

The Epiphany of the Lord YEAR A

SUNDAY January 5 2014

Where Is the newborn king?

Few of us have the luxury of time and means to begin a trip with no destination in mind, spending however much time we wish meandering about at will. For almost all of us, whether we begin a journey either for pleasure or for business, we find security in having everything prepared – we know exactly how we are going to get there.



The Gospel today recounts a journey too. The Magi began their journey searching for a newborn king in a most unorthodox way: they followed not a road map, but a star. They allowed themselves to be led not by human plotting of routes but by divine guidance. Nor was the Magi's route always clear: when they arrived in Jerusalem the star disappeared, leaving them in darkness and uncertainty. Ignorant of the political ramifications, they sought out the most logical source for clear direction, the reigning King Herod, and inquired of him where to find the newborn king. Herod pointed them to Bethlehem, and when they resumed their journey, the star once again appeared to lead them on their way. Their journey ended when the star 'stopped over the place where the child was,' they entered, and offered homage and gifts.

Lessons from the Magi story remind us how faithfully they followed God's lead, how diligent they were to complete their journey, how prepared they were by bringing gifts, how humbled they were to stoop to this tiny Baby and offer homage. But we also learn from this story that God leads even in darkness, even when we have lost our way, and even through the machinations of those who intend evil. **We** are the Magi today: still searching for the 'newborn king,' still following the light along an uncertain journey, still being surprised by what God reveals along the way and how God reveals it.

When it comes to our life's journey, even though we know our destination (eternal life!), we soon discover that there is no direct or clear-cut route. The journey of faith has many detours. If we wish to arrive at our eternal destination, we must surrender our plans and expectations to a God who often takes us to unexpected places and unexpected persons. God leads us just as surely as the star led the magi to Bethlehem. We are not in control but must trust in God's loving presence and sure guidance. There will be setbacks and challenges before we attain that for which we seek: our everyday lives are filled with obstacles and restlessness which can get us off track. Sometimes we must change course and take 'another way': conversion is an ongoing milestone in Christian living.

We can trust that God will never leave us in darkness but always lead us to the Light.

Sister Elisabeth

St Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade,
Labrador

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

Saturday - 4.30pm

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
Thursday - 5.30pm

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WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR

St Paul provides us with good thoughts for the New Year when he writes: 'We have this treasure in jars of clay that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.' (2 Cor 4:7) The new year stretches ahead of us like a treasure of gifts still to be opened. The question for us is how much of this treasure that God has stored for us are we going to avail ourselves of during the year.

OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTORS—FR TERI NUEVA

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself through the parish newsletter. People from the parish most probably have these and similar questions: "who is this fellow, what can he do in the parish, why is he being sent here?" I'll try to answer them as honestly and briefly as I could.

"Why am I being sent to Southport?" Frankly, only the Archbishop has the complete answer to that. I was told that I have enjoyed the hospitality of Maroochydore parish for too long, and they are sending Fr Geoffrey over, and so I have to take his place at Southport. The Archbishop has asked whether I wish to have a parish of my own, and I told him I may be too old for that, and I am just happy to work wherever he sends me.

When I met Fr Peter Dillon in the parish some two months back, he asked "what special talent do I bring to Southport?" and I said, special talent I do not have, but I'll try my best to do the work I am asked to do. So what can I do in the parish remains to be seen, as I believe that a priest is only as good as what the parishioners allow him to be.

I applied to work in Brisbane after working for seven years in the Archdiocese of Perth, and upon setting foot in Queensland, I was told to go to Maroochydore Parish for two months. That was August 2007, and I am still working here as of this writing, making all this time the longest two months of my life.

I came from the Philippines, born in the island of Negros, and ordained for the Diocese of Bacolod in 1983. I came to Australia in March 2000, and took the oath in July 2007 in a little town called Kulin, surrounded by parishioners and friends, wearing a cork hat and holding a bottle of Vegemite in one hand and the Aussie flag in the other.

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Thank you and Happy New Year to all!

With prayers and best wishes,

Teri/Terry/Terence Nueva

MINISTERS ROSTERS

We will shortly be preparing the Ministers Rosters for **March, April and May**. If you are not able to take your place on this roster, or your were not on the current roster and wish to again be included please let the Parish Office know.

TOGETHER WITH—FR DOMENICO MUSCARI

I was born in Tropea in Southern Italy in a wonderful place with a wonderful beach (like Surfers Paradise) but I grew up in Stefanaceni, a little village close to the town of Vibo Valentia in Calabria. I am the youngest of three children (all boys) and my parents are alive and well, still in Stefanaceni. I have relatives in Australia (Melbourne) and I have visited them many times.

