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We Call today's feast the "Epiphany" but it is really just one of three (if not four) 'epiphanies' we are celebrating at this time. 'Epiphany' means a 'showing' or 'revelation' and, at this time, we are remembering and celebrating three 'revelations' or 'showings' of God: the Nativity of the Lord at Christmas, today's feast of the Epiphany, and the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River next weekend. The Orthodox Church calls today's feast a "theophany", which more explicitly indicates a divine showing, a divine revelation (theos=God).

We could say that today's Gospel is Matthew's Christmas story, just as the shepherds coming to the stable is Luke's Christmas story. The two accounts are quite distinct from each other and have a different thrust or emphasis. In Luke, the stress is on Jesus being God's revelation to the poor and the rejected. In Matthew, the emphasis is on the universality of Jesus' mission.

As is normal with him, Matthew is rather vague on details. There are many questions we would like to ask: When exactly did this happen? How soon after the birth of Jesus? Where did it happen? There is no mention of the stable, only of Bethlehem.

Who were the "wise men"? They are called magoi in the Greek text, which we render in English as 'Magi'. Originally a designation of the Persian priestly caste, the word became used of those who were regarded as having more than human knowledge. They were interpreters of dreams and readers of the skies, astrologers, even magicians.

Later, under the influence of the Hebrew Testament texts, they came to be referred to as 'kings' e.g. "When kings see you, they will stand up, and princes shall prostrate themselves" (Isaiah 49:7) and "Foreigners shall rebuild your walls, and their king shall be your attendants" (Isaiah 60:10) and Psalm 71 (used in today's Responsorial Psalm), "The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts".

We can also ask, How many wise men were there? Surely three? But, in fact, Matthew does not say. Presumably the number three grew out of there being three gifts. The gifts themselves echo the passage from Isaiah which is the First Reading. As does the tradition that they came on camels (not unlikely, as the camel was the normal transport across the desert).

Following a star: They followed a star. There is a lot of speculation about this star. Was there a comet at that time? Was there a significant conjunction of planets? And how does one follow a star? Or how does one judge when it is "over" a particular place, especially a small house? It would be like trying to find the end of the rainbow! Such questions really miss the point altogether. The special blessing for today links the light of the star with Jesus as the Light of the World.

It was a common belief in ancient times that a new star appeared at the birth of a ruler. Matthew is also drawing, as he so often does, from the Hebrew Testament. In this case it is the story of Balaam, who prophesied that "a star shall advance from Jacob" (Numbers 24:17). There is another traditional echo in Herod consulting the chief priests and scribes. Legend has it that "sacred scribes" warned Pharaoh about the imminent birth of one who would deliver Israel from Egypt and the king made plans to destroy him.

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Continued from page 1.... **What does it all mean?** We are concerned, not with the details of the story but with its meaning. All the Infancy Narratives, both in Matthew and Luke, point symbolically to future events in the life of Jesus. This story is a foreshadowing of the rejection of Jesus by the religious and political leaders of his own people and his acceptance by the Gentiles.

Although Bethlehem was very close to Jerusalem, no Jewish leader is found making his way to visit the Child. Herod's apparent interest is altogether sinister. "When King Herod heard this [about the birth of the 'King of the Jews'], he was greatly troubled – and all Jerusalem with him." His only concern is to get rid, as soon as possible, of a possible rival.

On the other hand, we have these foreigners, these outsiders coming from some far away place – it is not specified and it does not matter – to worship the Child. The contrast is deliberate and is a foretaste of what will very soon happen when the new Church gets under way.

So in today's Second Reading from Ephesians we read: "This mystery [about Christ] that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any in past generations; it means that Gentiles now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the Gospel."

Today's celebration then is reminding us that for God there are no foreigners, no outsiders. Everyone can pray "our" Father. There is not one single exception. And if God is Father/Mother of every single person, then every single person in this world is our sister or brother.

The call then today is to live our lives in such a way that in our words to people and about people, in our actions with people, we will never act in any way except as a caring brother or sister. *Sourced from "Living Space"*

In God's Embrace: We pray for the souls of parishioners Margaret Chan and Peter Pitot who passed away over the Christmas period. The sympathy, prayers and support of the parish are offered to his Margaret's husband Arthur, and Peter's wife Beverly, and to their respective families. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Painting at Christ the King: Painting of the exterior of Christ the King Church commenced this week, and will continue for the entire month of January. Access to the church is safe and easy, however we ask that you are mindful of the changed surroundings whilst the work is being performed. This necessary maintenance work is being undertaken thanks to your generous planned giving offerings, the fine fiscal management of the Parish Finance Council, and to also to the diligence of our Workplace Health and Safety Officer Mike Corrigan.

