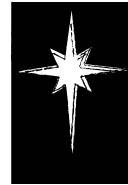


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The Epiphany of the Lord ... Solemnity

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 2

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord and ruler is coming, kingship is his, and government and power.

First Reading:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading:

Ephesians. 3: 2-3, 5-6

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

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

Communion Antiphon:

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



Congratulations To

Ethan Wood whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through his Baptism we pray he will love and serve the Lord always.

Mass Time Changes

For the time being, other than Mondays, (see notice page 2) there will be only one Mass celebrated on weekdays. Please turn to the back page for these times.

REV. DR. THOMAS CARROLL

Very soon we will have the opportunity of meeting and welcoming the 9th Pastor of the Parish of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Cronulla.

Fr Thomas Carroll was born in Lakemba and commenced his education at St Gabriel's Primary School at Bexley North and Our Lady of Fatima School, Kingsgrove.

During his younger years he suffered from asthma which put him into hospital on some occasions. His doctor recommended he drink goats milk and take breathing exercises to ease his sufferings. So up to the age of 15 he drank goats milk and took singing lessons to exercise his breathing. Whilst at Our Lady of Fatima School, his Year 3 teacher, Mother M. Roch discovered his talent for singing and put him on the path to the Cathedral Choir and a scholarship to St Mary's Cathedral College.

During his years at this college he met some exceptional priests, priests who loved being priests. It was through this environment and an orientation weekend at St Columba's Seminary at Springwood that he just had this sense of "this is what I want".

After finishing school at the Cathedral College in 1973 Thomas began his training for the priesthood at Springwood and Manly, and with 10 other men was Ordained for the Priesthood on the 1st September, 1979. by Cardinal James Freeman. Soon after Ordination he was approached by the Cardinal to undertake further study in Philosophy. Not wanting to be appointed to academic work at this stage of his priestly life, he ask the Cardinal to give him 5 years experience in parish work, if he was still required for a further time of academic studies after this time, he would accept it. The Cardinal agreed and Fr Thomas was appointed to St Joachim's Parish at Lidcombe, then at St Michael's Parish at South Blacktown.

His 5 years promise was not forgotten by the Cardinal and the call came. He was to continue his studies in academic life in Belgium where he undertook graduate studies in philosophy and theology at the Catholic University of Leuven.

On his return to Sydney he spent another 10 years lecturing at the Catholic Institute and for another 6 years he sat on The Human Ethics Committee. In 1991 Cardinal Edward Clancy approved his appointment to begin Doctoral Research in Leuven where he obtained his Doctorate in Philosophy.

Back again in Sydney in 2003, Fr Thomas was appointed as Parish Priest of St Francis Xavier, Ashbury. He was there for a couple of years and Cardinal George Pell asked him to look after St Mel's Parish, Campsie, as well as Ashbury. This he accepted. So after looking after the Church in that part of God's Vineyard for 8 years, hoping he would be allowed to continue his 12 year tenure, the call came again, and so he must move on.

There is more to the life of the Reverend Doctor Thomas Carroll of his time in Europe other than studying. Ask him about American football which he learnt to play while living in Leuven, where he resided at the American College, a seminary run by American Bishops. He will reminiscence for a long time on this subject

Ask him about the time he became (between his studies of course) a Chaplain at American Air Force bases at weekends. We will not only have a academic priest in our midst, but one that will listen to us and join with us in parish activities. We warn our young male youth that American "football" may be in opposition to the hand ball team now playing up at the De La field at weekends!!!!

Acknowledgement: Condensed from the Catholic Weekly story 'Treatment for asthma led to life as priest' by Sharyn Mc Cowen. 7th February, 2010.

.....Ken Maughan



CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday:	The Baptism of the Lord. Feast.
Tuesday:	The Legion of Mary meet in the Madden Room at 4.00pm.
Wednesday:	Care and Concern: There will be a Coffee Morning at the Coffee Shop at Monro Park Lane (All Welcome) 10.00am.
Thursday:	No Notices
Friday:	No Notices
Saturday:	Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass at St Aloysius' Church 6.00pm,
Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Masses at St Aloysius' Church: 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm. Mass at Our Lady of the Way Church: 9.00am

This Week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

- Mass marks new era for Sisters of Mercy
- First class of medicos to help shape health reforms
- Priest calls for public to report children at risk
- Br Michael opens door to English for priests and religious
- More HSC success stories
- Fulton Sheen 'miracle' evidence sent to Rome

Pick up your Catholic Weekly at the entrance of our churches. For only \$2.00 you are buying the only Sunday NEWS paper that gives mainly Good News.

