

### The Epiphany of the Lord 7 January 2024

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams -Pope St John 23rd

Cnr Perfection Ave & Bentwood Tce, Stanhope Gardens

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Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.

Today's feast, of revelation or manifestation, employs one set of readings for use every year, but provides two sets of antiphons and prayers for the Masses: one for Saturday evening and one for Sunday. They present several ideas intermingled richly. According to an ancient rabbinic interpretation of Deuteronomy 33:2 (Sifre Deuteronomy 343), God offered the Torah (the Law) to all nations in turn; the Jews were last, and they alone accepted it. But rather than claiming an exclusive relationship with God, it was understood as Israel's being entrusted with knowledge of God on behalf of all peoples such that through Israel all peoples would be blessed, and all nations would bless Israel for it. Thus related passages and interpretations see in this mutual choosing, this covenant, the establishment of Israel as custodian of the knowledge of God for all peoples, and therefore, metaphorically speaking, as light to the nations—the expression found in Isaiah 42:6 (in the first Servant Song: "I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those living in the darkness from the dungeon"), 49:6 (in the second Servant Song: "It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations"), and 51:4 (following the third Servant Song: "Listen to me you nations; from me comes the Law, and my justice will be the light of the peoples"). This expression is also found on the lips of Simeon in the ad libitum gospel reading for the feast of the Holy Family in Year B, and from that form was derived the phrase lumen gentium which opens the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. In Isaiah this image comes to a climax in 60:1-3, the first half of today's first reading, with the other verses being an imaginative description of the nations' coming to Israel and God in symbolic gifts; among these are gold and frankincense.

Sometimes that image of being light for other nations is posited in Israel as a whole, sometimes in Jerusalem, and sometimes in its anointed king, as it is in today's Psalm 72(71); however, our abbreviated form of the psalm is missing v.17, "All the nations will be blessed in him; they will call him happy/blessed."

Understandably, Christians reflecting on all these interlinking passages interpret them as speaking of Christ and of his Church. On this feast Jesus is celebrated as the newborn king, foretold of old, and now revealed as the light of the nations. Matthew's account of the visiting Magi evokes, and thus declares fulfilled, both the Isaiah passage and the psalm. Indeed, it is the connection between these texts that led to the Magi being depicted as kings in art and nativity scenes. They are foreigners, and in them, symbolically, the Gentiles (the nations) are led by the light of the star to the newborn king; and falling before him they present their gifts to him, who is the gift to the world.

While the prayers of both Mass settings stress the light that is and comes from Christ, there is a surprise in the preface: it contains the first of only two instances of the phrase lumen gentium in our Missal, the second being in the preface of the Presentation of the Lord; there it is Christ himself who is titled "the Light of the nations", but here it is "the mystery of our salvation in Christ", and thus the Church herself, that is said to be "light for the nations". This is also found in the Communion antiphon at the Saturday evening Mass, in which the brightness of God illumines the holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem, of which the Church is the earthly sacrament; the nations walk by God's light in this city.

In the Missal therefore we find reflected that ancient ambivalence by which all three-the kingdom, the city, and the king- may each be the light to the nations. This feast is indeed one of manifestation, revelation; but in pondering our mortal nature being united to Christ's immortal nature, we find that in the Church, the Body of Christ, people of all nations are blessed, and in her all nations bless him. The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord continues the reflection on the mystery of the Incarnation.

#### Our Parish Mission

The Parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart. Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."

