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MASS TIMES

Sat Vigil: 5:00pm

Sun: 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

Weekday: Mon: 7:30am

Tue: 7:30am

Wed: 6:00pm

Thu: 7:30am

Fri: 9:15am

On Public Holiday Monday,

Tuesday or Thursday: 9:15am

Sat: 9:30am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

Holy Hour: Wed 5:00pm

Reconciliation:

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

Anointing Mass:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1st Sat of each month:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady
(except January and August)

Marian Devotions:

Saturdays 4:00pm

Chaplets of Divine Mercy/St

Michael: Sundays 4:00pm

Baptisms & Weddings: by appt.

Baptisms: Sundays after the 10am
Mass

Parish Office Hours:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9:00am to 2:30pm

OUR SICK: *Bryan Butler, Bob Campbell and Southern Cross residents*

Happy Birthdays to: George Wilson (4th) and Fr. Anthony (10th).

We welcome Timothy Sofronie and his family to his Baptism this Sunday.

The Parish Office is closed from Thurs 29th Dec and will reopen on Mon 16th Jan 2017.

Public Holiday Thur 26th Jan (Australia Day): Mass is at 9:15am.

SVdP Xmas Appeal: Total donations: \$1,270.65. Thank you for your generosity.

Epiphany of the Lord: The Twelfth Night (Epiphany) also marks a visit to the baby Jesus by The Magi, (the three Kings, or Wise Men). The word 'Epiphany' comes from Greek and means "manifestation". It celebrates 'the revelation of God in his Son as human in Jesus Christ'.

In the West, Christians began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century, associating it with the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus.

According to the Gospel of Matthew, the

three kings found baby Jesus by following a star across the desert to Bethlehem.

The three kings – named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar – followed the star of Bethlehem to meet the baby Jesus. According to Matthew 2:11, they offered symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus' birth, the gold representing his royal standing, frankincense his divine birth, and myrrh his mortality.

During the medieval period, Christmas was celebrated for the 12 days from Christmas Eve on 24th December, until the Epiphany. Even up until the 19th century, 6th January was as big a celebration as Christmas Day.

Some interesting facts about Epiphany:

☼ The three Kings represented Europe, Arabia and Africa respectively.

☼ Hundreds of years ago, roast lamb was traditionally served at Epiphany in honour of Christ and the three Kings' visit; ☼ According to Greek Orthodox Church's traditions, a priest will bless the waters by throwing a cross into it as worshippers try to retrieve it.

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE

RE: TAX DEDUCTIBILITY ON

PLANNED GIVING:

Due to recent NSW State Government legislative changes that take effect from 1st January 2017, it will **NOT** be possible to provide tax deductibility on planned giving donations made after **31st December 2016.**

A tax deductible receipt will however be provided for any contributions made for the period 1st July to 31st December 2016.

A letter of explanation from the Archdiocese will be given by Patricia to those affected by the change. Please continue to use your Planned Giving envelopes **but your donations will NOT attract any tax deductibility from 1st January 2017.** We thank you for your past years of generous support of our Parish and School. God bless.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) J Spora, Volunteer (R) M Alimario, Volunteer (C) Thomas W (M)

8:00am: G Diab, A Yap (A) A Himawan, O Sarmiento (R) M Wong, J Yong (C) Thomas W (M)

10:00am: N Jenner (A) H Edge, K Tjoe (R) C Findlay, C Goncalves (C) T Chin (M)

5:00pm: M Sarmiento (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** Joe De Andrade

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) L Paquin, J Paquin (R) F & G Hogan (C) Thomas W (M)

8:00am: G Diab, A Yap (A) G Guerrera, A Burke (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer (C) Thomas W (M)

10:00am: N Jenner (A) K Wong, B Wong (R) R Houghton, N Liman (C) T Chin (M)

5:00pm: M Sarmiento (A) J Chandra, D Sarmiento (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** B Yong