CANCELLATION OF MONDAY MORNING MASS AT ST ALOYSIUS' CHURCH

Commencing tomorrow (MONDAY) 9th January

We have received advice from our new Parish Priest, Fr. Tom Carroll, that it will be necessary to cancel all regular Monday morning Masses at St Aloysius Gonzaga Church, Cronulla, effective from and including Monday 9th January 2012.

Fr. Tom Carroll is required to be away on many Mondays of the Year, teaching courses to students for the priesthood and with other important Diocesan commitments. Similarly, Fr Andrew is not always available on Mondays to celebrate the Parish Mass, and hence it is not possible to provide a consistent Mass for Monday mornings, going ahead. For a public Parish Mass to be scheduled, it must be consistently celebrated each week, and by a priest appointed to the Parish, otherwise it leads to endless confusion.

There is a 7.00am Monday morning Mass celebrated at the Caringbah Parish (Our Lady of Fatima, 389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah), for those who wish to travel the short distance to that Mass. Otherwise, Parishioners are very welcome to come and pray in the Church on Monday mornings, and to participate in a Communion/Prayer Service at 7.00am, lead by our Parish Acolytes or Senior Servers.

The Church will be locked after the Monday morning Communion Service/prayers, to maintain the security and safety of our parish church while unattended, but will remain open during the other days of the week

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change in our Mass schedule.

APOLOGY ::::: The stall was empty last weekend.



The supplies of Fair Trade Coffee and Tea had dwindled and there were no volunteers on hand to sell what was available, so the Fair Trade Stall was empty last weekend. To those regular customers we offer on behalf of our Social Justice Ministry, a sincere apology. If you are in need of supplies please phone Warren Thomas on 9527 9857 or 0411442478 and he will arrange delivery to your home.

It is rather difficult at times to arrange for parishioners to man/woman this stall after each Sunday Mass due to holidays and sickness, and it is left to the few willing volunteers to double up at each Mass to help this very important project of our Social Justice Ministry. They NEED more parishioners to help them once a month to sell these products. Once a month, after the usual Mass you attend, should not be a hardship to spend a little extra time helping those who are trying to help those who are desperate to earn a just living. Give Warren Thomas a call today on the phone number above and say "I CAN HELP YOU MATE"!

The Christmas Crib at Bundeena

Twenty four years ago I moved from Cronulla to the beautiful township of Bundeena, nestling on the edge of the Royal National Park. The Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Way, was to be part of my future involvement in the Parish of Cronulla. Before my first Christmas there, I was surprised that we did not have a crib in the church. On asking, I was told they once had a small one, but it had been taken away.

Roger Summers, a parishioner at that time, was a carpenter. I knew Roger and his wife Colleen; both were very much involved in the wider community of Bundeena, and both involved in the Church. I asked Roger if he would make us a crib. He thought this was a great idea and Colleen said she would ask the ladies of the community to get together to see what they could do to make the figures.



And so the Christmas Crib for the church in Bundeena became a project for some ladies in the community and Roger the carpenter. The ladies got together and gathered material to make the clothes that would fit the faceless rag dolls that would be made into the characters of the crib. Roger built a large crib, numbering each part so that it could be erected each year bit by bit and taken apart after Christmas and stored in a wooden box. Stands were purchased so that the figures could stand erect if required, wool was collected from the backs of live sheep to be glued on the backs of the little hand made sheep that would gather around the shepherds outside the crib. Roger cut out figures of donkeys, a star, and a wooden manger with his fret saw. A small light was installed inside the crib to light up the scene.



And so on Christmas Day 1988 when that little BIG church was made ready for Christmas Mass the Christmas Crib became the wonder of Bundeena. The crib that Roger Summers had built and the faceless rag dolls made and clothed by those wonderful women were there. The shepherds, Mary and Joseph, the babe Jesus asleep on the straw in the manger, and the sheep with their real live fleece gathered around the shepherds, the donkeys grazing, was a sight to behold. It was a delight to all the children present.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, down came the three wise men dressed in their royal robes with crowns and turbans on their head. They took their place in the crib and gave homage to the child with his mother Mary, and placed gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, represented by a small treasure chest and jars.

