



The Epiphany of the Lord

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord reminds us that the Son of God came for all people, Jew and Gentile alike. His saving love is available to everyone, everywhere, in whatever state of life they may find themselves. There is no one outside of God's thirst for love.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and had come to pay him homage." (Mt.2.1)

The three Wise Men realised the fact that, with the star, God is sending them an important message. So, they thought that it is worthwhile to leave the comfort and safety and to take on the risks of an uncertain journey.

Jesus Christ crosses the paths of the lives of many people who are not interested in Him. A little effort would have changed their lives; they would have found the King of Joy and Peace. This requires a willingness to look for Him, to move around, to ask without losing heart — like the Three Wise Men— to leave our comfort, our routine. It requires an effort to appreciate the immense value of finding Christ. St. Augustine says, "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement." If we do not find Him, we have not seen anything in life, because He is the Saviour.

Today's first reading reminds us "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you (Isaiah 60:1). In this New year let us arise and shine receiving the light of Christ.

Fr. Thomas Varkey

SATURDAY, 26TH JANUARY - AUSTRALIA DAY
MASS AT MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH, ASHMORE
9 AM
NO MORNING MASS ON THAT DAY
AT ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, LABRADOR
OR GUARDIAN ANGELS, SOUTHPORT

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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

Korean Mass - 5pm

Weekday Mass
Friday 12:30pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:30pm to 5:15pm

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Sunday Masses
8:30am & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 9:00am
Thursday 5:30pm



Before Mass speak with God



During Mass, let God speak with you



After Mass, speak with others

**AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO WILL PARTICIPATE
IN THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR RECONCILIATION IN 2019.**



The Sacramental programs for 2019, begin with **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. Through this Sacrament children who are at least 10 years of age in 2019 (School Year 5) will experience God's merciful love which heals wounds of our sins and wrong choices.**

The online registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will open on Friday, 11th January 2019 and close on Monday, 4th February 2019. THE REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 5TH OF FEB. (for a Registration Form query please contact **Maria Blancia on 5510 2222 or email MariaB@scp.org.au**)

At the completion of this program, children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite) between the 11th - 15th of March 2019 in the afternoon.

Top 10 Predictions for 2019

With all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind.

Here are ten predictions that are absolutely true!

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honour the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

It's Great To Remember Who Is Really In Control, and "the Word of God endures forever."

I hope you found this encouraging; sometimes we need the reminder of just "WHO" is really in control.

Fatima Day is on **Sunday, 13th of January 2019** at Marian Valley and we would love for you to join us. The bus will pickup at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. If sufficient numbers book for pick up at Palm Beach, collection will be 7.45am at 7 Lind Avenue Palm Beach. The bus will also collect passengers at Nerang Train Station on the Leagues Club Drive side, at approximately 8.30am. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. When booking your seat, please verify your point of pickup. You can secure your seat with Paula on 0402 930918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

Southport Catholic Church Playgroup will commence on **Thursday, 31st of January 2019.** The playgroup meets each Thursday 9:00am to 10:30am at the Resource Centre. It caters for children 0-5 years. The cost is \$4 per family for further details please contact Mark Kleinert 0456 024 205 markkleinert@hotmail.com.

Walking Group our parish walking group meets each Saturday at **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador at 6am.** The walks are not strenuous and are followed by a fellowship breakfast. Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janeece on 0408 763 772** for further details.

Annual leave on Tuesday, 8th of January until Thursday, the 14th of February 2019 **Fr Thomas** begins his holiday and is off to India to visit his Family. We pray for Fr Thomas' safe and memorable holiday.

Thank you to Mick Walsh for resolving the problem of humming speakers of the newly installed organ at Mary Immaculate. After the new organ and the speakers were connected, an extra humming sound was heard through the sound system. I was concerned that before Christmas it might be tricky to fix this problem. At the end of one of the practices for the children's Nativity play, Mick told me that he would be able to find a solution to the problem and indeed the humming was gone when new parts were added to the system.

I thank Mick for donating the needed additional electronic parts, equipment and his expertise in resolving the new organ challenge. I always say that at the heart of the Parish life is the generosity of the parishioners and not necessarily professionals.



One more thank you to the Orosco family for donating albs for our altar servers. The Orosco family from Manila, the Philippines have generously donated **the 24 albs** of different sizes for the boys and girls who serve and will be serving in our three churches. As the three kings carried with them gold, frankincense, and myrrh, so

the Orosco family brought with them an extra suitcase with the albs while flying from Manila to the Gold Coast. It is a beautiful Christmas gift to our parish from these friends of Maria Blancia. If we were to purchase these albs in Australia, it would cost us a few dollars.

I am pleased to write these words of thank you in these days of Christmas season in today's bulletin. These gifts from **the Orosco family** and **Mick Walsh** demonstrate that what we bring to the newborn King doesn't have to be of the royal quality; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. All our talents and generous gifts we bring to the stable have the same value as the gifts of the kings who travelled from the East to Bethlehem to honour Jesus and his Mother Mary.

