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SYDNEY

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

2023

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## FIRST READING *Isaiah 60:1-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*

**R.** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

**SECOND READING** *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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

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 the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Matthew 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 2:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

While the traditional proper date for the Epiphany is January 6<sup>th</sup>, twelve days after Christmas, in Australia we celebrate it on the following Sunday, that is today. Since the funeral of the Emeritus Pope took place this past Thursday, I thought it would be fitting to print below some of his words about the Epiphany. This is part of his Angelus address on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010, in which Pope Benedict speaks of the Wise Men and the complementarity between faith and reason – a recurring theme of his teaching and given in his typically profound but easily readable style.

*Fr Don Richardson, Dean*

"They were Wise Men who scrutinized the stars and knew the history of the peoples. They were men of science in the broad sense, who observed the cosmos, considering it almost as a great open book full of divine signs and messages for human beings. Their knowledge, therefore, far from claiming to be self-sufficient, was open to further divine revelations and calls. In fact, they were not ashamed to ask the religious leaders of the Jews for directions. They could have said: "we will do it on our own, we do not need anyone", thereby avoiding, according to our mentality today, all "contamination" between science and the word of God. Instead, the Magi listened to the prophecies and accepted them; and, no sooner had they continued on their way towards Bethlehem than they saw the star again, as if to confirm the perfect harmony between human seeking and the divine Truth, a harmony that filled the hearts of these genuine Wise Men with joy (cf. Mt 2: 10). The culmination of their quest was the moment when they found themselves before "the Child with Mary his Mother" (Mt 2: 11). The Gospel says that they "fell down and worshipped him". They might have been disappointed, or even shocked. Instead, as the true Wise Men that they were, they were open to the mystery that had manifested itself in a surprising manner and, with their symbolic gifts, they showed that they recognized Jesus as the King and Son of God. Precisely in that gesture were fulfilled the messianic oracles that proclaimed the homage of nations to the God of Israel.

A final detail confirms the unity in the Magi of intelligence and faith: it is the fact that "being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way" (Mt 2: 12). It would have been natural to return to Jerusalem, to Herod's Palace and to the Temple to spread the news of their discovery. Instead, the Magi, who had chosen the Child as their Sovereign, kept this hidden, in accordance with Mary's, or rather with God's own style. And thus just as they had appeared they disappeared in silence, content but also transformed by their meeting with the Truth. They had discovered a new Face of God, a new kingship: that of love."

-Pope Benedict XVI, St Peter's Square, Wednesday, 6 January 2010.



# UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

## January 2023

<div></div>			7 <i>Saturday</i>	8 <i>Sunday</i> <div></div> <b>The EPIPHANY of the LORD</b>  2pm Sunday Public Tour	9 <i>Monday</i> <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	10 <i>Tuesday</i>
11 <i>Wednesday</i>  6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	12 <i>Thursday</i>  5.30pm Requiem Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	13 <i>Friday</i>	14 <i>Saturday</i>	15 <i>Sunday</i>  2pm Sunday Public Tour	16 <i>Monday</i>	17 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Anthony</i>
18 <i>Wednesday</i>  6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	19 <i>Thursday</i>  6:30pm CITY COMPASS <div></div>	20 <i>Friday</i>	21 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Agnes</i>	22 <i>Sunday</i>  2pm Sunday Public Tour	23 <i>Monday</i>	24 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St Francis de Sales</i>
25 <i>Wednesday</i> <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>  6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	26 <i>Thursday</i> <div></div> <b>AUSTRALIA DAY</b> Public Holiday Mass 9am	27 <i>Friday</i> <i>Sts Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	28 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	29 <i>Sunday</i>  2pm Sunday Public Tour	30 <i>Monday</i> <b>9am St Thomas More Society Red Mass</b>	31 <i>Tuesday</i> <i>St John Bosco</i>

## Weekly Mass Schedule

### MASS

Monday to Friday: 6:45am, 1:10pm, 5:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am, 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Solemn Choral Mass), 6:00pm

### RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday: 12noon to 1:00pm and 4:30pm to 5:25pm

Saturday: 11:00am to 12noon and 4:30pm to 5:30pm

### EVENING VESPERS

Monday to Friday: 5:00pm

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

## CATHEDRAL NOTICES



### Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

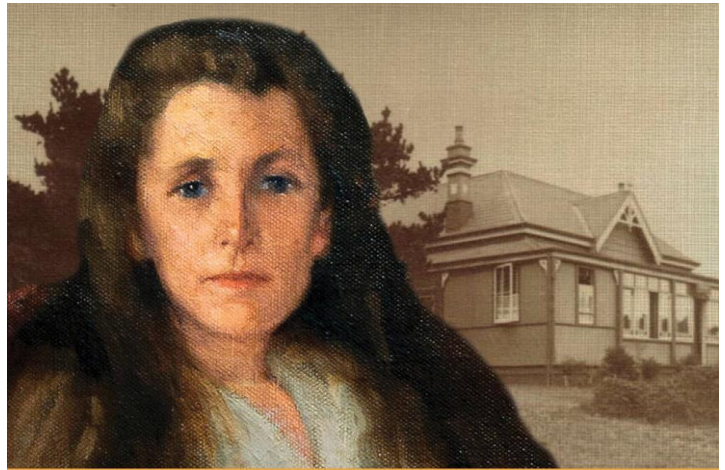
**Thursday 12 January 2023**

St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney  
5:30pm.

(Please be seated by 5:15pm)

For those who are unable to attend,  
the Requiem Mass will be live-  
streamed on the St Mary's Cathedral  
YouTube Channel.

Please continue to pray for the  
repose of the soul of the late Holy  
Father.



MASS TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE DEATH OF SERVANT OF GOD,

**EILEEN O'CONNOR**

TUESDAY 10 JANUARY, 11AM

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT: BISHOP EMERITUS TERRY BRADY

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH  
CNR BROOK AND WALTHAM STREETS, COOGEE

## PURPOSE

— RETREAT —



A RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
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22 - 25  
JANUARY 2023

BENEDICT XVI  
RETREAT CENTRE

Inviting all young adults and youth leaders  
(18-35) to come along to a new  
archdiocesan retreat centered on the  
theme KNOW, LOVE, SERVE.

Dates: 22-25 January

Location: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre

Speakers include: Bishop Richard Umbers,  
Fr. Ben Saliba, Kristin Barlow, Sr Kathryn  
Kingsley MGL, Kevin and Helen Wagner,  
Fr Chris Desousa and Fr Dan McCaughan,

The retreat will offer fellowship, social time,  
free time, food, sacraments, prayer, and  
more, all at the beautiful Benedict XVI  
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Places are limited so register today for an  
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For more information contact  
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# MADE FOR MORE

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**'Made for More' events by Theology of the Body Institute**

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is proud to host Dr Christopher West and his team for their Australian tour of 'Made for More' events in Sydney and Melbourne.

Please join us on Friday, 20 January at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall or on Saturday, 21 January at All Saints Liverpool Parish Hall.

'Made for More' weaves dynamic presentations with live music, media and sacred art bringing an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny.

**For tickets and more information,**  
visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/TOB](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/TOB)

**Or Email the Life Marriage & Family Office**  
[lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org)



## Synod of Bishops Continental Stage

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality.

Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: [www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch](http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch)



### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**DIVINE RENOVATION** FEBRUARY 10-12 SYDNEY 2023 FRI-SUN

**2023 DR AUS** Divine Renovation Australasia Conference

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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## Divine Renovation Conference with Fr James Mallon

On 10-12 February 2023, Divine Renovation will be hosting their 2023 Divine Renovation Australasia Conference in Sydney, Australia, with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney as a Supporting Partner.

This conference will be a unique experience for active parishioners and clergy who want to help lead the parish from maintenance to mission. The conference will feature talks and workshops from speakers including Fr. James Mallon, Fr. Chris Ryan MGL and Daniel Ang among many others, on the topics of evangelisation and creating an invitational and missionary church. This is also an opportunity to connect with other parish leaders and hear inspiring stories of parishes that have seen transformation by prioritising mission.

**For registration and more information,**  
visit <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

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