



The Feast of the Epiphany concludes the Christmas season with the story of visitors from the East coming to honour the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

This story, told only in the Gospel of Matthew, was developed in the early Christian centuries where the Magi are

given names – “Balthasar, Melchior, Gasper” – and, in some accounts, are specified as “kings of Arabia, Persia and India”. Others call the wise men astrologers since they could read the stars; others again name them sorcerers on account of their use of supernatural or magic powers.

Matthew’s more sparse account does not specify their number, names, nationalities, occupations or regal positions. For Matthew they are just “some wise men from the East” who come to pay homage to “the infant king of the Jews”. The remarkable aspect of the story, apart from the encounter with Herod, is that these visitors to Bethlehem are, like most of us, strangers from afar, outside God’s original covenant with the Jewish people. For the gospel writer, the journey of the Magi announces that God’s covenant is no longer for a single people, but for everyone.

Pope Francis says the Magi represent all of us who, refusing to let our hearts be frozen, have a longing to taste something of God in our lives. This longing for God is something more than a vague hope or distant expectation. Rather it is a deep movement in our hearts represented by Simeon who “longed to see the Saviour”, the Prodigal Son who “longed to return to his Father”, the shepherd “longing for his lost sheep”, and Mary Magdalene running to the tomb “longing to see the risen Jesus”.

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**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

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday (Vigil) 6pm  
Sunday 7:00am & 10:00am  
**Mass in Korean** - 5pm

**Prayers & Adoration**  
Wednesday 12noon – 1pm

**Weekday Mass**  
Friday 12:30pm

**SACRAMENT OF 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 AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2020.**

The Sacramental programs for 2020, begins with **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**. Through this Sacrament children who are at least 10 years of age in 2020 (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 be available on Monday, 13th January 2020 and close on Monday, 7th February 2020. ONLINE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BEFORE THE 5TH OF FEB.**

**At the completion of this program, children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite) between the 16th - 20th of March 2020 in the afternoon.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The Program preparing children for their **First Holy Communion** will commence in Term 2, 2020 and will be available to children who are 9 years of age (School Year 4) or older.

**The online registration for this program will open on Monday, 16th March 2020 and close on Thursday, 16th April 2020.**

**At the completion of this Program, the children will receive their First Holy Communion at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore on Saturday, 6th June 2020.**

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 Maria Blanca on 5510 2222.

You are invited to share in a Community Forum

*Care For Our Common World  
Living Laudato Si.....Think Globally, Act Locally*

**Saturday February 15th 2020**

9.00am-1.45pm

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 70 Appleby Rd, Stafford



*"The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone."*  
(Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Chapter 2)

We are called to learn, to understand, to reflect and to act upon the wisdoms of Pope Francis as he challenges all people of good will to make an 'ecological conversion'.

At the community forum we will look at the message within Laudato Si, engage with guest speakers from government, non government and Christian organisations, exchange ideas and grow in knowledge, so that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home.

Expressions of Interest:

Please Contact Stafford Parish Office by email: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
or call 07 3356 7155

**SAFEGUARDING STRATEGY 2019-2020  
Local Safeguarding Representative.**

Just a reminder that each Mass centre has a representative. Being the Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR), **Rebecca, Raphaele 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](mailto:RebeccacookLSR2018@gmail.com)

**Mary Immaculate Church** - Raphaele: **0414 915 047**  
Email: [RaphaellebazataquLSR2018@gmail.com](mailto:RaphaellebazataquLSR2018@gmail.com)

**St Joseph the Worker Church** - Cathy: **0414 982 749**  
Email: [CathywuLSR2018@gmail.com](mailto:CathywuLSR2018@gmail.com)

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 Gerard

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2**

**1st Reading - Isaiah 42:1-4 - 2nd Reading - Acts 10:34-38 - Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17**

**STOPLINE RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE,  
MISCONDUCT & SERIOUS POLICY BREACHES BY ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY, EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS.**

**PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: AOB@stopleveline.com.au ONLINE: www.bneatholic.stoplevelinereport.com**

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Rebecca - 0414 994 928

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
Raphaelle - 0414 915 047

**St Joseph the Worker Church**  
Cathy - 0414 982 749 (Chinese)

*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.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions  
those we love and those who have died, who are sick, lonely or hurting.  
Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.*

