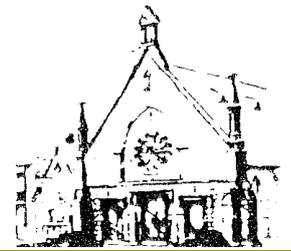




ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday 8th January 2017

St James' Church,

2 Woolley Street,
Glebe

Weekday Masses

Wednesday &
Friday: 9am
Sat: 8.30am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
5pm (Standard Time)
Sunday: 9.30am
(Tongan Choir: 4th Sunday)

Confession (Reconciliation)

Saturday at 5pm (St. James)

St Bede's Church

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Pymont

Sunday Mass Times

8am and 11am



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Christ: the supernova who leads us on

The Epiphany is a feast of light. "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (Is 60:1). With these words of the prophet Isaiah, the Church describes the content of the feast. He who is the true light, and by whom we too are made to be light, has indeed come into the world. He gives us the power to become children of God (cf. Jn 1:9,12). The journey of the wise men from the East is, for the liturgy, just the beginning of a great procession that continues throughout history. With the Magi, humanity's pilgrimage to Jesus Christ begins – to the God who was born in a stable, who died on the Cross and who, having risen from the dead, remains with us always, until the consummation of the world (cf. Mt 28:20). The Church reads this account from Matthew's Gospel alongside the vision of the prophet Isaiah that we heard in the first reading: the journey of these men is just the beginning. Before them came the shepherds – simple souls, who dwelt closer to the God who became a child, and could more easily "go over" to him (Lk 2:15) and recognize him as Lord. But now the wise of this world are also coming. Great and small, kings and slaves, men of all cultures and all peoples are coming. The men from the East are the first, followed by many more throughout the centuries. After the great vision of Isaiah, the reading from the Letter to the Ephesians expresses the same idea in sober and simple terms: the Gentiles share the same heritage (cf. Eph

3:6). Psalm 2 puts it like this: "I shall bequeath you the nations, put the ends of the earth in your possession" (v. 8).

The wise men followed the star. Through the language of creation, they discovered the God of history. To be sure – the language of creation alone is not enough. Only God's word, which we encounter in sacred Scripture, was able to mark out their path definitively. Creation and Scripture, reason and faith, must come together, so as to lead us forward to the living God. There has been much discussion over what kind of star it was that the wise men were following. Some suggest a planetary constellation, or a supernova, that is to say one of those stars that is initially quite weak, in which an inner explosion releases a brilliant light for a certain time, or a comet, etc. This debate we may leave to the experts. The great star, the true supernova that leads us on, is Christ himself. He is as it were the explosion of God's love, which causes the great white light of his heart to shine upon the world. And we may add: the wise men from the East, who feature in today's Gospel, like all the saints, have themselves gradually become constellations of God that mark out the path. In all these people, being touched by God's word has, as it were, released an explosion of light, through which God's radiance shines upon our world and shows us the path. The saints are stars of God, by whom we let ourselves be led to him for whom our whole being longs. *Pope Benedict*

St. Bede's Sesquicentenary Celebrations

The book launch of Fr. Colin Fowler's *The Catholic Community of Saint Bede (1867-2017)* will be held at St. Bede's Church on Sunday, 5th February at 3pm.

Historian Edmund Campion will be launching Fr. Colin's book as the opening event of the 150th anniversary celebrations of St. Bede's.

All Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

NOTICES

CATHOLICCARE: SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF SYDNEY FOR 75 YEARS.

CatholicCare services assist people to live and thrive at every age. We provide disability services, counselling and support for children, young people and families and deliver ageing services in the home. We can assist you to navigate the new world of the NDIS and My Aged Care. To find out more call **13 18 19**, email connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org.

A PALMS ENCOUNTER WITH OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES IN EAST TIMOR

A last minute gift that will deliver the real message of Christmas and be remembered forever. Palms long-term volunteers guide this intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding. **Get a Christmas gift voucher** for any 2017 Encounter. Register now for our **2 – 14 April Encounter** and receive **\$400 off a 2nd ticket**. Call Roger on **02 9560 5333** or go to www.palms.org.au/Encounters for more.

PARISH LIFE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY

Storytellers wanted! Have you or someone you care about ever lived, or are currently living, with a disability of any kind? The Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Office is doing a research project exploring people's experiences of living with disability in our parishes. It will explore the stories of people with disability, their families, carers, friends, pastors and fellow parishioners. We are looking for people who want to share their stories so that we can listen deeply to how our people are travelling in their journeys and how our parish communities are walking alongside them. Participation simply involves telling your story and having it recorded and used for research publications anonymously. This is a wonderful opportunity to help us reflect on our strengths and weaknesses and learn how we can grow together into more hopeful, connected and love-filled communities. For more information or to participate please call or email Dr Kimberley Doyle. **02 9307 8461**; kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org.

SYDNEY CATHOLIC SYSTEMIC SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

From 2017, all Sydney Catholic Secondary Systemic schools will be enrolling students for Year 7 two years before their intended start date. This means that, for students in Year 5 in 2017, enrolment applications, interviews and offers of places will be conducted at Sydney Catholic Secondary schools over the course of 2017. The earlier enrolment timing will give parents greater assurance of securing a place so that they can follow a continuous Catholic education pathway from Kindergarten to Year 12. For more information, please contact the Principal at your child's Sydney Catholic School.

