



# ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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## WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

### Sunday 8 January 2022

#### MONDAY 9 January

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

Baptism of the Lord

#### TUESDAY 10 January

Confession 4:45-5:05pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

#### WEDNESDAY 11 January

Mass 9:30am W-Falls

#### THURSDAY 12 January

Mass 5:15pm Leura

#### FRIDAY 13 January

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor

#### SATURDAY 14 January

Mass 9:00am Katoomba

Confession 9:30am Katoomba

## USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Leura 5pm (Saturday)

Wentworth Falls 8am

Katoomba 10:30am

Leura 5pm

## The Epiphany of the Lord

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**EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE THANK YOU** to all our wonderful helpers and those who brought dishes to feed the pilgrims who came to have dinner and stay overnight in St Canice's Hall last Saturday 7 January. Also many thanks to Barbara for co-ordinating the pilgrims' dinner.

**DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS:** 11 February 2023: A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 11 February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2022 to [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)

**BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER:** An Update from the Office for Safeguarding. New Year's Dash: Face-to-Face Safeguarding Training Opportunities to Kick Off the New Year! Have you had a chance to complete your Safeguarding Training yet? April 2023 will mark the first two years of our Mandatory Safeguarding Training Program. This year over 700 people across the Diocese have completed their training in face-to-face sessions. For those who are yet to complete their initial Mandatory Safeguarding Modules, we are offering a 'New Year's Dash' Package of Training Opportunities in readiness for ministry in 2023. Contact the Parish Office to find locations, days of the week and times of Training Packages that best suit you. You can register for these by emailing: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) Of course, you are still most welcome to 'sign up' to our online Safeguarding Training Platform at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

**ST CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:** We are still taking enrolments for 2023. Interested families can call the office on 02 4780 6800 for more information.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2023:** The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

**KATOOMBA ADORATION CHAPEL:** 10:00am Monday - 6pm Friday. The chapel is at the back of St. Canice's church. Entry is from the outside. "One cannot know the Lord without the habit of adoring in silence (Pope Francis)." Call Catherine 0420 337 033 if interested in signing up or for more information.

### B.POINT

We have introduced a new and easy way of contribution for 2nd collection and 1st collection.

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Year A

**ENTRANCE :** 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; meveryone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

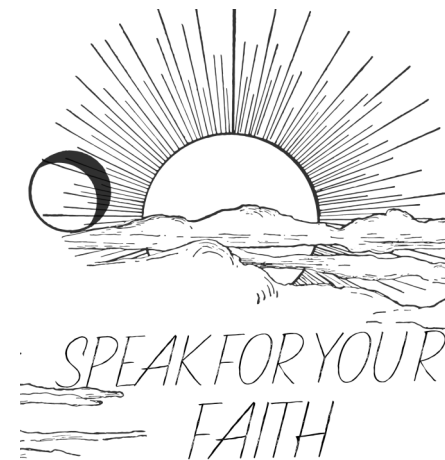
**RESPONSE:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### 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 one 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!



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## THE 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.

**COMMUNION :** We have seen his star in the east and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

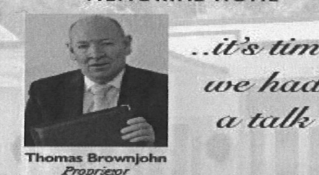


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