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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
 Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIME:

Mon. 7.00am Tues 7.30pm
 Wed. 9.00am Thurs 7.00am
 Fri 9.00 am Sat 9.00am

HOLY HOUR: Saturday 8-9.00am

CONFESSION: 10 mins before Mass
 and **Saturdays 8.00 – 8.55am**

Tuesday 6: pm – 6:20 pm

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 7th Feb 2019 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANOINTING MASS: 5th / 6th Jan 2019

DIVINE MERCY: Tues. 6.30pm

Our sick: Brian Brown May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Lonza Busuttill, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Joan Hagley, Amy Zuschmann, Steven Marinilli and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House & house bound.

Please read Catholic Weekly, only \$2 per copy.

<http://catholicfaitheducation.blogspot.com.au/>

READING MINISTRY:

<http://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG>

<https://www.compellingtruth.org>
www.vocationcentre.org.au

<http://www.ibtministries.org>

EWTN-Kids (catechism for Kids)

Catholic News Service,

Catholica; Zenith News; Fish Eaters

<http://www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/>

www.catalystforrenewal.org.au

<https://www.cruxnow.com>

The Catholic Thing: First Things



Thank you for celebrating Festival of the Nativity of the Lord.



Thank you Anne, Patricia and Steven and your Friends for the music and signing at Christmas Masses.

Christmas Season House Blessing: Prayer: Let us pray. O Lord, Almighty God, bless this house + that it may become a shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the commandments, and thanksgiving to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Upon this house and those who dwell herein may Your blessing remain forever, through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen. **Then please take blessed chalk and proceed to the front door. (The initials CMB stand for Christus mansionem benedicat: May Christ bless this house.) Make inscription on lintel:**

20 + C + M + B + 19

Fr. Jerzy is available for the pastoral visit and house blessing.

Another meaning: the three wise men, Caspar, [Caspar inscribes 'C' on lintel] **C** Melchior, [Melchior inscribes 'M'] **M** and Balthasar [Balthasar inscribes 'B'] **B** followed the star of God's Son who became man two thousand **inscribe the '2 0' on left and '1 9'** on the right. + May Christ bless our dwelling, + and remain with us throughout the new year and + grant that our comings and goings will be in search of truth. Almighty God, incline your ear. May you bless us and all who are gathered here. Send your holy angel who will defend us and fill with grace all who live here. Amen. Please take holy water from the font. Bring your own containers please.



Epiphany: *epiphaneia*, "manifestation") also called Feast of the Epiphany, Theophany, or Three Kings' Day, Christian holiday commemorating the first manifestation of *Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi*, and the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee.



Epiphany is one of the three principal and oldest festival days of the Christian church (the other two are Easter and Christmas). Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and other Western churches observe the feast on January 6, while some Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Epiphany on January 19, since their Christmas Eve falls on January 6. The festival originated in the Eastern Church, where it at first included a commemoration of Christ's birth. In Rome, by 354 Christ's birth was being celebrated on December 25, and later in the 4th century the church in Rome began celebrating Epiphany on January 6. In the Western church the festival primarily commemorates the visit by the Magi to the infant Jesus, which is seen as evidence that Christ, the Jewish Messiah, came also for the salvation of Gentiles. In the East it primarily commemorates the baptism of Jesus and celebrates the revelation that the incarnate Christ was both fully God and fully man. In the West the evening preceding Epiphany is called **Twelfth Night**. The time between December 25 and January 6 is known as the **Twelve Days of Christmas**. Epiphany is celebrated with special pastries in many countries, and children often receive small gifts in their shoes in honour of the Magi's gifts to the infant Jesus. The holiday also has a number of traditions involving water as a reflection of Jesus' baptism, including the blessing of houses with holy water.