

ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR C 2ND & 3RD JANUARY 2016

Year of Mercy - Dec. 8, 2015 - Nov. 20, 2016
Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:36



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*Bulletin notices to be in by Thurs. 12pm.
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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5.00pm
Sunday.....8.00am, 9.30am &
.....6.00pm

Weekday Mass Times:

(See bulletin for changes)

Reconciliation:

Saturday.....4.00pm - 4.30pm

Baptisms: By Appointment

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 11.00am

Marriages: By Appointment

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Care Group

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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Darug Clan, the Cabrogal, a sub group of the Gandangara tribe who lived in this area for over 30,000 years.

May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSS

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating.

The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.



Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9:00am Mass
Wednesday - 9:00am Mass
Thursday - 9:00am Communion Service
Friday - 9:00am Mass

Emergency Parish Contact

Mobile: 0420 800 194.

Please leave a clear message and a return call will be given.

Parish office opened: 4th - 29th January:
Tuesday and Wednesday Only - 9.30am - 5.30pm.



Baptism

Welcome to the Faith Community,

Valentina Maria Vitale

who is going to be Baptised this Sunday.
Congratulations to her parents, and her extended family.
God Bless you.

Just for Laughs.....

There's this cathedral that's still being worked on, and the workers have rigged a "cage elevator" inside so they can get material up and down to the upper floors.

A characteristic of these "cage elevators" is that the doors (gate) must be closed manually for them to be "called" to another floor.

One day one of the workers, Peter by name, takes the elevator to the top floor, and it is subsequently needed on the first floor by the priest.

Unfortunately, Peter forgot and left the door open.

After Father rings for the elevator a couple times, to no avail, he yells up for the worker to send the lift back down.

Visitors to the cathedral were treated to this sight: The priest of the cathedral with his head tipped up, yelling up to the heavens:"Peter! CLOSE THE GATES!!!"

There's this guy who had been lost and walking in the desert for about 2 weeks. One hot day, he sees a monastery.

Tired and weak, he crawls up to the monastery and collapses on the doorstep.

The monk finds him and nurses him back to health. Feeling better, the man asks the monk for directions to the nearest town. On his way out the backdoor, he sees this horse.

He goes back into the house and asks the monk, "Could I borrow your horse and give it back when I reach the town?"

The monk says, "Sure but there is a special thing about this horse. You have to say 'Thank God' to make it go and 'Amen' to make it stop."

Not paying much attention, the man says, "Sure, ok." So he gets on the horse and says, "Thank God" and the horse starts walking.

Then he says, "Thank God, thank God," and the horse starts trotting.

Feeling really brave, the man says, "Thank God, thank God, thank God, thank God, thank God" and the horse just takes off.

Pretty soon he sees this cliff coming up and he's doing everything he can to make the horse stop."Whoa, stop, hold on!!!!"

Finally he remembers, "Amen!!"The horse stops 4 inches from the cliff. Then the man leans back in the saddle and says, "Thank God."

Craft Group

The Craft Group would like to thank all who helped to make our stall a success. Happy New Year.

National Association of Catholic Families: National Conference 2016

Families are invited to attend the National Conference in Kurrajong NSW from April 8-10, 2016. Featuring Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop Peter Comensoli, and an exciting line up of speakers, an opportunity for Catholic families to come together for mutual spiritual, moral and social support in a fun and relaxing holiday environment. Program caters for the whole family of all ages. Register: www.trybooking.com/159690
Inquiries: Mary Clare 0435496624

Good News for Clancy Catholic College, West Hoxton

Clancy Catholic College underwent an official accreditation process for Newman Gifted Education this year. On Thursday 19 November Clancy was presented with its certificate and accreditation for four years. The criteria used to be accredited as a gifted education school included:

- professional development on gifted education processes used to identify gifted students
- quality of differentiated assessment and curriculum strategies
- flexible grouping

Opportunities for student acceleration and extension. We are very proud to be able to cater effectively for gifted students in our area.

Clancy Catholic College was awarded a \$2.7 million Australian Government Capital Grant towards future buildings. Future building projects will include a multi-purpose hall, administration facilities and Creative Arts facilities for students.

The process to access the fund was ongoing throughout the year and the community is very grateful to the Commonwealth Government and the Catholic Education Office for their support in our future initiatives.

We thank our local parishes and Priests for their ongoing support of our College.

Iris Natasi



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Recently Deceased

Bruno Inangeri

Anniversaries

Germana Maria Howlett
Ashley Periera
Paz Sanson & Filemon Sanson
Bede Clifford
Burt Anderson
Joaquin Fermin
Milagros Domingo

Deceased

Teresa Pereira
Antonia Carrozzi

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis	Saulius David Balsys
Pat Lord	John Bell
Margaret McKenna	Baby Nguyen
Lauren Channon	Kelvin Huitt
Noah Rewa	Vincent Alvaro
Joseph Fakhoury	Joyce Mifsud
Patricia Kearns	Fr Stiven Ledinich
Dominic Mullen	Leonardo Salvador
Mavis Freeburn	

Please note: Names will be removed after 2 months, unless office is notified.

Mass Rosters

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C - 2nd & 3rd January 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm	Domenic Acitelli Jr Nadia Acitelli	George Wright	Manulele Minute Angie Clarkson	Collette Davies
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli Jacqueline Scully Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso Kiara Liu Darren Liu	Anthony Bui	Fridurik Nickel Ina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Joe Mancini	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Ryan
Altar Society	Judith Paglia, Patsy Cham & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Doreen & Catherine Coleman			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy through School Holidays.			

The Baptism of the Lord - Year C - 9th & 10th January 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Catherine Coleman	Shirley Heffernan	Charlotte Hon Jacinta Lemalu	Tracie Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Eugene Alphonso Yvonne Alphonso Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aidan Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Phillip Roncevic Alyssa Harris	Jordan Varghese Kirsten Bilog
Acolytes	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	John Nickel	Joe Mancini
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal, Rose Fernandez & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas, Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy through School Holidays.			

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR C

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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 brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: Lord, every nation on earth
will adore you.**

1. 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.)**
2. 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. **(R.)**
3. 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.)**
4. 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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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

The word of the Lord.

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

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,
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.

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