in the provision of support services to members of our multicultural communities. We currently have a number of casual positions available for **Care Workers** who speak a second language to provide support services to older people in their own homes who come from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds (CALD). For more information please phone: (02) 9663 3922 or email info@sydneycms.org.au

JOB VACANCY
 Manager, Mission and Outreach, CatholicCare Sydney. An opportunity to build strategic partnerships with parishes, schools and other Catholic entities in Sydney and to ensure CatholicCare's mission and the services it provides is known and understood within the broader Catholic community. Applications close 26 January. www.catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/manager-mission-outreach-catholiccare-sydney

VISITING ROME? STAY AT DOMUS AUSTRALIA
 Domus Australia is a 32 room guest house established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims. Enquiries: reservations@domusaustralia.org.

CCR NSW RETREAT will be run from 26 to 28 January at the St Joseph's Retreat Centre, Baulkham Hills. The main presenter will be Br Lalith Perera of the Community of the Risen Lord. All are invited.

MEN'S BREAKFAST
 Reading the Bible through a Catholic Lens. Robert Haddad, Head of new evangelisation for the Catholic Education Office (Sydney). 8am-10am Saturday 3 February 2018 St Joseph's Enfield, Cost \$20 (\$10 unwaged). Bookings required <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=341640> or contact Kevin Smith 0470284590.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY
 Tell Your Story. Do you have a local parish news story which would be of interest to the many readers of the Catholic Weekly? The Catholic Weekly is always looking for human interest, inspirational and faith-based stories for our weekly publication. If you have a story please send it to: cweditor@catholicweekly.com.au or call 02 9390 5407. We'd love to hear your story.

Dear parishioners,
 Happy New Year everyone, welcome to 2018.
 We thank God for 2018 and ask God's blessing. May 2018 benefit us all for eternal life.

We celebrate the 12th Day of Christmas which is called the Epiphany, celebrating the visitation of the three Wise Kings bearing Jesus' valuable gifts. The three wise Kings recognise who is the true King and baby Jesus is God's wisdom made flesh. What does it mean to be wise? Being wise in God's eyes is not about being intelligent and doing well at the HSC, or being a world chess champion and things like these, but it does not exclude these qualities. Being wise is to know how to turn evil into good.

We know humankind are so much more intelligent than the rest of the animal Kingdom, since we are created in the likeness and image of God. That is why our minds have the capacity to understand the natural order of creation. We can comprehend the principles that connect nature together. We understand the connections between the complexities of the elements and have the power to subdue the earth to our benefit, transforming everything from the ground to make us more comfortable. We have the ability to take anything and break it into pieces for study and put it together again. In a sense, we have all become Kings. Not even a King a few hundred years ago would enjoy the technology, transport and variety of food we enjoy today. We have advanced faster than our dreams. But there is many areas in our life concerning meaning and purpose we are very slow and ignorant about.

The mystery of life is also something we can learn and study since it also has a law. It is only because God has revealed this wisdom to us in Jesus Christ we can in a sense work out the mystery of life. Jesus comes to put things together since we are doing a great job tearing life apart. Life can be unbearable and very difficult if we don't know what it is asking of us. Every experience is asking something of us. For example, being hungry means we need to eat.

How do we integrate our life together into one understandable purpose? This is the wisdom God gives in Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we have the mystery that embraces all other mysteries of life. Nothing is outside and beyond Jesus' love and mercy. There is no human experience even death that is outside God's love in Jesus Christ. Our life is nothing more or less than living out the mystery of Jesus in our own life. As St Paul would say: "Life for me is Christ" *Phil 1:21*.

"To me all is rubbish, all I want is to know Christ, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death." *Phil 3:10*.

