



# CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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The EPIPHANY of the LORD / A

8 January 2023

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## The Feast of the Epiphany

As a tribute to the late Pope Benedict XVI, this Sunday's reflection for the Epiphany is taken from his book **Jesus of Nazareth: the Infancy Narratives**. This book is part of a trilogy of books about Jesus that he wrote during his papacy. They are the result of a life time of study and reflection on the Scriptures. They are also, as he writes in the introduction to the first volume, his "personal search for 'the face of Christ'" (Deacon Louis)



### With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

#### For the sick

Elmano Belo  
Patrick Crowley  
Sidney Luximon  
Allen Portell  
Leonor Delgado  
Patricia Stack  
Raul Cabrera  
Ruth Wilson  
Raymond Hudson  
Fr Jim Duggan  
Pat Allport  
Cardo, Jennie, Ian, Pat  
Christina

#### Recently Deceased

Gaspar Vargas  
Danny Martinelli  
Irene K Yusingco  
Josh Callaghan

#### Death Anniversary

Camila Corpus  
Davina Godfrey

#### For the Souls

Fr Basil Francis Rosen  
Raimondo & Raffaella Dolce  
Marisa Rulli  
Naim & Nadia El-Etar  
Foula & Salima  
Rena & husband  
Youssif El-Etar  
All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Special Intention

Julie Anderson  
Francesco & Caterina Dolce and family  
Immacolata Russo & family  
Henry & Tina and my family  
Leah Tillam

#### Parish Office

Maria - Mondays  
Cecilia - Wed-Friday  
9.30am - 2:30pm

#### Parish & Hall enquiries

9558 3257

#### Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)  
Sun: 8am & 10am  
Mon to Fri: 9:00am  
Sat: 9:30am

#### Family Mass with Children's Liturgy

3rd Sunday of the Month 10am Mass

#### Morning Tea Sunday

3rd Sunday of the Month after 10:00am Mass

#### Filipino Mass

1st Sun 11:30am

#### Sacraments

##### Confession

Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm or any time by appointment

##### Baptism

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

##### Marriage

At least 6 months notice required

##### Anointing of the Sick

Any time on call

##### Devotions

##### Holy Hour & Rosary

Sunday - Friday before morning mass

##### Rosary & Benediction

Sat 8:30-9:30am

##### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

### Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Thursday 12 January 2023

St Mary's Cathedral

5:30pm. (Please be seated by 5:15pm)

For those who are unable to attend, the Requiem Mass will be live-streamed on the St Mary's Cathedral YouTube Channel.

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of the late Holy Father.

### Purpose Retreat 2023

Inviting all young adults and youth leaders (18-35) to come along to a new archdiocesan retreat centered on the theme KNOW, LOVE, SERVE.

Dates: 22-25 January

Location: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre

Speakers include: Bishop Richard Umbers, Fr. Ben Saliba, Kristin Barlow, Sr Kathryn Kingsley MGL, Kevin and Helen Wagner, Fr Chris Desousa and Fr Dan McCaughan,

The retreat will offer fellowship, social time, free time, food, sacraments, prayer, and more, all at the beautiful Benedict XVI Retreat Centre near Richmond.

Places are limited so register today for an incredible experience <https://www.trybooking.com/CDXCV>

For more information

contact [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)

Parishes are encouraged to share [this flyer](#) (please see the bulletin board) to promote the retreat.

### 'Made for More' events by Theology of the Body Institute

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is proud to host Dr Christopher West and his team for their Australian tour of 'Made for More' events in Sydney and Melbourne. Please join us on Friday, 20 January at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall or on Saturday, 21 January at All Saints Liverpool Parish Hall. 'Made for More' weaves dynamic presentations with live music, media and sacred art bringing an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. An event not to be missed! For tickets and more information, visit [www.svdneycatholic.org/TOB](http://www.svdneycatholic.org/TOB)

2 practising Catholic students from Albury are seeking accommodation in Sydney for the 2023 academic year.