In fact, I took my first steps in Australia at the age of one. Primary school was in my home town, followed by high school in Vibo and then I went to Rome to the Seminary for six years. I was ordained a priest on 6th April 2002 in my diocese in Mileto cathedral. My poor mother had 23 of my relatives staying at her home for my ordination. That's a lot of cooking.

I studied one more year in Rome and was assigned to a parish in Rome. I spent my first Christmas as a priest in Australia (Melbourne) where I first met Bishop Mark Coleridge, auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. After that, I was appointed to a parish in my diocese as a Parish Priest, San Nicola da Crissa where I spent the last 9 years before coming to Australia. I was a youth chaplain for four years, attending World Youth Days around the world (including Sydney 2008).

I asked my Bishop for a new adventure to increase my priestly experience outside my country and I chose Australia. I looked up Archbishop Mark who was then in Canberra but soon to be appointed to Brisbane and everything was arranged for me. I want to learn to speak better English, so the Archbishop sent me to Surfers Paradise, right next door to the Italian Club, but I am banned from there as I need to speak English instead of Italian, so I am looking forward to meeting with you and sharing with you the ministry of the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for allowing me to come to Paradise. I have already walked your beautiful beaches. I like soccer, I am not allowed to call it football, along with most sports, and I like to travel. I am in Australia for four years, but I don't know what comes after that. Please pray for me.

Fr. Domenico Muscari

WORTH A SMILE

A Girl Potato and a Boy Potato had eyes for each other, and finally they got married, and had a little sweet potato, which they called 'Yam' Of course they wanted the best for Yam. When it was time, they told her about the facts of life. They warned her about going out and getting half-baked, so she wouldn't get accidentally mashed, and get a bad name for herself like 'Hot Potato' Yam said not to worry, no Spud would get her and make a rotten potato out of her! But on the other hand she wouldn't stay home and become a Couch Potato either. She would eat properly and not be skinny like her Shoestring Cousins. When she went off to Europe Mr and Mrs Potato told Yam to watch out for those hard-boiled guys from Ireland and the greasy guys from France called French Fries, and when she went out West she must watch out for the Indians so she wouldn't get scalloped. They sent Yam to Idaho P>U> (that's Potato University). So that when she graduated she'd really be "in the chips." But in spite of all they did for her, one-day Yam came home and announced she was going to marry Richie Benaud. Richie Benaud!!!, they cried you can't possibly marry Richie Benaud because he is just a COMMONTATER

NEW DEAN APPOINTED

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has invited Father Tim Harris from Surfers Paradise to become Dean of the South Coast Deanery, to replace Father Peter Dillon. The appointment is for as long as the Archbishop determines. In accepting the position Father Tim asks that we pray for him as he takes on these extra responsibilities.

QUOTES:

'Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.'
Mother Teresa

'It is not filling, when one who is in God's service, to have a gloomy face or a chilling look.'
St Francis of Assisi



Today we welcome into our God's Family

Jasper Lachlan Ward son of Cory and Georgia Ward
Honor Isabella Rimes daughter of Daniel and Jessica Rimes
Indigo Maria Sannen daughter of Damien and Stacy Sannen
Sophie Mary-Clare Wright daughter of Roberta Clare Wright
Harvey Robert Brett son of David Brett and Denise Gray

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Denise Huber, Brian Hayes, Peter Galvin, Harry Chandler, William Farmer.

ANNIVERSARY: Brian Burge, Herbert James.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Christine Wheldon, Lynn Rann, Bernadette Fagan, Bong, Tanie and Gie Ubaldó, Babes Valenzuela, Vicky Smith, Lee Henry, Mary Porrill, Sheila Galvin, Dean Lewis, Kitty McIntosh, Susanne Howarth, Patrick Guillon, Phyllis Miller, Julie Rowen, Janine Wharton, John Stowers, Ross McAlpine, Gary O'Connell, Carter Family, Jack McAlpine, Joe Buttigieg, Phillis Elshaug, Peter Platell, Cal Zinkel, Marie Hancock, Natasha Byrne, Ron and Evelyn Martinac, Laurie, Emelita and Adam Woodley, Mathew Byrne, Caroline Pember, Michael Skinner, Tim, Tracy and Vicki Howard, Angela Taylor, Gary Burdett, Christopher Lewis, Zenaída Irisary.

