

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

1st Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Response to the Psalm: All nations shall fall prostrate before you O Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Epiphany of the Lord (05/01/2025)

The Liturgy today, presents us the Prologue of the Gospel of St John, in which it is proclaimed that 'the Word'-that is, the creative Word of God-'become flesh and dwelt among us'(John 1:14). In other words, that Word, which dwells in heaven in the dimension of God, came upon the earth so that we should hear it and we could know and physically touch the Love of the Father.

The Evangelist does not hide the dramatic nature of the Incarnation of the Son of God, emphasising that the gift of God's love is marked by mankind's failure to receive it. The Word is the light, yet mankind preferred darkness; the Word came among his own, but they receive him not (cf.vv. 9-10). They closed the door in the face of God's Son. It is the mystery of evil that undermines our life too, and it requires vigilance and attention on our part so that it does not prevail. The Book of Genesis offers a nice phrase that lets us understand this: it says that sin is 'crouching at the door' (cf. 4:7). Instead we are called to open

wide the door of our heart to the Word of God, to Jesus, in order to become his children in this way.

On Christmas Day this solemn beginning of the Gospel of John was proclaimed; today it is offered to us once again. It is the invitation of the Holy Mother Church to welcome this Word of salvation, this mystery of light. If we welcome him, if we welcome Jesus, we will grow in the knowledge and the love of the Lord, we will learn to be merciful like him. Approaching the Gospel, contemplating it, and embodying it in daily life is the best way to come to know Jesus and to bring him to others. This is the vocation and the joy of every baptised person: to reveal and give Jesus to others; but in order to do this we must know him and bear him within us, as the Lord of our life.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to the priests for more information.

The **next parish Baptism preparation programme** will be at 6:30pm in the church. Session 1: Monday 27 January 2025 .Session 2 Monday 3rd February at 6:30pm.

As we close the year....thank you to all parishioners who have worked so devotedly in the past year....church cleaners, flower arrangers, Proclaimers of the Word of God, parish catechists, extraordinary lay ministers who bring holy communion to the house bound, altar servers, greeters , newsletter printer, rota arranger, sacristans, and so many more parishioners.

On behalf of Fr Michael and myself I would like to thank all parishioners who gave cards and many gifts over the Christmas time Also a big thank you for your Christmas offerings.. Canon Niall.

Happy and Blessed 2025 to all parishioners

Application forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation programme will be available soon.

We welcome Isabella Korie into the Community of faith in holy Baptism this Sunday. Every Blessing to the family.

Our Lady and Saint George school staff will be attending Mass on Monday 6th January at 9:15a.m.

Birthday blessings to Amanda, Roy and Joseph and anybody celebrating a birthday at this time.

20+ C+B+M+25

Christus Benedicat Mansionan. Chalk available in repository for free.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Kelly Moss (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 5 January	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
08:30 am	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
10:00 am	Betty and Ram (Rest in Peace) (Patrick)
12noon	Michael McCarthy (Rest in Peace) (Peggy)
Mon 6 January	FERIA
09:15 am	John Moore (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	William and Victoria Wyndham (Foundation)
Tue 7 January	FERIA
09:15 am	John Moore (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
06:00pm	William and Victoria Wyndham (Foundation)
Wed 8 January	FERIA
09:15 am	Alice Kearns (Rest in Peace) (Kevin and Brendan)
06:00 pm	Emilia, Angelo Nicola (Rest in Peace) (Assunta)
Thu 9 January	FERIA
09:15 am	Fr. Matthew Toomey (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)
06:00 pm	Martin Gallagher (Rest in Peace) (family)
Fri 10 January	FERIA
09:15 am	Martin Joseph Gallagher (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00pm	Peter James O'Rourke (Rest in Peace) (Nigel)
Sat 11 January	FERIA
10:00 am	Emily Burns (Renatta)
06:00 pm	Alice Kearns (Rest in Peace) (Kevin and Brendan)
Sun 12 January	Baptism of the Lord
08:30 am	Jose Tavare (Christopher)
10:00 am	Betty and Ram (Rest in Peace) (Patrick)
12noon	Billy Halpenny (Rest in Peace) (Maureen)

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

Mon 13 January	FERIA
09:15 am	Merla Macie and Family Intentions (Cooney)
06:00 pm	Jose Tavare (Christopher)
Tue 14 January	FERIA
09:15am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Special Intentions (Sr. Anne Marie)
Wed 15 January	FERIA
09:15 am	Thanksgiving (Sr. Anne Marie)
06:00pm	Pat Takom and Family Intentions (Cooney)
Thu 16 January	FERIA
09:15am	Adele Bontle (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)
06:00 pm	Joan Chase-Currier (Rest in Peace) (Christopher)
Fri 17 January	Saint Anthony, Abbot
09:15 am	Selma Ada Nowling (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)
06:00pm	Benedict Motha (Rest in Peace) (Gowri)
Sat 18 January	FERIA
10:00 am	Peter McGarry (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)
06:00 pm	Moss and Nagle Families (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 19 January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Fletcher Family (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)
10:00 am	Malcolm Williams (Rest in Peace) (Yvonne)
12noon	Victoria Simminger (Rest in Peace)(Magnus)

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Linda Campbell, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Padraic Maloney, Damon, Bridie Curley, Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chirs Cullen. Kim Parkins, Mrs Best, Ashish, Michael Brown, Albert Callanan, Anne Close, Robinson