To able to place all our good and bad experiences of life within the plans of God, to learn from it and understand how we can achieve eternal life from it is the wisdom God wants for us. Then we are truly prepared for anything that life can ask of us. There is only one security in life and only one safe place and that is to have Jesus. He is everything. To have Him is to have wisdom. Life can be complicated, but in Jesus, it is simple. + does mark the spot (The Crucifix) and bullseye. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Fr. Kim

Feast days this week
 Monday 8 January 2017 - The Baptism of the Lord

Week 2 - 13/14 Jan	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Acolytes	Allen	Tom	Richard	Chris
1st Reader	Natasha	Rosina	Paula	Carol
2nd Reader	Teresa	Sr. Helena	Vesna	John
EMHC	Rose C & Jenny	Kate & Julie	Rosetta & Marie-Ange	Sonia & Carla
Music (Please advise the parish office)	Julie & Choir	Justine & Choir	To be advised	To be advised
Altar Servers	Niamh & Deegan	Gianluca & James	Ethan & Joshua	Isabella, Nate, Patrick
Counters	Mike Radecki & Luke Touma			
Ministers to the Sick	Beryl Henneberry John Pestana Clover Lea - Permanent Commitment Amy Alarcon			
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays			
Church Cleaning 08-14	Linda Praum, Liz Reardon, Barbara Manduca, Belinda Miguel, Tim Endicott			

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Motto
 Live Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with Our Loving God.

For all new enrolments please call 9744 2811, or email school at info@stjfield.catholic.edu.au

Principal Mrs Maria Maiorana

With St Joseph we pray ...

For the sick
 Lee Tilliam
 Fedorowicz Family
 Sokolowski Family
 Sharon Holliday
 Sarah Holliday
 Zachary Marsh
 Sue Brancattiano
 Bishop Geoffrey Nikranicz Family
 Waslowicz Family
 Michael Abou-Antoun
 Douglas Edwards
 Helen Bache
 Lan Fon Yu
 Anna Pezzuto
 Sonia Grigoriou
 Chris Dimitriadis
 Barbara Mitchell
 Lina Grande
 Michael Tucker
 Antoniette Serci
 Sean Da Silva
 Alfonso Costantini
 Joseph You
 Martin Fleming
 Sam Shepherd
 Patrick Morris
 Rocab Shi
 Haishong Andy Shi
 Theresa Lee
 Urban Fernandez
 Beatrice Fernandez

For the Souls of
 Anis Haddad
 John Haddad
 Tony Pereira
 Portia D'Souza
 Angela John
 Vincent Price
 Ismay Family
 Mifsud Family
 Pisani Family
 Pace Family
 Alimonti Family
 Yvonne Pierobon
 Maria Vetrivano
 Rosina conte
 Catherine Peters
 Domenica Lombardo
 Nina Meridionale
 Maria Pane
 Venera Biloni
 Margaret Schibel
 Agata Panntaleo
 Piera Verzeletti
 Giuseppe Pafumi
 Maria Masuzzo
 Gaspare Gazzera
 Domenica Musemeci
 Carmela Barilla
 Zelma Coughlan
 Maria Trimboli
 Souls of the unborn children
 All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary
 Anthony Phuc

Recently Deceased
 Carmelo Calandra
 Gennaro Ruggiero
 James Baca
 Victor Liew
 George Martinus

Special Intentions
 Pezzuto Family
 Grigoriou Family
 Dimitriadis Family

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed May be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Mt 2:2

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with

true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

A JOURNEY AND EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the fact that Israel's Messiah is also the Saviour of the entire world. We may take this for granted. For the earliest Christians of non-Jewish origin, it was a source of immense wonder and gratitude.

People in the ancient world believed that unusual appearances of stars and other heavenly bodies signalled the birth of future great leaders. These wise ones (*magi*) interpreted the new star as heralding the birth of a Jewish king who will have significance for all peoples on earth.

They follow the star to Jerusalem but they need the scribal wisdom of Israel to locate more precisely the One whose birth it announces. The natural wisdom (astronomy) of their culture and scriptural revelation come together to lead them to the Saviour at Bethlehem.

When they find the infant Lord, they fall down in worship and offer the rich gifts of their culture. In this they fulfil the vision so splendidly evoked in the First Reading: the nations of the world bringing their wealth to Jerusalem in exchange for spiritual riches.

Their journey is one of danger as well as faith. The treacherous figure of Herod looms over all, foreshadowing the Passion that is to come. But the riches of God's salvation will go to the nations nonetheless.

We walk in the footsteps of these wise ones, sharing their faith and the joy of their discovery. We worship the Lord, bringing our gifts, knowing that they, and those of every nation and culture on earth, are precious in his sight.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / B

7 JANUARY 2018

THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. For eastern-rite Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 19:12

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

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isa 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-13

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

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

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

We have come from the East to worship the King.

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