Contact [seanplee@bigpond.com](mailto:seanplee@bigpond.com) M 0499 001 653

### Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week

(9 - 14 January 2023)

Mon 9/1 The Baptism of the Lord  
Fri 13/1 St Hilary, bishop, doctor

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, or Theophany, commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, the revelation of Jesus as God's beloved son, the Christ, anointed by the spirit. This feast marks the definitive end of the Christmas season and the formal beginning of the ordinary time of the church's liturgical cycle.



Hilary of Poitiers (c. 310 – c. 367) was Bishop of Poitiers and a Doctor of the Church. He was sometimes referred to as the "Hammer of the Arians" and the "Athanasius of the West". Hilary was married and the father of Abra of Poitiers, a nun and saint who became known for her charity.



The Arian heresy principally occupied his pen, and he became one of the most strenuous defenders of the Divinity of Jesus Christ. At the Council of Seleucia, in 360, he bravely defended the decrees of Nicaea, and then retired to Constantinople. He died at Poitiers in the year 398.

### PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER

14 - 15 January 2023

Readers:	5:30pm	M Dos Santos P Allport
	8:00am	J Peters G Turnbull
	10:00am	L & J Scanlon
Acolytes:	5:30pm	Philip & Morea
	8:00am	Tony
	10:00am	Andre

### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@svdneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@svdneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### Who were "the wise men"?

The wise men or 'magoi', as they are called in the Greek of Matthew's Gospel, "came from the East". Several scholars have identified these men as members of a priestly caste in the city of Babylon who, for many centuries before Jesus' time, had combined religious ideas with the study of philosophy and the sciences, especially astronomy. These studies and the mood of hope and expectation throughout the Eastern Mediterranean aroused by the 'Roman peace' associated with the Emperor Augustus, could well have pointed them towards Judea and "the new born king of the Jews".

Many factors could have combined to generate the idea that the language of the star contained a message of hope. Modern astronomers have also identified a conjunction of planets around this time that would have produced an unusual brightness in the night sky. But none of this would have prompted them to set off on such a journey unless they were people of inner unrest, people of hope, people on the lookout for the true star of salvation. The men that Matthew speaks about were not just astronomers. They were "wise".

The key point is this: the "wise men from the East" are a new beginning. They represent the journeying of humanity towards Christ. Because of the three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that they brought and the influence of the prophecies of Isaiah, these wise men were later understood to be three kings. A further development of this tradition occurred when they were considered to represent the three known continents-Africa, Asia and Europe. In the kingdom of God there are no distinctions of race and origin. In him and through him, humanity is united yet without losing any of the richness of variety.

### The worship of the wise men before Jesus

While they were in Jerusalem with King Herod, the star receded from view. It only reappeared when they resumed their journey. Matthew describes the moment when, after following the star, they "went into the house where they saw the child with his mother Mary" as a moment when "they were filled with delight". Their joy is the joy of one whose heart has received a ray of God's light and who can now see that his hope has been realised. It is the joy of those who have found what they had been searching for and who have themselves been found.

The wise men "do homage", that is, they throw themselves on the ground before him. This is the homage that they offer to a divine king. The gifts they bring are not practical gifts, of a kind that the holy family might have had a use for at that moment. They express the same thing as "homage": they acknowledge the royal dignity of him to whom they are offered. Gold and incense are also mentioned in Isaiah (Is 60) as gifts of homage that the gentiles will bring before the God of Israel.

In the Church's tradition, the three gifts have been thought to represent three aspects of the mystery of Christ. The gold points to Jesus' kingship; the incense to him as the divine Son; the myrrh to the mystery of his Passion.

(from **Jesus of Nazareth: the Infancy Narratives** pp92-107 Joseph Ratzinger Bloomsbury London 2012)

### Morning Tea - Third Sunday of each month

This coming Sunday, 15th January, is our Morning Tea Sunday. Please join and bring a plate to share.

### Choir Notice

After Christmas Masses the choir will be on holiday till the end of January.

