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at a
glance



Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Light has come; the glory of the Lord shines upon you

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Spirit's revelation, that we are all parts of the same body of Christ

Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the King



**Epiphany of
Our Lord
4th/5th
January 2020
Year A**

In a nutshell

Jesus was born in Judea. Today, all the nations seek to welcome and adore him, the light of the world.

The wise men find a baby in very humble circumstances, yet they know that this child is the one for whom they are searching.

The star will guide us too, if we are attentive to the gentle whisper of God's voice urging us to walk in his ways.



The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel, but the Saviour of the whole world.

Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasizes the 'Jewish-ness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way. How could they do anything but go home another way – indeed, go home as different people? They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind.

When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.

Reflection by Greg Sunter, from "Liturgy Help", 2020

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon:

The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.

Response to the psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel acclamation:

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

Saturday Vigil January 4th	Readers Janet Neenan (Coordinator) Sr Jan O’Neil	Saturday Vigil January:	Ministers of Communion Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Michael Zador & others
Sunday 7.00 am January:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Gerry Walker, Charlie Robinson	Sunday 7.00 am January:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am January 5th	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Tracey Wilcox, John Rouen	Sunday 9.30 am January:	Paula Hudson (Coordinator) Adele Cornale, Phil Docherty.
No 6pm Mass on Sunday 6th and 13th January		Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator), Paula O’Connor, Denise Haylen
Church Cleaners Paula O'Connor, Siobhan Scott, and other volunteers.		Sacristy & Altar Carol Miller & Pilar Ovelar	
Money Counters—Parish Office January 5th Group 3 January 12th: Group 4 January 19th: Group 1 January 26th: Group 2		Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros Piety Stall (Vigil Mass): Siobhan Scott	

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass January 4th: Volunteers Please	Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am January 5th: Laura & Gerry Walker
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Mass Offerings: <i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>	
Recently Deceased:	Patricia Wilcox, Mary Sullivan (Ireland), Gavin Lanigan (Scotland).
Anniversary:	-
Other Deceased:	Michael Cremin, John Keane, Bernard Arns, Barbara Joy McCormack, Muriel and Bill Knight, Sr Ann Fitzpatrick, Bill Jack and Jack and Alma Saidey.
Sick:	Will Wildig, Simon Menchenan, Eileen McMahon, Cathryn Ferguson, Nola Hudson, Muriel Eves, Susan Behan, Teresa Han, Robyn Hutton, Anne Stirling, Maureen O’Connor, Neil Thornton, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney, Owen O’Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Roslyn Powell, Jake Hudson, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Richard Healy, Joan Edwards, Jim Kavanagh, Marian Moreno, Judy Chock, Faye Mather, Paul Evans, Elizabeth Khoury, Alex Campbell, Todd Hudson, Maximilian Naum, Geoffrey Karpin, Chris Schneider.

<i>Leadership Roles at St Brigid’s Parish Coogee</i>	
Parish Priest	Fr Phillip Hicks msc
Parish Safeguarding Support Officer	Sharon Waller
Parish Office Manager	Caroline Doherty
Parish Pastoral Associate	Joanne Smyth
Parish Council Chairperson	Rodney Coorey (Deputy-Chairperson—Sharron Critchley)

St Brigid’s Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
Baptisms	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>usually during 9.30am Family Mass</i>
Marriages	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office (phone 9315 7562):	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. (Fr Phil—pastoral emergencies only: 0420 329 731)

St Brigid's this week and beyond

Parish Office will be re-open on Monday 6th January.

Week Day Masses 9.30am will be on Tuesday and Thursday only for the next TWO weeks.

(Celebrated by Fr Frank from MSC Provincial House, while Fr Phil is away)

No Sunday 6pm Mass on the 6th and 13th January.

Pope Francis' New Year Message, 2020

Pope Francis has entitled it "Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion"

*He writes about ecological conversion, and the following is an extract:
(full text available from Church Foyer, and also Parish Office)*

"We all need deeper motivation and a new way to dwell in our common home, to accept our differences, to respect and celebrate the life that we have received and share.

"We need to seek living conditions and models of society that favour the continued flourishing of life and development of the common good of the entire human family.

"The ecological conversion for which we are appealing will lead us to a new way of looking at life, as we consider the generosity of the Creator who have given us the earth and called us to share in joy and moderation.

"This conversion must be understood in an integral way, as a transformation of how we relate to our sisters and brothers, to other living beings, to creation in all its rich variety and to the Creator who is the origin and source of all life.

"For Christians, it requires that the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them.

"And may all men and women who come into our world experience a life of peace and develop fully the promise of life and love dwelling in their heart."

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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@sydneycatholic.org.

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