

Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR B
3 JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 6.00pm at Luddenham
Sunday 7.30am at Luddenham
Sunday 9.30am at Warragamba

***Please contact the parish office to pre-register
for the 9.30am Mass at Warragamba.***

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 9.00am at Warragamba
Thursday 7.00am at Mulgoa
Friday 9.30am at Luddenham
(Eucharistic Adoration from 8.30am)
Saturday 9.00am at Luddenham
(3rd Saturday of Month, Greendale)

RECONCILIATION

***By appointment. Please contact the
parish office.***

BAPTISMS

***By appointment. Please contact the
parish office to book.***

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office

ITALIAN MASS

3rd Sunday of Month 11:00am
Luddenham

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Giovanni Presiga Gaviria
Parish Secretary: Tracey Caruana
Admin Assistant: Colleen Nicholas
Pastoral Placement: Matthew Dimian

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00am - 3:30pm

PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

Weir Road, Warragamba

Tuesday : 9:30am - 4:00pm
Thursday : 9:30am - 4:00pm
Saturday : 9:30am - 12:00pm

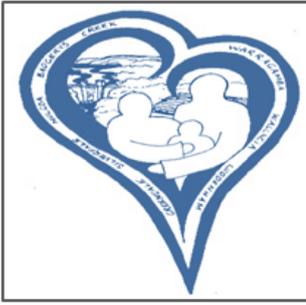
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WELCOME

If you are new to Sacred Heart Parish or have not registered as a parishioner, please call or stop by the parish office and consider what we have to offer.

Perhaps you might be interested in joining one of our many liturgical ministries: Minister of the Word, church cleaning and Pastoral Care for the sick and home visits.

Why do we celebrate the Epiphany?

Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "appearance" or "manifestation". This feast represents the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles (non-Jews). In the Gospel story, the wise men, foreigners from the east, represent these "outsiders" to the chosen people of God. Today, the feast of the Epiphany reminds us that our faith in Christ is not a gift to be kept to ourselves, but to be offered to all peoples of the world.

A question we might ask ourselves is:

How is the light of Christ manifested through our faith community? How have we seen the light of Christ manifested in friends "outside" the Christian Church?

Have we ever thought to tell them this and to invite them to share in the life of our faith community?

GOSPEL REFLECTION

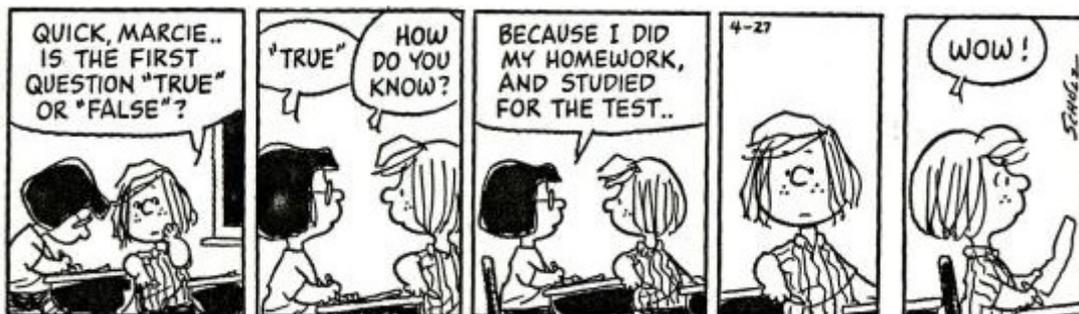
The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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

Next Sunday - The Baptism of the Lord, Year B. Readings: Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11.