CHARISMATIC RETREAT 27 TO 29 JANUARY 2017 – "LIVING IN THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

Have we ever experienced the fullness of the inner transformation and empowerment that the Holy Spirit has available for us? Perhaps our walk, once strong has become jaded and we need renewal. Perhaps we simply know that there is always something to learn about the ways of the Spirit. This retreat could be the answer. **COME AND SEE!** Your prompt booking by **13 January 2017** would be appreciated. The CCR Service Team for New South Wales will be there to welcome you. Please refer to the attached flyer for more details or visit www.ccrnsw.org.au.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT REFLECTIONS MORNINGS

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please refer to the flyer attached or contact Bereavement Support Ph 02 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

BURSARIES – 2017 AND 2018

St Aloysius' College is an Independent Catholic School for boys in Years 3 to 12 conducted by the Society of Jesus and located at Milsons Point. The St Aloysius' College Bursary Program aims to make a Jesuit education accessible by providing financial support to eligible boys and their families. St Aloysius' College seeks to graduate 'men for others' who are faithful and committed, integrating a deep spirituality with a passion for justice and academic excellence. Apply now for means-tested bursaries in Years 7 and 11 for 2017 and Year 7 for 2018. Information may be obtained from the College Website: www.staloyusius.nsw.edu.au **02 9936 5535** or email: registrar@staloyusius.nsw.edu.au.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY APP

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free – search for "Archdiocese of Sydney" in the Google Play and App stores.

ST BEDE PYRMONT SESQUICENTENARY (150 YEARS)

The St Bede sesquicentenary committee are planning celebrations for 2017. The dates are to be confirmed but celebrations will include Fr Colin Fowler's book launch on the history of St Bedes Pyrmont, a parish picnic, concert, luncheon and a blessing of the church. If you have any photos (historical or current) or newspaper clippings that you would like to share, please email them to Brooke at the parish office on info@stjames-stbede.org.au or drop them into the office.

TELL YOUR STORY IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY.

Do you have a local parish news story which would be of interest to the many readers of the Catholic Weekly? The Catholic Weekly is always looking for human interest, inspirational and faith-based stories for our weekly publication. If you have a story please send it to: production@catholicweekly.com.au or call (02) 9390 5407. We'd love to hear your story.

THE BENEDICT XVI RETREAT CENTRE

Offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Danielle Puhlmann on **(02) 4572 2899** / email danielle.puhlmann@sydneycatholic.org to find out more or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au.

Readers for next Sunday, 15th January 2017

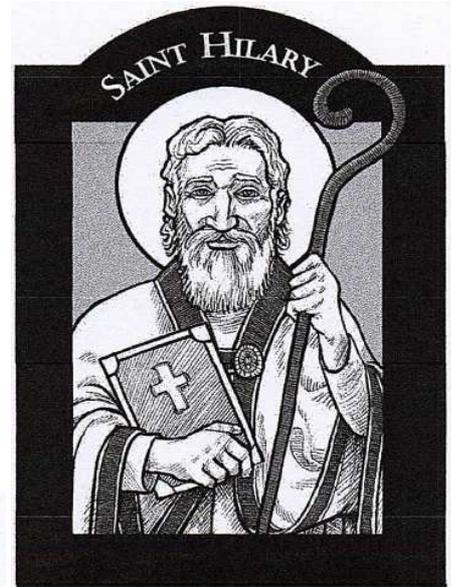
	St. James'	St. Bede's	St. James'	St. Bede's
	6pm	8am	9:30am	11am
First Reader	Rosemary Chamagne	Tony & Julie Adamo	Mary Flanagan	Sr Mary Leahy
Second Reader	Moira Kelly	Tony & Julie Adamo	Sally Read	Liz Yambao

Please pray for the sick:

Gillian Ellis, June Ebert, Debbie Julius, Hazel Spratt, Archbishop Anthony, Fran Campisi, Irene Malin, Meryl Tapsell, Fr. Michael Walsh, Allan Hoad, Aziz Latif, Bp Geoffrey Robinson, Kate Mara, Leslee Hoad-Mara, Lee Tillam, Noreen Hayes, Kay White, family members, parishioners, friends.

Please pray for the deceased:

Fr. Peter Lucas OP, Catalina De'Veira, Martin Keane, Barry Lynam, Aida Cabal San Buenaventura, Noelene Reddie, Barry Sonter, Fr. Frank Furfaro, Mary Loh, Hazel O'Connor, Ken Owens, Pam Mara, Geof Gale, Bill Donnelly, Peter Walsh, Terrie McCabe, Adife Cetin, Graeme Blackburn, Sam Tinman, Georgia Hoad, Maria Lo, Rosie White, Petra Seranilla, Benedicto Zamora, Dr Lucy Landia, Eric Russell-Smith, Betty Rowswell, Laurie Zammit, Tom Gibbons, Mick Kennedy, Allan White, Phil Garde, Sean & Pat Flanagan, Frank & Melina Galluzo, O'Connor family members & all the faithful departed Parishioners.



St Hilary was born at Poitiers in c. 315 of a wealthy pagan family. He married and had a daughter and after many years of study, he converted to Christianity. In 353, Hilary was chosen bishop of Poitiers, and for the remainder of his days he became an outspoken defender of the faith against Arianism. He opposed Emperor Constantius' attempt to take control over church matters, which led to him being exiled to Phrygia. During this period, Hilary wrote works explaining the faith, and although severe in tone, his writings were responsible for converting many people. He returned to Gaul after four years in exile and continued his fight against Arianism. Hilary introduced Eastern theology to the Western Church, and was proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1851.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

COLLECT

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven & earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord.