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Feast of the Epiphany

SUNDAY 6 Jan 2013

Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East. Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: 1) the baptism of the Lord; 2) Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; 3) the Nativity of Christ; and 4) the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated, in the West, into Christmas, and shortly after, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide – the Twelve Days of Christmas, which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

The story of the Magi travelling from the East to see the Christ child appears only in Matthew's Gospel. We think of there being three wise men because of the number of gifts, but Matthew doesn't tell us the exact number. Since the 3rd Century, Christian writers have referred to them as kings, even though Matthew doesn't specifically tell us that they were royalty.

We generally think of the young as those who are most willing to set off on a journey with little more than some money in their pocket. As we get older and wiser, we tend to plan more, take plenty of clothes, make reservations ahead of time, take credit or debit cards to augment the cash we might have. We probably go to Google to get detailed directions and information of our destinations – few of us would start off without a destination. Some of us might even pay a professional travel agent to help us plan our trip and make sure everything is in readiness. If this kind of planning is true for most of us humans, then the Magi in this Sunday's Gospel are strikingly different from us! They begin a long journey with no more map than a star, with no clear idea of a destination except Jerusalem (a rather big city to find such a tiny baby!), and only a vague idea of whom they are looking for ('newborn king of the Jews'). Moreover, there isn't much in the trip for them, they bring gifts for this 'newborn king; and return empty-handed.

The Magi's epiphany journey is the pattern of our Christian living: we follow God's promptings, seek God diligently, overcome many obstacles, and finally, finding God, we offer homage. Rather than gifts of things, we offer God the greatest gift we can – our very selves.

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St Joseph the Worker Church

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Sunday Mass

7.00 am
8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Monday -7.00am
Wednesday-7.00am

Guardian Angels' Church

99 Scarborough St
Southport

Saturday
6.00pm

Sunday Mass
7.00 am
10.00 am

Weekday Mass
Friday - 12.30pm

Reconciliation

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive
Ashmore

Sunday Mass
8:30 am & 6.00pm

Korean Mass
Sunday 3.00pm
Every last Saturday 6pm
Tuesday 7pm

Weekday Mass
Tuesday - 9.00am

Change of Plans

Father Baron will not be joining our Pastoral team this year. Father has made the decision to retire early and so not take up a position in the Southport parish. Although this is a disappointment for our Parish, we wish Father Baron every happiness for the future. This will leave us with only two priests in the parish on the weekend, since every other available priest in the Archdiocese has been appointed.

We are very grateful to have the assistance of Father Vince Hobbs, who is living in retirement at Labrador, Monday to Thursday, but works every weekend at the Holland Park/Mount Gravatt Parish.

We have been assured that our parish will be given a priority should a priest become available in the near future.

Meanwhile patience and prayers will help.

New Ministry- "Musical Playgroup" starting Feb 2013!!

This new ministry is being set up by 3 Mothers from the Parish to offer support for parents/carers; and music & play for children 0-5 years! Open to all in our parish and wider community- please spread the word. Affiliated with Playgroup QLD Assn.

When: **Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am** starting mid **February 2013**

Where: "The Annex" , St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador.

Interested Parents/Grandparents/Carers with children, or Volunteers willing to serve morning tea/ bake for the group.. Please Contact:

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Two Interesting Workshops

Everything you always wanted to know about THE GIRM but were afraid to ask!!

The Missal has in the front of it an important document called the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM). It is like a map that guides the celebration of Mass by explaining its structure and the various ministries, furnishings and other requisites involved. The *General Instruction* also articulates the doctrinal principles behind how Mass is celebrated and explains why we do the things we do.

The GIRM provides answers to many of the questions that people ask of Liturgy Brisbane, such as: Can white wine be used for the Eucharist? What is allowed on the altar during Mass? What is wrong with using hosts from the tabernacle for Communion? In addition, there are several key aspects in both the revised *General Instruction* and previous editions which have not yet been implemented fully.

It is vital that anyone involved in planning or celebrating liturgy, including presiders, pastoral associates, parish liturgy teams, APREs, those who plan school Masses and liturgical ministers, have a good understanding of this key liturgy document. To assist with this, Brisbane Liturgy is offering a session that outlines the broad content and key features of the *General Instruction*, highlights recent changes and explores the practical implementation of the principles and practices it espouses. **Wednesday 20 February** 9.30am to 3.30pm at Meeting Room, 50 Fairway Dve, Clear Island Waters (Surfers Parish).

Repertoire, Renewal & Formation Day

for all liturgical musicians **Saturday 2nd March 9.30am – 3.30pm** Surfers Parish, 50 Fairway Dve, Clear Island Waters.