**Recently Deceased:** Hilda Fletcher

**Anniversary:** Brian Burge

**Sick and in Need:** Mary Achilles, Teresita Adrid, Stephanie Alijahn, Peter Allen, Elias Arulappan, Matt Aquino, Sandy Balasabas, Sue Barker, Douglas Bateman, Nicolai Bicher, John Booth, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Theresa Birmingham, Matthew Byrne, John Camiolo (Fr Stephen's dad) Andrei Celes, Anne Chandler, Janette Cooper, Neil Cremin, Dave Curran, Graham Dank, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Leoncia Dizon, Mario Jose Dizon, Conchita Djosovic, Clare Dobozy, Patricia Dowde, Lucio Dumas, Narelle Dwyer, Mandy Egbune, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Murray Geale, Ron Gledhill, Marcelle Guillon, Karen George, Patrick Guillon, James Healy, Efren Hatulan, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe, June Kennedy, Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Maria Malate, Angelina Mandarino, Stephen Markwell, Evelyn Martinac, Ron Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Morin Min, Elizabeth Morris, Merlyn Morris, Terry Neal, Kevin Nicholson, Rochelle Nicholson, Grace Ogilvie, Francisca Park, Parekura Parekura, Debbie Poulton, Marissa Raymundo, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Ryan, Lisa Roggenkamp, Michelle Sarri, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela, Sam Ryder, Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Peter Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Today, we Welcome into God's Family**

Annabelle Grace Meg Reynolds daughter of  
Damian & Nicole Reynolds

### **BAPTISMAL PREP**

**Baptismal Preparation Classes at Mary Immaculate Church.** For Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, our **Online Baptismal Registration is now available.** The next Baptismal Prep will be on **Tuesday, 7th and 21st January 2020 at 10:30am (Mary Immaculate Church Meeting Room).** To book please Register Online <https://scp.org.au> (Baptism/Baptismal Prep/Registration) **Please note that Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday's @11am at Mary Immaculate Church.**

### **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - A**

A Vocation view: More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

**Rosters** The rosters for all ministers who do not have an email address, your roster can be collected on the table at the front entrance of the church.

**Cathedral Guides & Welcomers** invite you to an information session on **Thursday 7 February 2020 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre. If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or [deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au), by Friday 25 January 2019.

**Fr Jan's farewells - Thanks.** Many thanks to all who participated in the morning tea farewells for Fr Jan. A special thanks to those who organised the farewells, contributed food and contributed to the farewell collection. The Parish works best when we pull together and that was evident with the numbers who attended. Good luck Fr Jan in your new appointment at Maroochydoore.

### **2020 PARISH DATE CLAIMERS**

**St Joseph the Worker Church.** Every 1st Sunday of the month, morning tea after the 8.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share and enjoy the fellowship with other parishioners.

**Craft's next session will commence on Thursday, 23rd January 2020 at 9:30am to 12pm** at Mary Immaculate Church (Library) Ashmore. We welcome new members to join us.

**Filipino Mass at 12pm every First Sunday** of the month at Guardian Angels, Southport. **Year 2020 Dates: 5th January, 2nd February, 1st March, 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November, 6th December.**

**Young Adult Group's next meeting will commence on Friday, 10th January 2020** at Guardian Angels Church, Southport, at 6:30pm. Happy holidays! For more information or enquiries please contact Lynn on 0425182049 Or Juan on 0406705349.

**Walking Group's next meeting will be on Saturday, 11th of January 2020** at **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador** at (please note) **6:00am.** Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772.** Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## 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 for ever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. **R**

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### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, You redeem all people.

Lord have mercy.

Lord Jesus, You are the light of the world.

Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, You bring us all to the Father.

Lord have mercy.

### GIFTS PROCESSION

#### O Little Town of Bethlehem

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!

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### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION<sup>(ICEL)</sup>

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

### COMMUNION PROCESSION

#### The First Nowell

The first Nowell 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:*

***Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!  
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**

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came  
from country far,  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star  
where ever it went. **R**

This star drew nigh  
to the north-west,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place  
where Jesus lay. **R**

Then entered in  
those wise men three  
and reverently upon their knee,  
they offered there in His presence  
their gold and myrrh  
and frankincense. **R**

Now let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
who made both heav'n and earth from  
nought,  
and with his blood  
salvation bought. **R**

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### REFLECTION HYMN

#### 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 you  
but what you first gave?  
Take, Jesus, our homage  
and all that we have.

Our faith as the incense  
be pleasant to you,  
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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### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing over the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

#### *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

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

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