#### **Mass Times**

**Mon** 8:30am **Tues-Fri** 9:15am

**Sat** 9.00am, 6pm Vigil **Sun** 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,

6pm

Holy Cross Primary School
Thurs 9:15am during school days

#### **Masses of Devotion**

1st Tues 7.30pm Novena Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1st Fri 7:30pm Novena Mass
Sacred Heart of Jesus

#### **Exposition + Benediction**

**1st Fri** after 9.15am 7.30pm

#### Reconciliation

After the weekday masses

Sat after the 9am mass until 10.30am 5:15 - 5:45pm before the Vigil Mass or upon request

#### **Sacraments**

Sun 12pm Baptism by appointment

#### **Prayers**

**Mon** 7.30pm Christian Meditation Frances Pegram 0417 406715

Tue 7:00pm Rosary and novena prayers (Church Tabernacle)

Fri 6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039

#### Praise & Worship

Fri 7:30pm Risen Lord Comm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat 7:30pm SJ23rd Prayer Grp

#### **Special Blessings**

Blessing during masses

1st Sun Birthday celebrants

3rd Sun Couple's Wedding
anniversary

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands in which the Catholic Parish of St John XXIII and the Diocese of Parramatta sits, the land of the Darug and Gundungurra people. We would like to pay our respects to the Aboriginal Elders past, present and future for they hold the traditions, memories and wisdom of Mother Earth on which we place our feet upon today.

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

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

#### First Reading

#### 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

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.

Thanks be to God

### **Responsorial Psalm**

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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 the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

#### 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

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. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

#### **Communion Antiphon**

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



#### Special Intentions

#### Recently Deceased:

Varkey Chacko, Josephine Apap, Marietta Ceballos

#### **Anniversary:**

**Basil Cherry** 

#### Deceased:

Mario & Salvatore Ricca

Sick: Names published with permission.

Lord Jesus, heal me. Heal in me whatever You see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from You. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul. Lay Your hands now gently upon me and heal me through Your love for me. Amen.

Emma Q. Fernando, Wally Atie, John Tipton, Jovita Castillo, Marilyn Nalapo, Obet Dionisio, Isagani Ocampo, Helen West, Cindy Dadivas, Geoffrey Robinson, Gil Dormido, Paco Matias Jennifer Estrada, Louise Smith, Virginia Santos Cristina Arceo, Cesar De Jesus, Cathie Christie Emma Matoza, Theda Ojastro, Jackson Canlas Perla Magculang, Anna Sebastian, Elsie Knapp Peter McArdle, Ben&Etta Benesa, Victor Pons Bev Lewis, Christina Properzi, Charlie Busuttil Barbara Thompson, Pat Daly, Jonathan Gemin Raymond Lanzona, Matteazi Family, Fr Joseph Lenka Olivier Talija, Ksenija Bosnic, Zoey Illic Maria Romeo, Dudley Francis, Valeria Laureta, Florentina Elisura, Hilary Regan, Jerry Bondoc Rosamma Elizabeth Langley, Virgie Villanueva Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Jo Daly, Gloria Bueno, John Pellissery, Carrie Conolly, Jovita Castillo, Jakov & Marija Franich, Elizabeth Candame, Adrian Gould, Manuel Sarris, Peter Dawson, Maryanne Jaramillo, Susanne Krajancic

#### Thanksgiving:

Sun

Mr & Mrs Godrey Lobo & Fly

If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

### PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

Christ Jesus,
By your Gospel we realize that what counts above all is compassion. Grant us, then, hearts full of goodness.

Brother Roger of Taize

#### Praying together

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favour I confidently ask of you. (Then say three Hail Marys).



#### Novena mass - 7:30pm every First Tuesday

#### Join us for rosary and novena prayers every Tuesday, 7:00pm

For the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home, please contact Bart Sarlabus bart.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto emcipi85@yahoo.com.au.

Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.

You may invite either Fr Jolly or Fr Zvonimir to join you in prayers at home.

Please organise with the parish office.

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May	7		14	21	28	
		available	available	available	available	

"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"

#### **ALPHA PROGRAM**

- ? Looking for a welcoming space to ask your life and faith questions?
- ? Interested in meeting other people in the parish?
- ? Want a space where you can invite your family and friends into the parish community?
- St John XXIII's Alpha program is a great next step for you! We meet weekly, always with food, lots of laughter and wholesome life and faith conversation!