Watch this space for further details.

Let's Try Again

Before the New Year gets too far along it might be worth mentioning the good intention, but rarely achieved for some, of arriving at church in time for Mass.

Unfortunately there are a substantial number of people who are distractingly tardy, obviously disturbing fellow parishioners as they search for the often elusive seat.

Firstly, adding another 5 minutes to our pre-mass planning could be a great help. Secondly, if there is no way of avoiding being late, it would be preferred if late comers waited until the congregation is less occupied, say at the collection time, to find a seat.

While on the subject, staying in the Church until after the Final Blessing, shows great respect for the sacrament just celebrated and the people with whom we have shared that celebration.

A Great Lesson On Stress

A young lady confidently walked around the room while leading and explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'half empty or half full?'... She fooled them all "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz. She replied , "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress.

If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on." "As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced. So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night... Pick them up tomorrow.

Worth a thought:

- * A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- * Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker..
- * If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague
- * Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- * When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- * We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.
- * Save the earth... It's the only planet with chocolate!

Stewards of Vocation

Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life-the Christian way of life-of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us-clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child-has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role-our vocation-and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.



Today we welcome into our Parish Family

Quinn Alastair Alefosio son of Aidan & Sacha Alefosio

Preston Ash Alefosio son of Aidan & Sacha Alefosio

Jasper Findlay son of Justin Mullins & Kylie Findlay

Charlie William Greening Fuller son of Darrell Fuller & Patricia Greening

Latonia Jamilia Rounds daughter of Melton Rounds & Donna Yusuf

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE FATHER.

ANNIVERSARY: Margaret Bauer, Brian Burge, Noel Jensen, Trevor Cichero.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Lyn-Marie Tuivasa, Fay James, Marc Ramirez, Elena Sercombe, Julie Watkins, Neil Cormick, Chris Strasznski, Patricia Gledhill, Martin Cafferty, Judy Crane, George Ovens, Brian Smith, Phillip Jones, Teddy Greenhalgh, Joe Salas, Patricia Davitt, Garry O'Connell, Alice Ferrero, Pamela May, Graham Patterson, Christine Wheldon, Jacob Redman, Isla Dodge, Ken Knowles, Jacinta Crohan, Margaret Young, Sheila Grieve, Ray Jarrett, Carmel Donnelly, Anne Volp, Bill Farmer, Pricilla Bussac, Andrew McCurdy, Nicole Elliott, Lisa Magill, Marie Hancock, Michael Hammond, Brent Pratt, Carol Little, Joan Martin, Vickie Hall, Teresa Taylor, Angela Taylor, Gie Ubaldo, Mary Ng, Frank Bosmans, Tim Howard, Brian Kerwin, Bernadette Towson, Terry Buggy, Tracy Howard, Kitty Ferguson McGeown, Michael Skinner.

Lord Grant your people your protection and grace. Give them health of mind and body. Amen.

Assistant Chaplains (P/T)

The Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplaincy Committee is seeking suitable applicants for the position (s) of Assistant Chaplain to work at the Nathan campus of Griffith University (approximately 5 hours per week – negotiable) and/or the Kelvin Grove campus of Queensland University of Technology (approximately 14 hours per week- negotiable). These are part-time positions for 15 weeks per semester in 2013.

For further information, please contact **The Chair:**

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Applications close Monday 21 January 2013

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR-2013

Sunday **20th January** Confirmation & First

Eucharist preparation forms available

Monday **21st January** 10.30am Care & Concern meeting.

Wednesday **30th January** school resumes.

Saturday **2nd February** De Paul Manor Estate

Open Day

Saturday **2nd February** Children's Liturgy

Volunteers' Training Day ACU

Sunday **3rd February** Children's Liturgy "sign-on"

Sunday

Monday **4 February** Choir practice 7.00pm Mary Immaculate, Ashmore.

Wednesday **13 February**—Ash Wednesday

Wednesday **20 February** GIRM workshop at Clear Island Waters

Friday **1st March** World Day of Prayer.

Saturday **2nd March** Repertoire, Renewal & Formation Day at Clear Island Waters

1st & 3rd Thursday each month Lectio Divina

Cenacles 6-7pm in the Mary Immaculate Library.

First Sunday of each Month: Morning Tea at the "Annex" St Joseph the Worker, Labrador after 8.30am Mass

Each First and Third Sunday of the Month: Charismatic Prayer Meeting, Guardian Angels Church, 11.30am

Religious Gifts

Our piety stalls at Mary Immaculate and St Joseph the Worker carry a range of bibles and prayer books as well as a variety of pious goods. These "shops" are open on Sundays before and after mass.