Fr Jan

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday

1st Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11, 2nd Reading - Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 - Gospel - Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

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

Recently Deceased: Gwen Watt

Anniversary: Viojaa Stojanovic, Pieter Stojanovic,

Sick and in Need: Margaret Iringan, Lorraine Wilson, Christine Versace, Irene Cooper, Kevin Nicholason, John Booth, Conchita Djosovic, Mario Jose Dizon, Elias Arulappan, Jerry Obe, Garth Rippin, Barbara Storey, Linda Kerr, Francisca Park, Morin Min, Sue Barker, Maria Theresa Malate, Dave Curran, Mary Kerwin, Elias Arulappan, Jan Sims, Merlyn Morris, Brian Doherty, Patricia Fisher, Wiktorja Stojanovic, Arthur Smith, Bernice Lynch, Ron Gledhill, Terry Neal, Margaret Iringan, Rebecca Siganto, Theresa Birmingham, Peter Selby, Sheryl Fleet, Patrick Sullivan, Teresita Adrid, Michael Skinner, Lucio Dumas, Debbie Poulton, Stephanie Alijahn, Douglas Bateman, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Matthew Byrne, Anne Chandler, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Clare Dobozy, Bernadette Douwes, Narelle Dwyer, Patrick Guillon, Evelyn Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Yvonne See, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Harry Hunter, Victor Williams, Andrei Celes, Mary Achilles, Bede Lawner, Semeon Illescas, Leoncia Dizon

*Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions
those we love and those who are sick or lonely or hurting.*

Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.



Sacrament of Baptism

Today, we Welcome into God's Family

Vito Nikola Alfonso son of Andrew & Ivana Alfonso

Joseph Kenneth Hewson son of Courtney & John Hewson

Valentina Adele McLean daughter of Andrew & Bianca McLean

Baptismal Preparation Classes - Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on **Tuesday, 8th and 22nd January 2019 at 10:30am, in the Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore** or for further information please contact our Parish Office on 5510 2222.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program

The Children's Liturgy will be held at **Mary Immaculate Church every Sunday at 8:30am Mass in Term 1** (3rd of February 2019). If you would like or know someone that would like to help, as a volunteer with The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program, and for more information, **please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222 or email MariaB@scp.org.au**

2019 Parish Date Claimers

RCIA - re-commence on **Thursday, 10th January 2019 at 7pm** Mary Immaculate Meeting room.

Craft at **9:30am to 12pm every Thursday** at Mary Immaculate Church (Library) Ashmore. Commencing on Thursday 31st of January 2019.

Rosary and Novena at **6pm every Wednesday** at St Joseph the Worker Labrador. On the First Wednesday of the month, they are followed by Mass at 7pm.

Filipino Mass at **12pm every First Sunday** of the month at Guardian Angels, Southport.

SAFEGUARDING STRATEGY 2019-2020 Local Safeguarding Representative.

Just a reminder that each Mass centre has a representative. Being the Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR), **Rebecca, Raphaelle and Cathy** will be a contact person between parishioners and the Archdiocesan authorities.

If any parishioner has noticed some situations that might raise some concerns regarding Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults please contact these parishioners via email and mobiles listed below.

Guardian Angels Church - Rebecca : **0414 994 928**
Email: RebeccacookLSR2018@gmail.com

Mary Immaculate Church - Raphaelle: **0414 915 047**
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The mobile numbers listed above are strictly dedicated to the issues related to Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults. Please don't ring these numbers with requests for help from SVDP because this ministry does not cover this area.

I am grateful to these parishioners who generously responded to this call.

"Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility."

Fr Jan

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay
keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night
that was so deep.

Refrain:

**Noel Noel Noel Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!**

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the East, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. **R**
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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 kingship 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.

Our faith as the incense
be pleasant to thee,
the myrrh speak our hoping,
the gold charity:
so Jesus and Mary and Joseph, farewell;
may angels surround you
and God keep you well.
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

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

COMMUNIO PROCESSION

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 for ever, 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**

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **R**

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice:
Heav'n sings "Alleluia!"
"Alleluia!" the earth replies. **R**

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REFLECTION HYMN

What Child is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds worship and angels
sing;
haste, haste to bring him praise,
the Babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear, God's Son
is here, his love all love exceeding.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him
through, the cross be borne for me,
for you: hail, hail, the Saviour comes
the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring him incense,
gold and myrrh,
all tongues and peoples own him,
the King of kings salvation brings,
let ev'ry heart enthrone him.
Raise, raise your song on high
while Mary sings a lullaby,
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the Babe, the son of Mary
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

All the Ends of the Earth

Refrain:

**All the ends of the earth,
all you 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
ev'ry age. **R**

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his
might; ev'ry heart, ev'ry nation
call him Lord. **R**

The Lord has made his salvation
known,
faithful to his promises of old.

Let the ends of the earth,
let the sea and all it holds
make music before our King! **R**

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Music

Plenary Council 2020 Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in
Australia/and guide us on the pilgrim way
of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in
one another/and to recognize Jesus, our
companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories/ and
to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each
other/and a discerning heart to hear
what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope - filled
future/that we may live the joy of the
Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord/bread for
the journey from age to age. Amen

**Our Lady Help of Christians,
pray for us.**

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

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