For program schedule or to express your interest, contact Mei and Donnie on 0432 042140 or fill up the form or scan the QR code



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Looking forward to meeting you ©

#### Mon The Baptism of the Lord (F) 8:30am - Mass Tues 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wed 9:15am - Mass Thurs 9:15am - Mass Fri 12 9:15am - Mass Sat 13 9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass

14 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass

6:00pm - Mass

December Church Calendar

#### Paying our debt together

We are very grateful to all our parishioners who always generously support our Parish.

**FIRST COLLECTION** supports the priests and deacons of the Diocese. **SECOND COLLECTION** goes to the running costs of our church, ministry expenses and specially to pay off our church mortgage.

A Planned giving Program is in place to help with the planning/budgeting of church expenses. The Parish Finance Committee encourages parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions instead of the envelope system. An SJ23rd registration form is available at the church fover or from the website.



Parishioners who want to make a financial contribution are encouraged to use the *TapnGo* machines by the entrances or online via BPoint.

#### Pastoral Ministries

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi We are in urgent need for volunteers to assist in the different pastoral ministries in our Parish.



#### ⇒ SRE Teachers

If you could spare an hour during weekdays to spread God's word teaching the scriptures to children, **WE NEED YOU**. We currently have 4 public primary schools and a high school in our parish where we hold scripture classes during school hours for 30 minutes during Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information please call Asoki 0430 020265 or Renuka 0414 795814. Training and resources will be provided.

#### ⇒ GARDENERS AND CLEANERS

Now that the church is open for celebrations, its floors need to be swept of dust, cobwebs brushed off, candle stands cleaned and garden kept green. We would like to request all our volunteer cleaners and gardeners to come back and continue their ministry. For more information contact maintenance@john23rd.org.au or the parish office.

#### **⇒ MUSIC MINISTRY**

If your passion is music and are interested to assist with the music ministry, you are most welcome to join and make our liturgy celebrations more alive.

Please contact Neil Mascarenhas, our music ministry coordinator via email neil.mas@gmail.com



We still have aprons for sale \$30.00
Please contact Techie on 0438 201436 or the parish office for orders.
Proceeds goes to our church funds

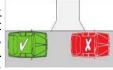


John McCabe Karen Green Julian Martin Suni Fernando Mei Velasco Ajith Lobo Helen Festejo Rebecca Reynolds

#### DRIVEWAY/CARPARK SAFETY

For everyone's safety, please park <u>at least 1.8 meters</u> from the church's driveway entrance.

Your parked vehicle must <u>not block the flow</u> of traffic or impair the vision of other drivers getting into or out of the parking lot, basically impeding vehicles from entering, exiting or turning into or from the church's driveway.



Vehicle safety is more than just staying alert when parking your car. Let us not become a danger to other road users.

Remember to please always use the footpath on both sides of the church car park when walking around the church parking lot, again for safety reasons.

Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours. Do not block the neighbours' driveway.



#### **GOD LOVES US ALL!**

Be inspired and liven up your spirit through Lanni Fides Books

Book 1: <u>ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD THROUGH DREAMS and VISIONS</u> - author's testimonials of God's messages in sleep.

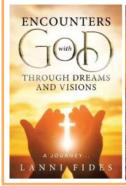
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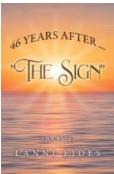
Book 3: <u>TREASURED STORIES INSPIRED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT</u> – inspirational stories of 22 different people in all walks of life, who experienced God's loving hands.

#### "Nihil Obstat" Published with Ecclesiastical Approval by Fr Wim Hoekstra, Censor Deputatus, Diocese of Parramatta

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#### Community Events



We are organizing some mini events to contribute to our much needed church funds but **most especially** to boost our parish community engagements. It's about time to get together, know each other and begin to build up our Parish Community of St John 23rd.

We invite our different cultural community to host a Saturday Vigil or Sunday mornings mini event after our mass celebrations for a full community involvement. We encourage our parish community to support these mini endeavours.