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

A Big Thank You to all who helped make our Christmas Masses such a prayerful experience. A special thanks to the Servers, Collectors, Readers, Musicians, Singers and Eucharistic Ministers, who filled in, and to Sister Elisabeth and the Choir who led the singing at Midnight Mass at Southport. Parishioners of Southport Catholic Parish turned out with their friends and families, and together with our many visitors helped to fill all church's to overflowing. The 6.00pm Children's Mass at Mary Immaculate was the start of what was to be a most joyful and holy Christmas experience. The Mary Immaculate Church was beautifully decorated, the children dressed as Mary, Joseph, Wise Men, Shepherds, Angels, and Kings were a credit to their parents. It was by far the best Children's Christmas Mass in recent time. Thanks to the hard work and care of Sister Helen. Sister Helen wishes to extend her personal THANKS to all the children and their families who participated in the Christmas Eve celebrations at Mary Immaculate. Number at this Mass were slightly down on last year, still over 800 adults were in attendance plus all the children. The 6.00pm Mass at Guardian Angels and the Midnight Mass had similar attendances with difficulty finding standing room, and the trend continued throughout the Christmas Day Masses at all churches. A Special Thanks to Mary Kerwin for making and donating the fruit cake that was handed out after Mass at Guardian Angels and the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate.

Our Choir who normally meet on Monday nights can have a well-earned rest. At least until the end of January when preparations for Easter will commence. The Choir would love you to join them—if you let Sister Elisabeth know on 55 102 222 or lis@scp.org.au there will be music waiting for you at the first practice on Monday, February 3. Remember that those who sing pray twice!

THE RED WAGON

It was the day after Christmas at the church in Southport. The priest was looking at the manger scene when he noticed that the baby Jesus figure was missing from the cradle. He immediately turned and went outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon walking down Scarborough Street. And in the wagon, was the figure of the infant Jesus. So he walked up to the boy and said, 'Where did you get that little baby Jesus that's in your wagon? The little boy replied, 'I got him from the church.' 'Why did you take him?' asked the Priest. The little boy replied, 'Well about a week before Christmas, I prayed to the little Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it'..

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2014

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

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

Bridge, every Wednesday 10.00am to 1.00pm Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners welcome.

Southport Parish Book Club. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the 1st Monday of the month from 10.00am to 12 noon.

SPY. Southport Parish Youth. Meet in the meeting room at Mary Immaculate on the last Friday of each month. 6.30pm



Tuesday, **January 28,** School Resumes

Thursday, **June 12, 2014.** Confirmation

Sunday, **June 15, 2014.** First Eucharist

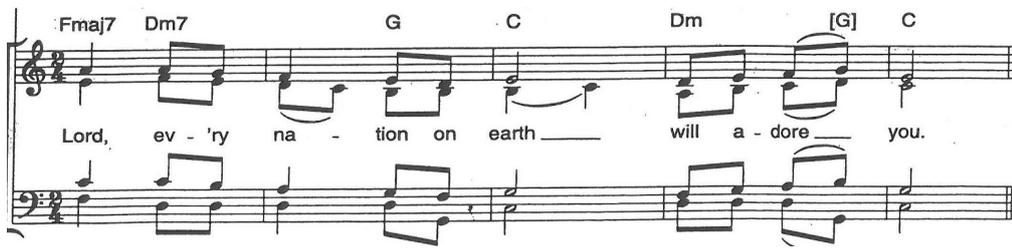
MARIAN VALLEY CONUNGRA

Celebrate Fatima Day at Marian Valley on Monday, January 13. Bus will leave Sacred Heart Church, Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. For bookings please call Viviane on 55 359 623.

CATHOLIC NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

- I resolve to arrive at Mass early.
- On arrival at Mass, I resolve to turn off my mobile phone.
- I resolve not to wear to Mass that tube top that looked so great the night before at the rock concert.
- I resolve not to wear shorts to Mass if I am a Eucharistic Minister.
- I will refrain from leaving prayer notes, empty juice boxes or empty water bottles in the pews.
- I resolve to sing loudly.
- I resolve to actually shake hands with those around me during the Sign of Peace.
- I resolve not to bolt for the door after communion and before the blessing.
- I will stay in my pew to sing the recessional hymn.
- I will take home this newsletter and cut out these resolutions and tape them to my refrigerator, so I don't forget them.

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 **A**

Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worshipping God on high **A**

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!

GIFTS PROCESSION

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(Donald Fishel)

Refrain:

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

***The light of Christ has come into
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**

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink
this cup we proclaim your death O
Lord, until you come again.

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.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord, Emmanuel.

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**

We proclaim good news to you,
great tidings of joy:
To you is born a Saviour:
Christ the Lord!

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! **R**

THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR NEXT
SUNDAY
Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

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