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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Launch of Go Make Disciples,
The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney**



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Bishop Geoff Robinson, Ethel Donohue, Caterina Randazzo

Anniversary: Aurora Rabago, Sister Damien, John De Bono, Lucia Spano, John Donovan,

Louise & Xavier Micallef, Som Lukes, Francise, Jean Filewood, Dolores Blackmore,

Keith Goggin, Jim Smith, Rosemary Smith

Special Thank You from Sister Mary Leahy

Sister Mary dropped into the parish just before Christmas to pass on her heartfelt thanks to the many parishioners in our area who so generously gave to the Seafarers Appeal in 2020. Sister Mary was overwhelmed by the number of donations and said "that the care packages might be a small thing but it's something that lets them know they are cared for and thought of."

We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church.



Happy New Year to All

**LET US GIVE THANKS TO GOD
FOR ALL WE HAVE RECEIVED IN 2020
WE ASK GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR 2021**



THANK YOU

to all parishioners who have helped in any way throughout 2020.
Your help has made many things possible.
Let's keep working together.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

What about giving some of your time to some of the parish ministries?
There are some lonely people in our parish who would love a visit or a phone call.
If you would like to visit or at least make contact with the lonely please phone Fr Laurie.
What about coming to a weekday Mass if you are retired?

St. Agnes' Feast Day will be on Thursday, 21st January

There will be **Mass at 9.00 am** at Matraville on that day.
All welcome to come and celebrate.

Thank You from the Sisters of Saint Joseph

A thank you card was received from the Sisters for your generous support in supplying used stamps. It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop Today continues its wonderful work in Peru. A copy of the card is attached to the Stamp Collection box.

Parish Outing: Wednesday, 17th February 2021 – Outing by coach to the Sydney Tramway Museum Loftus (National Park). \$50 p/p includes Coach Fare, Museum Entry & Ride, Morning Tea at the Tramway Museum and Lunch at the Gymea/Miranda Bowling Club.

Full payment by Sunday, 17th January 2021.

Please contact Kathy Sullivan (9311-1749) or Marie Jennings (9311-7186) if you are interested.

St Agnes's and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe

Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend.

Please observe signs on the pews.

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation,
please form **one line** & keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles.

Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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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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SAVIOUR OF ALL PEOPLE

Today's feast of the Epiphany is the only Sunday in the three-year cycle in which the readings remain exactly the same. That in itself should lead us to take seriously Isaiah's summons to lift up our eyes, look around, and see that all people are called to sing God's praises as equals.

Changing our point of view is not always easy, and the process of seeing, understanding and accepting the point of view of the other person is challenging. What is really our attitude to those who see the world differently to ourselves?

The people of Israel were encouraged to see themselves as the people specially favoured by God. They had suffered much at the hands of foreign nations who were more likely to destroy their Temple than worship in it. Isaiah's entreaty to see the nations around them as people who were also searching for the living God required a significant change of perspective.

Paul continues to develop Isaiah's vision as he seeks to open the eyes of Jewish Christians to the fact that the mystery of God's plan is now revealed in Jesus Christ. Now the old barriers which had existed between Jews and Gentiles have been torn down. Now all people can share in the same inheritance, promises, and relationship with God. It is Matthew who gives the forceful reminder that the first people to recognise Jesus' kingship were outsiders. It is not only their presents but their presence that provides a precious gift.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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 brightness.

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.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 71:1-2, 7-13. R, v. 11

R. 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

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

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

GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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