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**Feast of the  
Epiphany of  
Our Lord  
2nd / 3rd  
January 2021**

### 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.**

### 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



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"*

**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!

<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	
<b>Saturday Vigil January:</b>	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator)	<b>Vigil 5pm January:</b>	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Michael Zador & others
<b>Sunday 7.00 am January:</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost	<b>Sunday 7.00 am January:</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Gary Keating
<b>Sunday 9.30 am January:</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	<b>Sunday 9.30 am January:</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
<b>Church Cleaners</b> Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		<b>Sunday 6pm</b>	Andrew Poidevin Paula O'Connor.
<b>Money Counters—Parish Office</b>		<b>Sacristy &amp; Altar</b> Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
<b>January 3rd:</b>	Group 3	<b>January 10th</b>	Group 4
<b>January 17th:</b>	Group 1	<b>January 24th</b>	Group 2
		<b>Altar Flowers</b> Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
		<b>Piety Stall</b> (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller	

<b>Mass Offerings:</b>	<b><i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i></b>
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>	<b>Brother Kevin Guthrie msc</b> , Armando Lauricella, John Barry, Lauren Julian, Marcus Manning, Michael Flynn ( <i>Co. Tipperary</i> ), Margaret Carr.
<b>Other Deceased:</b>	Eileen and Paul McMahon, Kit and Bill Fitzpatrick, the Fitzpatrick family, Muriel and Bill Knight, Toni Barry, John Vonwiller.
<b>Anniversary:</b>	Yolande Miller, Jacinta Bowler Kordner, Russell Byrne
<b>Sick:</b>	John Cavanagh, Janet Neenan, Goretti McMonagle Anna Zabourek, Hayley Connery ( <i>Ireland</i> ), Rob Williams, June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Alex Campbell, Paula Hudson, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Marian Moreno, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider, Therese Warfield, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Judy Chock, Fay Mather.

<b>Eileen O'Connor Mass - Sunday 10th January</b>	There will be a special Mass at St Brigid's at 11am—to honour the centenary of the death of Eileen O'Connor. This Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Due to covid restrictions, numbers are limited, and by invitation only.
The parish will also have our own celebration <b>for Eileen O'Connor on July 4th - 9.30am Mass, celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady.</b>	

<b>St Brigid's Parish Information</b>	
<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm</b>
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sacrament of Anointing</b>	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <b><i>after 9.30am Family Mass.</i></b>
<b>Marriages</b>	<b>Saturdays</b> , by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance.
<b>Parish Office:</b>	<b>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday: 9am to 3pm.</b> <b>Phone 9315 7562.</b> (For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)

**St Brigid's This Week & Beyond**  
**Weekend Masses during January holiday period are 5pm Vigil; 7am and 9.30am only—NO 6pm.**

**NO Weekday Masses this coming week, as no priest available.**  
**There WILL be weekday Masses on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th January.**

**Parish Office reopens on Monday 11th January.**  
**\*\* All normal Mass times resume from Monday 18th January. \*\***

**Fr Phil**

### **2021—A New Year**

*As we welcome 2021, I am sure we all agree that we are happy to close the doors of 2020; let us begin this year with fresh hope that we will continue to build our St Brigid's parish community.*

*The Archdiocese of Sydney has launched a new program, entitled **"Go Make Disciples"**. Copies are available in the Church Foyer, for all families to take home for reflection.. We will all hear more about this program as the year progresses.*

*I would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support and friendship in the turbulent times of 2020. I was moved by the warmth of our Christmas Masses and thank you to all those involved. I would like to pay special thanks to Gerry Walker and Cheryl Graham for leading the St Vincent De Paul conference here in Coogee over many years (both stepping down as a new team emerges), as we reach out to those less fortunate. Christmas collections have raised well over \$3000. (Total not yet finalised).*

*With renewed hope and love for the year ahead, Fr Phil*

### **Blessing for Epiphany**

May God, who has called us out of darkness into his wonderful light,  
pour out in kindness his blessing upon us and make our hearts firm  
in faith, hope and charity. Amen.

And since in all confidence we follow Christ, who today appeared in the world  
as a light shining in darkness, may God make us, too,  
a light for our brothers and sisters. Amen.

And so when our pilgrimage is ended, may we come to him  
whom the Magi sought, as they followed the star and whom they found with great joy,  
the Light from Light, who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on us and remain with us for ever. Amen.

*(Adapted from the Solemn Blessing for Epiphany, Roman Missal p 711)*





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Child sex 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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.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.

**St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.**