

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7TH JANUARY 2018



Originally, the early church had two essential seasons of the year, Easter and Epiphany - the poles of light at the beginning and end of the life of Christ, **the light of the world**. These two seasons were the times for baptism, for extending the light to new believers. Over the centuries, especially in 18th and 19th century, the focus shifted from Epiphany to Christmas.

Nowadays, this unfortunate shift blurs the symbolism of light and its confrontation with those who are focused on shutting it out, ignoring it, or covering it up. It is crucial to see and understand how the light is taken from its place of beginning and dispersed into the world - it is the strangers, outsiders, and wise ones from the east who see the signs and catch sight of a star, a sign of another power (the power of love) coming into the world.

The wise men were foreigners to the people of Israel. They didn't belong, and they certainly didn't deserve to encounter the living God, that belonged to the chosen ones. Yet, in being welcomed into the presence of the Christ child by Mary, his mother, the wise men remind us that the gift of the Savior - Jesus - is given to the whole world. Jesus comes for all who seek his light and his presence in their lives - the people of Israel - and Gentiles as well - foreigners who are looking for God. All of us, to a certain extent, are foreigners - not because of our country of origin, but because of our lifestyle, our behaviour, our habits, our struggles and so many other aspects of our lives. The message of the Gospel that is proclaimed today on this great feast of the Epiphany is that all of us are welcome to encounter the Christ. No one is excluded from the love of God.

Fr Jan

St. Joseph the Worker Church
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Masses

7:00am & 8:30am

Weekday Masses

Monday & Wednesday
7:00am

**Gold Coast University
Hospital**

Friday 10:30am

Guardian Angels' Church

99 Scarborough St., Southport

Saturday Masses - 6:00pm

Sunday Masses

7:00am & 10:00am

Mass in Korean

Sunday 5:00pm

Weekday Mass

Friday 12:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30pm

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive,
Ashmore

Sunday Masses

8:30am & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 9:00am
Thursday 5:30pm

**NO Holy Hour
for the Month of
January**

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Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 7 Jan	Monday 8 Jan	Tuesday 9 Jan	Wednesday 10 Jan	Thursday 11 Jan	Friday 12 Jan	Saturday 13 Jan
The Epiphany of the Lord	The Baptism of the Lord	Feria	Feria	Feria	Feria	St Hilary
Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 - 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20 - John 1:35-42						

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2018.

The Sacramental programs for 2018, begins with **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**. Through this Sacrament children who are at least 10 years of age in 2018 (School Year 5) will experience God's merciful love which heals wounds of our sins and wrong choices.

The registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will open on Friday, 12th January 2018 and close on Monday, 5th February 2018.

REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED OR EMAILED BACK BEFORE THE 5TH OF FEB.

(for a Registration Form please email MariaB@scp.org.au or can be collected at the Office Parish (Ashmore))

At the completion of this program, children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite) between the 19th - 23rd of March 2018 in the afternoon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Program preparing children for their **First Holy Communion** will commence in Term 2, 2018 and will be available to children who are 9 years of age (School Year 4) or older.

The registration for this program will open on Friday, 16th March 2018 and close on Friday, 20th April 2018.

At the completion of this Program, the children will receive their First Holy Communion at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore on Sunday, 3rd June 2018.

On this day there will be an additional Mass at 11am.

Thank you from Sister Fedda in Iraq - We have received a note from Sr Fedda thanking us for the balance of the money we collected for her. Although she received the money last August conditions in Iraq are as bad for the nuns as ever they were, they are working under great hardship and the people are still suffering. Sister has now distributed the last of the money about \$3,900USD.

Fatima Day - Come to the Marian Valley on Friday the 13th of January 2018 and help celebrate Fatima Day. The bus will pickup at 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach, at 7.45am and then pickup again at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. This is our first trip to the Marian Valley for 2018. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. Please book your seat early with Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573 or Irene on 0402 156 752 or 5526 3591.

Southport Catholic Church Playgroup - Our playgroup will be commencing on Thursday **11th January 9:00am to 10:30am** at the Resource Centre. It caters for children 0-5 years, older children are welcome during school holidays. The cost is \$4 per family further details please contact Mark Kleinert 0456 024 205 markkleinert@hotmail.com.

Books - we still have the following books available, these can be purchased and collected at Southport Parish Office (next to Mary Immaculate church).

- **Break Open the Word (6x - \$20 each)**
- **Daily Mass Book (2x - \$20 each)**
- **God's Word (2x - \$10 each)**

Safeguarding Policy – The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

What can we do to create an extended culture of guardianship?