Roger, the carpenter, who not only made this wonderful crib but many other things in the community, erected this crib on the day before Christmas and dismantled it after the Feast of the Epiphany, did not live to erected it before Christmas 1989. Every Christmas since, he has joined me in spirit to put together that lovely crib. He is there beside me, I know, because each time I have trouble in remembering which part fits the other I call for him to help me, and he does. Likewise, the ladies who made the faceless dolls that adorn the crib each year and dressed them so wonderfully, have passed on to their just rewards in heaven, I'm sure they must gather around the crib each Christmas and smile at their achievement. Ken Maughan

A PILGRIMAGE To the Holy Land via Bangkok IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Book now to reserve your place on this wonderful tour of the Holy Land, leaving Sydney on Saturday 14th April, 2012, and returning on Friday 27th April, 2012. 14 days and 13 nights (3 days of which will be touring Bangkok and Pataya) of sightseeing and experiencing being in places where Jesus stood during His ministry on earth.

The cost of the tour is AUD\$5,500 which includes airfares, twin share accommodation, most meals, all transports, entry visa to Israel, tour guide and entrance fees. Does not include Tips and extra personal expenses.

For further information on itinerary and booking, contact X. MAI (Vince) on 0403241703.



Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 14th & 15th January.							DIRECTORY	
Masses Cronulla	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm	8.00 am Sunday	10.00 am Sunday	6.00 pm Sunday	Bundeena Sunday 9.00am	Nursing Home		
Acolyte & Adult Server	J. O'Neill	P. Coady	B. Eaton	M. Sakowicz	R. Farrell M. Baldwin		Pastor Rev Dr Thomas Carroll Email Assistant Priest Fr Andrew Benton Email andrewbenton@stalcron.org.au Deacon Sam Lynch Pastoral Associate. Mrs Cathy Sammut Parish Centre 18 Giddings Ave, CRONULLA 2230 Secretary Mrs Kim Plummer Office Hours 9.00 am to 3.00 pm Monday to Friday Phone 8522 0300 Fax 9544 1451 Email admin@stalcron.org.au Internet Website www.stalcron.org.au Bulletin Mr Ken Maughan Phone 9523 1357 Email bulletin@stalcron.org.au	
Communion Ministers	B. Kuschert A. Hale G. Radford M. Remedios	K. Hilder C. Coady A. Cimino F. Schembri	B. Slamon R. Natoli A. Zammit K. Vitenov	R. Melendez D. DeSouza M. Pearce P. Neate		K. Vitenov		
Ministers of the WORD	M. Tran A. Hale	K. Hilder F. Schembri	B. Slamon K. Vitenov	L. Brbot U. Nair	B. Maughan B. Shanahan			
Commentator	B. Kuschert	M. Downes	A. Zammit	C, Melendez				
Junior Altar Servers					Church Work C. Wynne.			
Parish Counting Groups	<u>This Week Group 8</u> J & M. Downes B. Laxton, J. Cimino, B & P. Watkins.		<u>Next Week Group 1</u> L. Lawrence, G. Neville, H. O'Neill, J. Kennedy		The Prayer Tree Can you please pray for someone who needs your prayers? Phone Jane		SCHOOLS St Aloysius Primary 9523 2593 St. Francis de Sales Primary 9523 7323 O.L.M.C Burraneer 9544 1966 De La Salle, Caringbah 9524 9133	

Mass and other Liturgical Schedules

Sunday:

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla

Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena:

Vigil Mass: 6.00pm. (Saturday). 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

Sunday Mass 9.00am

Weekdays: This week:

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla:

Monday: (No Mass) 7.00am **Communion/Prayer Service**

Mass Wednesday & Friday: 7.00am Only

Mass Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am Only

Mass Saturday: 8.00am

St Francis de Sales School, Woolooware: **No Mass during School Holidays.**

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) St Aloysius Church, Cronulla:

Saturday 5.00pm to 5.30pm

(or by appointment)

Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena:

Before Sunday Mass..

Baptisms: By appointment. **Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday 6.45 am.,

Rosary: After the weekday Mass or Communion Service.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: First Friday of the month: 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm.

Anointing of the Sick in Mass: 1st Saturday of February, April, June, August, October, December. Mass at 10.00am

Anointing of the sick as required in the home or church. Please contact the Parish Centre.



We pray for the repose of the souls of **Stephan Filan and John Sidgreaves** who died recently. Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Brian Small, Jean & Jim Quinn, Eric & Kathleen James, Diana Casaceli, Jean Givney, Allan Howarth, Megan Howarth.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE

Your Contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your Parish. To become a regular contributor please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office or place it on the Sunday Collection Plate.

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