Choir Practice

The choir are enjoying a well earned rest. Choir practice will begin again 4th February at 7.00pm at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore. Preparation for Easter will begin at this time. New comers and "old hands" will be welcomed with open arms. Please let Sr Lis know your intention to be involved in this fulfilling ministry. Ph 55102222. Perhaps participating in the Parish choir is part of your New Year's resolution!

Care & Concern

A Happy New Year to all our volunteers—First meeting of the year will be Monday 21st January at our usual place (not the Ashmore Tavern) 10.30am start. Don't forget your worksheet, please. See You There!

Relocating ?

Have you relocated recently? If so, please let the Parish Office know of your change of personal details, telephone number, email, and address.

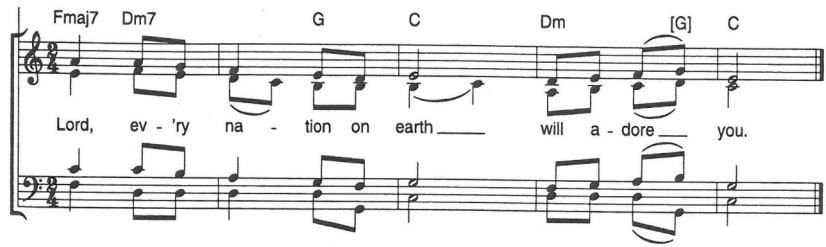
De Paul Manor Estate

Have you visited the parish Retirement village on the corner of Edmund Rice Drive and Nerang Southport Road recently? This thriving community has become home to 66 people. Designed specifically for over 65s, De Paul Manor Estate is an intimate, 'boutique' retirement community nestled amongst landscaped grounds and natural bushland just minutes from the fabulous Gold Coast beaches in central Ashmore. Featuring just 78 spacious apartments, De Paul Manor Estate exudes a distinct sense of quality throughout and offers a maintenance free lifestyle, complete with a host of resort style amenities including, an exclusive 'Residents' Retreat', state of the art security, a community of new friends with similar values and a caring, on-site management team focused on providing the very best service for residents.

It Doesn't Cost Anything

With all the visitors joining our parish over the holidays, it would be a wonderful display of Southport hospitality to simply say a word of welcome when we sit next to someone we don't know in church. It doesn't require a life history or a in depth interview, just a simple hello and welcome. If the people are regular parishioners then we have made a new friend, if they are a visitor, they will be happy not to feel like a stranger. It can be so simple to show a kindness, yet we always wait for someone else to make the move. "Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself"

HYMNS



WE THREE KINGS

We three Kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we travel afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star...

ANTIPHON:

**O Star of wonder,
star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect light.**

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain,
gold we bring to crown him again.
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign R

GLORY TO GOD (Mass of St Francis)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us.
For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. **R Amen Amen**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia! Alleluia!
You are light that shines in the darkness,
star to guide the nations. Lord Jesus
Christ!
Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia! Alleluia

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR
NEXT SUNDAY
Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11
Titus 2:11-1;3-4-7
Luke 3:15-16.21-22**

GIFTS PROCESSION

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (Donald Fishel)

Refrain:

**The light of Christ has come into
the world.
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the world.**

We must all be born again to see the
kingdom of God;
The water and the Spirit bring new
life in God's love. R

God gave up his only Son out of love
for the world,
So that all who believe in him will live
for ever. R

The light of God has come to us so
that we might have salvation;
From the darkness of our sins we
walk into glory with Christ Jesus. R

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Bless'd is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Save us Saviour of the world
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the
everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears for all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above.
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him,
Still the dear Christ enters in.

CHILD OF MERCY

Refrain:

**Child of mercy, child of peace,
Jesus, Bread of life,
food to fill our longing.
Child of justice, child of light,
Jesus, saving cup,
Emmanuel, God with us.**

All who walk in darkness
have seen a great light,
to those who dwell in fear,
a light has shone! R

A child is born to us,
a son is given us,
upon his shoulder glory rests! R

We name him: "Wonder, couns'lor, hero,
mighty God,"
The Holy One for ever:
Prince of peace! R

RECESSIONAL

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Refrain:

**All the ends of the earth,
all your creatures of the sea,
Lift up your eyes to the wonders
of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth,
the Master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.**

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
The wonders God has done in every age. **R**

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in your
might;
every heart, every nation call you Lord. **R**

The Lord has made salvation known,
faithful to the promises of old.
Let the ends of the earth, let the sea and all
It holds make music before our God!