- Respect the dignity of each child, young person and adult in the community.
- Be aware, not overly suspicious, of the possibilities of abuse.
- Trust our instincts, avoid gossip and consult with the appropriate person.
- Be open to acquiring a deep understanding of the harm caused by abuse.
- Undertake willingly the checks required by state and church agencies.
- Abide by the Code of Ethical Behaviour.
- Work to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community.
- Make a personal commitment to ensuring that our church is a safe community for all.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS USED WITH PERMISSION

Today We Welcome Into God's Family

Georgia and Oliver Asmussen children of Sloane and Anita Asmussen

Your Prayers Are Requested For Those In Need And Who Have Journeyed To The Father

Recently Deceased: Merv Pfeiffer, Jean Williams

Anniversary: Brian Burge, Brian Dalton, Sr Josita Paczkowska

Sick and in Need: Judy West, Theresa Birmingham, Carmen Buttigieg, Patricia Fisher, Peter Selby, Sheryl Fleet, Patrick Sullivan, Teresita Adrid, Barbara Raymont, Orlean Subramanian, Michael Skinner, Lucio Dumas, Debbie Poulton, Stephanie Alijahn, Douglas Bateman, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Jan Buttigieg, Matthew Byrne, Albert Chandler, Anne Chandler, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Clare Dobozy, Bernadette Douwes, Narelle Dwyer, Patricia Ferguson, Candy Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Shirley Harris, Evelyn Martinac, Maureen McCabe, John Morgan, Mariel Nicdao, Maria Pal, Yvonne See, Angela Taylor, Mladen Topic, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Alison, Harry Hunter, Victor Williams, Andrei James Celes, Mary Achilles, Bede Lawner, Semeon Illescas,

Sacraments - Calendar 2018

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - will commence in Term 1, 2018. As per the Archdiocese Sacramental program requirements, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is on offer to those candidates who are Baptised Catholic and who are at least 10 years of age in 2018 (School Year 5). **Candidate registration will open on Friday, 12th January 2018 and close on Monday, 5th February 2018.**

The Sacrament of the **First Communion** will be offered in Term 2, 2018 and will be available to candidates who are 9 years of age (Year 4) or older. **Candidate registration will open on Friday, 16th March 2018 and close on Friday, 20th April 2018.**

The Candidates for this Sacrament must be a Baptised Catholic, and **at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic**. Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify. Please contact our Parish Office on 5510 2222.

Children's Liturgy - Anyone interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy can contact our Parish Office on 5510 2222.

Baptismal Preparation Classes - Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on **Tuesday, 9th and 30th January 2018 at 10:30am**, in the **Mary Immaculate Church**, Ashmore.

Marriage Preparation - For parishioners who are going to marry in the coming months, please contact **Abas Supeli** in order to obtain the **Marriage Preparation Course**. Contact by phone on: **0450 221 088** or email: asupeli@gmail.com as the Registered Facilitator for the Ministry of Marriage Preparation in the Southport Catholic Parish.

Craft Classes - will commence on Thursday, the 1st of February 2018 at 9:30am to 12:30am in the Library of Mary Immaculate Church, All are welcome.

Youth Section

First Youth Group Event (ages 12-17) for 2018!

Where: Marian Valley, 2541 Beechmont Rd,
Witheren, Qld 4275

When: Saturday, 20th January 11am-4pm

Who: Youth (year 7-12) and Parents

What: Games, food, deepening faith and a great time!

Carpooling can be arranged, please RSVP to Catherine on 0466 512 811 and subscribe to the mailing list at southport@venireyouth.com

Did you know? St. Matthew Catholic Church in Charlotte, North Carolina is USA's largest parish, with an average total of about 12 000 people at it's 10 weekend Masses!

Prayer Tip: The Divine Mercy Chaplet, given to the world through St. Faustina in 1935, is a powerful way to obtain mercy for the world. Praying the chaplet daily is a great way to deepen our relationship with the Lord. It is usually said at 3pm (the hour of Christ's death), but may be said at any time. St. Faustina stated that Jesus promised that anything can be obtained with this prayer, if it is compatible with His will.

Volunteer Hospital Pastoral Carers - Expressions of interest for training as a volunteer hospital pastoral carer are being sought for training in 2018.

Centacare Pastoral Ministries offer scholarships for training in return for a one morning per week commitment for a minimum two year period. Pastoral care teams in hospitals are highly valued by patients, staff and management. Pastoral care is a very rewarding volunteer role and if you would like to know more contact judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We Three Kings

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

Refrain:

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

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

Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshipping God most High **R**

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Glory to God in the highest

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. Amen, Amen.

GIFTS PROCESSION

Song for Epiphany

Behold a star shining upon
a Child's head,
and low bending shepherds by God's
angels led;
three kings all their treasures before
him unfold;
the fragrance of spices, frankincense
and gold.

The incense his Godhead,
God's kinship proclaims,
the myrrh's bitter sweetness his cross and
his pains;
what have we to give thee but what thou
first gave?
Take, Jesus, our homage and all that we
have.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

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!
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One Bread one Body

Refrain:

***One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more. **R**

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **R**

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. **R**
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RECESSIONAL

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

***Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo***

Shepherds, why this Jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? **R**

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King **R**
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