



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

4 JANUARY 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, A

“They fell down and worshipped him.” — Matthew 2:2

BLESSING OF CHALK

This weekend we will offer the Blessing of Chalk for the Epiphany tradition of marking your home with the initials of the Magi and the new year. Blessed chalk and a copy of the blessing will be available after all Masses.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun, 11 Jan: The Baptism of the Lord
- Fri, 16 Jan: Anniversary of Dedication of St Brigid's Church
- Sat, 17 Jan: Anniversary Deceased, Archbishop Philip Wilson (2021)
- Sun, 18 Jan: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Thu, 29 Jan: Catechists Meeting, Rigney Room 10am

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL, WOLLONGONG

- Monday Mass: 7am
- Tuesday Mass: 7am
- Wednesday Mass: 7am
Confessions: 11:30am
Mass: 12.10pm
- Thursday Mass: 9am
- Friday Mass: 7am
Adoration: 11:30am
Confessions: 11:30am
Mass: 12.10pm
- Saturday Confessions: 11am—12pm
- Sunday Mass: 7am, 10.30am & 5pm

ST JOHN VIANNEY CO-CATHEDRAL, FAIRY MEADOW

- Tuesday Mass: 9.30am
- Sunday Mass: 8.30am, 4.30pm (Vietnamese)

MATER DOLOROSA, BALGOWNIE

- Sunday Mass: 10am

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, GWYNNEVILLE

- Thursday Mass: 9.30am
- Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm
- Sunday Mass: 9am



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Lumen Christi Parish Presbytery

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lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE...

Riccardo Bonayog, Gerardo Giorgio.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS...

Fr John Pickering, Sr Monica Barlow,
Duc Trong Nguyen, Angela Mosley,
Brian Mattock, Jim Lyon, Teresa
George, Lorraine Cook, Chiara
Sirianni, Joyce Milan, Noel
Meddows, Dianne Hukins,
Matthew Johnson, Pat Carr
John Gauci, Joseph Scalia



SCAN TO VISIT
OUR WEB PORTAL



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We show our respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Dharawal Country, Elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.



NEWS IN BRIEF

THANK YOU

Thanks to you for the generous gifts and kind gestures received over the Christmas season for our priests and parish staff. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are deeply appreciated.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Mass for Australia Day will be offered at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Monday, 26 January at 9am.** All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Malachi 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading

Ephesians 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

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

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 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,

WE ARE CALLED
TO REVEAL THE
LIGHT OF CHRIST
TO THE WORLD.

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

Cf Matthew 2:2

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Stars and Seekers after Truth

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

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