



**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Year C**

**5 January, 2025**

Weekly bulletin for the parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**OUR MASSES**

**Mon-Fri:** 6:30am, 9:30am  
**Saturday:** 8am, 6pm (Vigil)  
**Sunday:** 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

**OUR SACRAMENTS**

**Reconciliation:** 8:30-9:30am Sat  
**Anointing of The Sick:** By appt  
**Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings, RCIA:** By appt

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Monday:** 1pm - 2pm  
**Saturday:** after 8am Mass

**OUR PRAYER GROUPS**

**Monday - Friday 12 noon:** Online Rosary  
**Monday 1pm:** Cenacle  
**Wednesday 6pm:** Legion of Mary  
**Saturday 10am:** Bible Study (also Online)  
**1st Sunday of the Month 11.30am:** Rosary

**OUR PARISH TEAM**

Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ **Parish Priest**  
Fr Stephen Wayoyi AJ **Assistant Priest**  
Chatty Zaragoza **Parish Secretary**  
Anne Bailey **Parish Worker (Seniors)**  
Tina Muscat **Catechist & Sacramental Coordinator**

**For emergencies requiring a Priest  
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**Entrance Antiphon:**

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

**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: Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13**

*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 Jesus Christ, 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.

**CONVERSION**

**COMMUNITY**

**MISSION**

**Baptisms for January**

As a faith community, we pray for  
Luke Joseph Burfitt



**Please pray for the sick in our community:**

Ramon Pimentel, Marilu Eguaras, Anthony Walters, Bro Rizki W, Eva Grace del Gallego, Caroline Ugarte, Jenny Jones, Antonia Harkin, Mick & Dianne Carroll, Kate McFaden, Aileen Feeney, Evelyn Mousa, Hans, Denis Murphy, Marion Coglean, Patricia Farley, Precious Tamayo, Romana Choi Sung Ah, Eleanor Raftery, Paul Gooley, Andrew Chung, Margaret Donges, Linda Garrett, Michael Thom, Jill Howcroft, Cath Hennessey, Michel Lyons, Henry Field, Jane McGirr, Jo Helmers, Anita Loyzaga, Colin Garrity, Gerard Kenny, Vic Juan, Kain Hatch, Pammie Lee, Louise Williams, Michael Dudman, Siena Maria Burns, Mary Kent, Becky Lozano, Michael & Joan Bradley, Sarah Raftery, Jose & Josefina Carreno, Ramon Quizon, Leslie Styles, Joe Loyzaga, Margaret Doyle, Dorina Petre, Peter Goh, Alvito Gracias.

**Please pray for our recently deceased:**

Juan (Jimmy) Gimenez, Rhondda Lucas, Edward Werbicki, Peter Chua Cheng Hin, Patria Tolentino, Fr Michael O'Toole, Michael Lennon, Ignacio Cristaudo, Agnello Mendes, Terry Twohill, Reg Millett, Aarti Byrne, Adam Christopher King, Mary Peterson, Deirdre Clear, Evelyn Yvonne Koelmeyer, Frederick de Sayrah.

**And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Wilfred Lobo, Hilda Thomas, Michael Rochford, Nicola Rochford, Leah & Patrick Sequeira, Prisca & Aloysius Gomes, Gretchen de Rosairo, Margaret Vaz & Cassian Rodrigues, Kisani de Saram.



**Praying the Rosary as a Parish**

**Monday** 1pm (Cenacle Prayer Group)

**Tuesday - Friday** 9am (before 9:30am Mass)

**Saturday** 8.30am (after 8am Mass)

**1st Sunday** of Month (after 10:30am Mass)

**Daily Rosary** Monday - Friday at 12noon

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92575468077> passcode: 159403

**WELCOME**

*to our parish community*

A word of welcome to all parishioners and visitors to St Agatha's parish this holiday season.

We are glad to have you with us!

**Next Weekend's Readings: The Baptism of the Lord, Year C**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Next Week's Parish Ministers		12 January 2025			
Mass	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm
Readers	S Messina A Messina	V Rayan J Rayan	M Soria E Hung	Y Thomas S Thomas	Youth Mass
Prep	H Quinlan	Volunteer	Casey Family	N Tomasovic	Chau Family
Euch Minister	Volunteer Volunteer T Higgins	J Batten D Bower T Cheung	C Gould Volunteer T Papandrea	P Anderson T Anderson S Kottaram	M Chan M D'Silva V Logan
Music	Ray & Sarah		Youth Choir	Guest Choir	Youth Group
Counters	J Corbett K MacRae T MacRae	Floral Ministry		Altar Society	G Nicholas M Nicholas M Soria

**Reflection:**

**First Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6).** The prophet cheers the exiles who returned from Babylon with a vision of a restored city. The prophecy is fulfilled in Christ and in the new Israel, the Church.

**Second Reading (Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6).** This reading expresses the theological meaning of today's feast: God invites Jews and Gentiles to share in the salvation brought by Christ.

**Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12).** Three Gentiles come from a far country to pay homage to the Christ-child, while the Jewish leaders rejected him.

There is nothing to be gained by speculating where the Magi came from and what exactly the star was. The star was only the means by which a great mystery was revealed - the revelation of Christ as the Saviour of all people.



**Jubilee events for January, 2025**

**Friday-Sunday, 24-26 January: Jubilee of the World of Communications.**

We acknowledge the work of journalists, print, radio & TV media personnel and all who create and maintain internet, website and social media content.

Pope Francis calls on people to share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts.

**ALL WELCOME!**

Next Men's Lunch—from 12noon, **Tuesday, 14 January** at the Galston Club.

Next Ladies Lunch—from 12noon, **Tuesday, 21 January** at Hotel Pennant Hills (opposite the Station).

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**Safeguarding in our Parish**

Safeguarding our parish children is everyone's responsibility.

At St Agatha's, we value our children, teenagers and young adults and want them to feel safe and supported at all times.