Any other suggestions for church fanfare, activities or just availability of support are most welcome and greatly appreciated. Please contact either Nanette - 0404 465600 or Techie - 0439 201436.

JOIN US, ENJOY WITH US

UPCOMING
EVENT/S
Save the dates in
your diary



# FOOD & DANCE FESTIVAL SJXXIII HUB

# SAVE THE DATE







"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

Blaze is a youth group, Yrs 4 - 12, with the mission of creating a space for teens to learn, grow, serve and live out our Catholic faith. We facilitate the understanding and growth of our faith through various activities exploring the catholic perspective on a variety of themes such as social issues, teen challenges and faith-related topic.

Join us for a fun night filled with music, games, discussion, prayer and of course pizza. BLAZE youth session runs from 7:15 to 9pm and is held every second Friday throughout the school term in the St John XXIII school hall.

### **COME AND JOIN**

If you would like to come along to one of our sessions, please contact the team at <a href="mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au">blaze@john23rd.org.au</a>

Youth Coordinator	Asst Youth Coordinator	Youth Leaders			
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#### **EPIPHANY**

#### What is the solemnity of the Epiphany?

On this feast, the Church celebrates the manifestation (epiphany) of Christ to the Nations (Gentiles) in the persons of the Magi—also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings. In earlier times, this feast combined two other manifestations, that which took place at the Lord's Baptism, and that which took place in Cana at the Wedding feast. This is still the custom in Eastern Christianity.

Although the date of the Epiphany on the General Calendar of the Church is January 6th, in the United States and some other countries it is celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st so more Catholics can participate. Thus, in 2024 the Solemnity of the Epiphany is Sunday, January 7.

"Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die." — St. Peter Chrysologus

## What is the origin of the feast of Epiphany?

In his book Spirit of the Liturgy, the future Pope Benedict XVI wrote,

It is hard to say how far back the beginnings of the Christmas feast go. It assumed its definitive form in the third century.

At about the same time the feast of the Epiphany emerged in the East on January 6 and the feast of Christmas in the West on December 25.

The two feasts had different emphases because of the different religious and cultural contexts in which they arose, but essentially their meaning was the same: the celebration of the birth of Christ as the dawning of the new light, the true sun, of history.

## What is the significance of Epiphany in Christianity?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 528) says,

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

"How then, tell me, did the star point out a spot so confined, just the space of a manger and shed, unless it left that height and came down, and stood over the very head of the young child? And at this the evangelist was hinting when he said, 'Lo, the star went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was." - St. John Chrysostom

https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/epiphany-20565



For all youth ministry enquiries

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**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM** 

#### **OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

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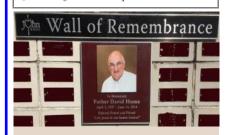
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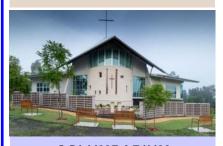


#### MEMORIAL WALL

The wall in front of the church is devoted to the memory of our deceased family and friends, especially if they are buried overseas.

For any enquiries please email columbarium@john23rd.org.au

The plaques cost \$500.00



#### COLUMBARIUM

For our parishioners who are planning to buy a Niche, do so without delay, because we always want to prioritise members of our parish who wish to buy the Niches.

For further information please contact the Parish Office.









For more events please go to https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/ or https://catholicoutlook.org/

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> Comprehensive training for ministers who wish to serve at the altar during Mass for their parish.

> For those who are interested to be part of this ministry, application forms are available at the church foyer or via the website https://officeforworship.org.au/

> All applications need to be endorsed by your parish Priest prior to attending the first Introductory session.

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	Monday 26th February & 4th Merch	Ministers of the Word		Thursday 29th February & 7th March	
	Monday 11th March & 18th March	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Thursday 16th March & 21st March	
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#### CONTACTS

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#### Welcome to our parish community!

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