

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass on Saturday night 4pm & 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am
 (Reconciliation: Saturday - 10am-11am)
 Adoration: Tuesday: 6pm-6.30pm, Wednesday: 8.45am-9.15am,
 Friday: 8.45am-9.15am & Saturday: 9.45am-11am
 Bookings are available too.



PARISH TEAM

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Solemnity of The EPIPHANY of the LORD
 (Year B)

02-03 January 2021



After the annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church has no more ancient custom than celebrating the memorial of the Nativity of the Lord and of his first manifestations, and this takes place in **CHRISTMAS TIME**. Christmas time runs from First Vespers (Evening Prayer 1) of the Nativity of the Lord up to and including the Sunday after Epiphany or after 6 January.

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday	No Mass	Weekday of Christmas Time
Tuesday	6.30pm	Weekday of Christmas Time
Wednesday	9.15am	Weekday of Christmas Time
Thursday	7am	Weekday of Christmas Time St Raymond of Peñafort, Priest (Optional)
Friday	9.15am	Weekday of Christmas Time
Saturday	9.15am	Weekday of Christmas Time

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2

Pearl of Wisdom

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. Jesus-Christ, -King

Isaiah 9:6

Entrance Antiphon cf. Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12

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

First Reading **Isaiah 60:1-6**

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13. cf. 11

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading **Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 2:2**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading **Matthew 2:1-12**

We have come from the East to worship the King.

Communion Antiphon cf. **Matthew 2:2**

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

Parish Office Hours - January 2021

The Parish Office will be closed from 5 January until 26 January 2021.

No change to the Weekday Masses and Weekend Masses.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2021

Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Baptisms

No Baptism this Weekend.

Baptisms can be booked online. Anyone interested to have a child Baptised, please go to the following website: www.olofcaringbah.org.au and fill-in the Registration Form. Parents must choose 3 dates:
(a) Baptism Preparation with the Priest,
(b) Naming Ceremony and (3) Baptism Ceremony.

Dates are available until May 2021.

For those who are unable to register online, please ring the Parish Office on 9524 7283.

Saint Raymond of Peñafort

Born to the Aragonian nobility. Educated at the cathedral school in Barcelona, Spain. Philosophy teacher around age 20. Priest. Graduated law school in Bologna, Italy. Joined the Dominicans in 1218. Summoned to Rome, Italy in 1230 by Pope Gregory IX. Assigned to collect all official letters of the popes since 1150. Raymond gathered and published five volumes, and helped write Church law.

Chosen master general of the Dominicans in 1238. Reviewed the Order's Rule, made sure everything was legally correct, then resigned his position in 1240 to dedicate himself to parish work. He was offered and archbishopric, but he declined, instead returning to Spain and the parish work he loved. His compassion helped many people return to God through Reconciliation.

During his years in Rome, Raymond heard of the difficulties missionaries faced trying to reach non-Christians of Northern Africa and Spain. Raymond started a school to teach the language and culture of the people to be evangelized. With Saint Thomas Aquinas, he wrote a booklet to explain the truths of faith in a way that non-believers could understand. His great influence on Church law led to his patronage of lawyers.
CatholicSaints.Info. 14 November 2020. Web. 29 December 2020.

Historical Context – The Magi

In some translations, the 'wise men' of this passage are referred to as 'Magi'. Magi was the name given to the Persian priestly caste. Persia (now, Iran) lies to the east of Israel. These wise men are also sometimes portrayed as astrologers, but that is largely because of the reference 'We saw his star as it rose'. It is interesting that the passage describes 'some' wise men; tradition has developed a specific number of three – based on the three gifts presented. These anonymous (and purely literary) figures have been given names and their 'relics' lie in honour beneath the Cathedral of Cologne.

Have you thought? Epiphany

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 emphasises 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.

Gospel Focus – Going home

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.

By:Greg Sunter

Dear Parishioners,

NSW Government advices to wear masks in supermarkets, places of worship and other indoor areas. Please observe social distancing.

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will be very much appreciated!*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for the faithful departed

Recently DECEASED: John Edmund Stewart, Carlo Taliapietra, Joan Connell, Yvonne Elbert, Jane Wickam, Lorna Mildred Kane, Joan Hagley, David Ramsay Stephenson, Aldo De Martino, John Bernard, Martin, Maria Rosa Bova, Elizabeth Alma Burnett, Domenico Antonio Filardi, Walter Perez.

Anniversaries of Death: Emiliano Alday, Judith Howe, Joseph, Maria, Joseph, Claudio Giovenco, John Druon, Isabelo Rodriguez Snr, Rita Agius, Charles John Montgomery, Albert Montgomery, Jean Montomgery.

ALSO: All the souls in the November Mass Intentions and all the Souls in Purgatory.

May they rest in peace.

We pray for all the sick and those who are suffering in anyway.