Thank you: to Peter Duffy, David Lega and Malia Mar, who generously gave of their time over the Christmas break to trim back all of the hedges and gardens around Christ the King Church in order to make safe and easy access for the painters and their equipment, but also keeping the gardens beautiful and healthy!

Monday Morning Liturgy: Each Monday morning a lay led Liturgy of the Word, with distribution of Communion is held at St Joseph's Church. The time of this Liturgy will change to **9am commencing this Monday 7th January**. All are welcome to join with other parishioners in this short time of prayer, scripture, reflection and reception of Communion.

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on Thursday 7 February 2019 at 10.30am to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. 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 email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au by Friday 25 January 2019.

Looking for personal and spiritual growth in 2019? The Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality at Bardonia invites you to experience the traditional Full Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Learn to navigate life with God as your guide. Experience more purpose and meaning in your daily life. The Full Spiritual Exercises are a practical means of discovering God's unique love and desire for each of us revealed in the context of our daily lives. Faber offers you a personal approach to the Exercises, with weekly face-to-face conversations with an experienced Ignatian Spiritual Director who will adapt the Exercises to your needs over a period of 30 or more weeks.

For this journey a person needs generosity and a readiness to pray for an hour a day, at least five days a week, to make a daily review or examen, and to meet for one hour each week with the person guiding you through the Exercises. Join us for an information morning **Saturday 16 February 2019, 10am to 12pm** at the Faber Centre. Contact Sharyn 3368 2450.

Brigidine College Indooroopilly: invites you to celebrate the **90th Anniversary of the College at the Opening Mass** at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Friday 8th February at 10am. Please RSVP to office@brigidine.qld.edu.au by 18 January.

Lenten Program: Yes Lent! It is time for the parish to organise the Lenten Program for the 2019, which is entitled "Compassion". As always it will be a wonderful opportunity to nurture the true heart of Gospel living through reflection on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. There will be many opportunities across the parish to join a group in order to share, pray, and reflect together during Lent. If you wish to host a group, be a group leader, or be part of a group, please speak to Malia or contact the office.

Christmas Prayer

Child of Bethlehem—
house of bread,
Man of Jerusalem—
city of peace,
you have loved us
without limit or condition,
in our greatness and in our misery,
in our folly and in our virtue,
may your hand be always upon us
and may your heart be within us,
so that we too may become
bread and peace for one another. Amen



WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Thursday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Christ the King – Mass
Saturday	8.00 am	St Joseph's – Prayer of the Church

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	6.00 pm	St Joseph's
Sunday	8.00 am	St Joseph's
	9.30 am	Christ the King
	6.00 pm	Christ the King

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday	5.00 pm – 5.30 pm	St Joseph's
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sunday's of the month

2nd Sunday	11.00 am	St Joseph's
4th Sunday	11.00 am	Christ the King

All enquiries to the Parish Office

PRAYER GROUPS

Wednesday	9.00 am	Gospel Reflection Group (ph. 3878 2414)
Friday	7.30 pm	Community of the Risen Lord Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Christ the King Church, Graceville Praise, Worship, Adoration & Message

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS

Tuesday	5.30 pm	34 Mortlake Rd, Graceville (ph. 3379 2581)
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may live daily in the spirit of the Prayer of the Church)

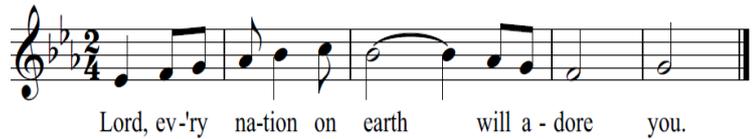
CHRISTMAS TIME

SUN, 6 JAN	The EPIPHANY of the LORD - <i>Solemnity</i> Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
MON, 7 JAN	St Raymond of Penyafort, priest - <i>Optional Memorial</i> 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
TUE, 8 JAN	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
WED, 9 JAN	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
THU, 10 JAN	1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22
FRI, 11 JAN	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
SAT, 12 JAN	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
SUN, 13 JAN	The BAPTISM of the LORD - <i>Feast</i> Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 72: LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH"



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

"YOUR LIGHT WILL COME, JERUSALEM"



"WHAT CHILD IS THIS"

1. 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?



Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, King, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.



