

NEWSLETTER

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The Epiphany of the Lord

I hope these very summer days with the heat and stormy weather have still allowed time for you to gather with loved ones and friends. To those who have been affected by the extreme weather, I hope the supports that are available help towards resettling life in these unsettling times.

This weekend is the Feast of the Epiphany. The great reminder that the gift offered to us in Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, is a gift for all people, the Word spoken to peoples of every faith and of none. Jesus is a way for humanity to embrace, a way of peace and love. In many places in the world Christmas gifts are given by Christians on this day in memory of the gifts given by the three sages.

Monday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, after which the Church calendar enters what we call Ordinary Time because we name the Sundays in an ordinal manner. That is until Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent which we commence on the 14th February.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all at Sts Peter and Paul's for the support you offer me to be your priest. Especially at Christmas, I appreciate your kindness, prayers, generosity and loving ways. Living our faith in the Catholic community will have its challenges for every one of us but let's try to see the goodness around us that, at times, can truly be overwhelming.

God bless and thank you,

Fr Kevin

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Sr Mary Patricia Hickey SGS, Stephen Tait and John Loftus recently deceased and also for Dolores Reyes, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, John and Joan Momot, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Ross, Giuseppe and Francesca Saffiotti, Jarrett Family, John Smith, Mal Thomson, Stan Grzegorzolka, Noel Nicholson, Les and Ruby Richards, Kretschmer, McLachlan and Hanly families, Norma, Katie, Norman, Patricia and Daniel Timmins, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Karen Baker and Mike West.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Hazel Langthorne, Joy Ashworth, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Angela Krista, Anita Xavier, Michael (Mick) Shelton, Ray Moresi, Megan Stuart, Remy Rossi, Roy Hogan and Lance Tutanoa.

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday 6 January 2024
Rosary @ 4.15pm in parish hall
Tuesday 23 January 2024
Carer's meet in hall @ 10am
Friday 26 January 2024
Australia Day Mass @ 9am
Sunday 28 January 2024
Baptisms @ 9:30am

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 8 January – 14 January 2024

Monday	-	The Baptism of the Lord	-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	7:00pm		Mass
Thursday	-		-
Friday	8:00am		Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am	St Hilary	Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Readings – 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 John 1:35-42		
Reconciliation	Saturday 9:30am and 5:00pm		
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.		

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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THE CATHOLIC LEADER will move to an individual subscription distribution model in 2024. Please see subscription envelopes at the Church doors.

As the new year gets underway, Pope Francis has issued his **PRAYER INTENTION** for the month of January 2024, during which Christians celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, on 18-25 January. The Pope urges Christians to unite our prayers to his “for the gift of diversity in the Church,” since diversity is an opportunity to “rejoice”. He noted that diversity and unity were already present in the early Christian communities, adding that the tension brought about by diversity “had to be resolved on a higher level.” “To move forward on the journey of faith, we also need ecumenical dialogue with our brothers and sisters of other confessions and Christian communities,” he said. “This is not something confusing or disturbing, but is a gift God gives to the Christian community so it might grow as one body, the Body of Christ.”

In conclusion, the Holy Father recalled that all Christian unity comes to us as a gift of the Holy Spirit.

“If we are guided by the Holy Spirit, abundance, variety, and diversity never cause conflict,” he said. “The Holy Spirit reminds us first and foremost that we are children loved by God – everyone equal in God’s love, and everyone different.”

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian communities, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



A VOCATION VIEW: Even gift-bearing kings, accompanied by camels and servants, visited Jesus Christ. You, come and follow Him. Take the Good News back to your people: Jesus is Lord of all. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find out more, or call 1300 133 544 or visit www.vocationbrisbane.com Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week’s homily [here](#).

CULTURAL IMMERSION OPPORTUNITY - Trip to Cherbourg Ration Shed in 2024. In light of Archbishop Mark’s powerful call to action and the outcome of the recent referendum, we need now, more than ever to be the voice of change and help parishes, communities and church agencies to continue to develop and strengthen respectful relationships with first nations peoples. Opportunities are available from April - September. Please contact Ravina Waldren (Murri Ministry) email waldrenr@bne.catholic.net.au or Joni McCourt (Evangelisation Brisbane) email mccourtj@bne.catholic.net.au with enquiries.

ST STEPHEN CATHEDRAL Evening of Music and Reflection to launch the MASS OF THE ASCENSION. 6pm Wednesday 8 May 2024. This evening brings together a new composition of the Eucharist, other songs and pieces of music which seek to do just this: to name God in song in ways that help us to pray; to voice God in ways the generations of the future might resonate with. For more information contact xaviercentre@acu.edu.au

Liturgy News Summer edition is now available for free from Liturgy Brisbane. A full table of contents and the editorial for each issue can be found on the [Liturgy Brisbane website](#).

CANNON HILL PARISH invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Secretary (20 hours per week, working Tuesday to Friday – 5 hours per day). *Job description details can be found at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=826579>* The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.



This week’s goal: Cry of the Poor

This week’s goal refers to the challenges faced by the earth – climate change, pollution, acidification of the oceans, massive destruction of natural habitats. The call is to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all. Consider an action plan of planting a new tree, native plant or seeds. With the current rainy season upon us we should see good growth!

MINISTRY– Now is the time to consider how you will take part in the life of the parish this New Year. Please contact the parish office to volunteer of your time and talents or to ask for a ministry brochure. There is a variety of ministries on offer.

Helping Hands
Wanted



ARE YOU A CARER? Do you look after someone who lives with disability, has a medical or mental health condition or is frail due to age? You might be young or old, looking after a relative or friend 24 hours a day or just some of the time. If this sounds like you, you are welcome to join with others at the parish carer’s meetings, held on the last Tuesday of each month. Consider coming to the next meeting on 23 January, held in the parish hall from 10am-12pm. All welcome.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.

What if Biblical characters had New Year resolutions?

Adam – seems like everyone’s all about high fibre. I plan to eat LESS FRUIT this year.

David – done fighting lions and Philistines. Taking a safer job playing my harp for the King.

Wise Men – this year we’re using Maps – no more asking a burning ball of astro-gas for directions!

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

GATHERING 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 thy perfect light!*

Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign:

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GLORIA *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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East
and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, *(all bow)*
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will
come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in
the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION HYMN

SHEPHERD ME O GOD

REFRAIN *Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life,*

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
My spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred
Crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
All the days of my life:
I will dwell in the house of my God forever more.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you op'ning to the sun
above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of
doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken
praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow,
flashing sea, singing bird and flowing fountain,
praising you eternally.

Always giving and forgiving, ever blessing,
ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our brother, let your love upon
us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

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