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We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Imogen Atkins, Fleur Bennell, Trevor Butler, Peg Burke, Alan Carr, Alexander Clark, Beryl Clark, Carmel Cole, Freddy Collins, Patrick Collins, Sr Felicity Corder pbvm, Bob Cowan, Jane Dalgarno, Jack Dennis, Anne-Marie Deschamps, Peter Doyle, Bonnie Edwards, Trevor Fanton, Betty Ferguson, Nash Giles, Irene Hannon, Sayako Hattori, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Carolyn Hughes, Berndt Krogull, Monica Lampe, Kheuk Li Lian, Marie Loughland, Derek MacLean, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Norma McCormack, Patrick McKenna, John McNamara, Maureen McNamara, Julene Montgomery, June O'Callaghan, Luke O'Reilly, Maureen Orr, Taavi Orupold, Margaret Owen, Emma Parer, Mark Parer, Helen Penchinko, Madeline Pride, Br Luke Quinn cfc, Carmel Radford, Theresa Sarrell, Anne Seymour, Mary Shand, Brian Sheehan, Christopher Skipper, Lea Tate, Louise Thornton, Conor Tweedy, Grant Wallace, Rebecca Wallace, Genevieve Waters, Frank Zubeldia, OLSH Sisters Pat, Valerian, Bernadetta, Jo, & Eleanor. *We remember especially all of our parishioners living in aged care facilities*

May those who have died recently rest in peace: Brian Hauff, Tom Walpole, Fr John Dobson, Ros Campbell, Margaret Chan, Peter Pitot

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Noni Darch, Valma Cowie, Mary Durrington, Evelyn Dangerfield, Patricia Fitz-Walter, Eva Rose McCormack, James Laurence McCormack, Enid Esdale, Mary Campbell, Ernie Thorpe, deceased members of the McCormack and Trenear families



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My Pastoral Visit & Private Retreat in Barcaldine

On the 4th December, I journeyed to Barcaldine aboard the 'Spirit of the Outback'. All the memories came to mind of my trip with our past Parish Priest Fr Gerry Kalinowski when we went for a Pastoral Visit to Sacred Heart Parish Barcaldine during the Year of Mercy in 2016.

I arrived in Barcaldine on Wednesday evening 5th December after a long train ride overnight, which included a stop at Alpha which was one of the parishes we had visited in 2016. I was met with warm hospitality and all wanted to send their greetings back to Fr Mark and the Parish of Corinda Graceville. I stayed with Sr Rita Connor, a Mercy Sister, during my visit.

Sr Rita and myself visited St Joseph's School Barcaldine on Thursday morning and met Annie Wachtel the School Principal, as well as Gloria McKean from the Parish Council. I presented them with 15 back packs, filled with stationery, exercise books, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc. to give to those children who needed them to start the school year in 2019. These back packs and stationery items had been donated by our parishioners for our parish youth group to distribute (many other filled back packs were given to local families within our parish with the SVDP Christmas Hampers too). The principal appreciated the help from the Youth Group and the Parish of Corinda Graceville.

I also presented Barcaldine parish with the huge sum of \$5279 which was raised by the Corinda Graceville Craft Group with the wonderful craft sale and raffle. Our parishioners were so supportive of this endeavour. The money will be used for many purposes, including food vouchers to be used by those in need at the local Barcaldine supermarket, donations to Anglicare, and also the purchase of subscriptions for online reading and mathematics programs for all of the students at St Joseph's Barcaldine.

I was energised by the experience. May we be made strong with all the strength which comes from His glorious power, so that we may be able to endure everything with love to one another.

There may be drought in Barcaldine but there is certainly a lot of life and energy. I also had an opportunity to have lunch with all the Ecumenical Leaders and heard many stories shared.

I could not have picked a better place and time for my three days Retreat. It was quiet and peaceful and my prayers were for you all. My journey to Barcaldine through Alpha revealed to me the terrible face of the drought. Sitting in the train I could see what the people of Barcaldine are going through, but their stories are full of strength, courage and faith.

There are many stories to treasure and experiences to share. It was a humbling experience to see and feel their warmth and charity. We are all community and we need one another. Give us courage and patience and help us God to understand how we can live our life with you. May we come to know how great your love is for us.

Christmas blessings, *Malia Mar*



5 weeks to our next Alpha course!

Here we go again! Our next Alpha course commences on Wednesday 6th February. Come to our first night....our **"Come and See" dinner on 6th February at 7pm at the Parish Office Corinda**. Enjoy a great meal (free) and meet interesting new people. Alpha is not "churchy" or "happy clappy" but is an intelligent and interesting way to increase your faith. Come and See. Call Peter on 0407 671 559 or Lyn on 0407 144 033 to book your spot.



The Wesley Hospital requires Ministers of Communion on a Sunday. New Ministers of Communion are required to ensure Catholic patients at The Wesley Hospital are able to receive Holy Communion of a Sunday. **Vacancies exist now for lay ministers willing to take turns to provide on call relief to the current rostered teams.** Full training will be provided. *Applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from your Parish Priest. Archdiocesan requirements for a Current Blue Card and consent for a criminal history check also apply.* For more information please email: adminpasmin@bne.centacare.net.au