



BRISBANE ORATORY IN FORMATION PARISH OF ANNERLEY EKIBIN

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year A [OF] &
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph EF
7th/8th January, 2017

Readings for next Sunday
14th/15th January, 2017

1st: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6
2nd: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1: 29-34

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From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

It has been wonderful having our Brisbane Oratory Brothers with us over the last few weeks. For the last ten days or so they have been with their families but now they are back with us for a few more days before they depart once again for Toronto and Oxford to continue their studies for the sacred priesthood. Please continue to pray for Br Shawn Murphy, Br Tyson King, Br Conor Power and Br Matthew Buckley, that they will continue to be formed by the Lord Jesus into good and holy priests for all those they will serve through the Brisbane Oratory in Formation. Especially if you have not given before to support our seminarians (or have given before) please consider making a donation to help the Brothers in their studies for the priesthood. The Oratory relies solely on donations to accomplish this. We seek to give the Brothers the best possible seminary education combined with living in an exemplary Oratory community to complete their spiritual and human formation for the priesthood as well. There are many ways to give a donation:

- Using the Oratory Donation Box next to the side door to Mary Immaculate church.
- Through the website: Brisbane-oratory.org/donations.
- Through our 'go fund me' campaign: www.gofundme.com/brisbaneoratory2017.
- Using the Oratory side of our Parish Planned Giving double weekly envelopes. Please contact Shirley at the Parish Office about this option if you are not already on Planned Giving. Phone 3848 1107.
- Through the Catholic Bequest Program (see details Page 2).

Thank you for your continuing generosity and support.

Today we complete the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Here is a thoughtful reflection to help us reflect on this special dimension of the mystery of Christmas.

Fr. Andrew Wise

An epiphany on the Epiphany by Alejandro Teran-Somohano



In our everyday lives, we use the word 'epiphany' to mean a sudden realization about something. If I am stuck trying to solve a certain problem and the answer suddenly appears in my mind as if by divine inspiration, I would say: "I just had an epiphany." However, that is not the only meaning of the word. 'Epiphany' originally meant 'manifestation' or 'revelation'. Both meanings are related, of course, because in order for a revelation to be a revelation, it requires that someone receive it. You must reveal something to someone. A revelation to no one is, well, not a revelation at all. Furthermore, the recipient of a revelation must become aware of that revelation, he must realize that something is being revealed to him. Therefore, both meanings of the word 'epiphany' go hand in hand. They are, so to speak, two sides of the same coin.

This brief introduction is meant to set up my main point about the feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord, which we are celebrating this Sunday. That is, that in response to God's Epiphany, we ought to have an epiphany of our own. Let us go back to our two meanings of the word 'epiphany'. When the Church speaks of the "Epiphany of Our Lord", she is speaking according to the second meaning I presented. She is referring to Christ's first revelation to the world of who He is. The infinite God has manifested Himself in Bethlehem; He has shown His face to the whole world in the face of the infant Jesus and the Magi are there to witness it.

The first meaning is also present in the story of the Magi. The Magi have seen a star, which they recognize as a sign of the birth of a king. What matters, however, is that they come to realize that it is not the birth of an ordinary king that this star is heralding. By having a personal epiphany, they become aware of whom this king truly is. And hence the gifts they bear: gold for a king, frankincense for a god, and myrrh for a suffering redeemer. Most importantly, however, is that their encounter with Christ is a transforming encounter.

Scripture hints at this by saying that they went back to their homes following a different path, or, as Archbishop Fulton Sheen put it: "No one who ever meets Christ with a good will returns the same way as he came."

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

Friday 27th January

Elizabethan Social Club Australia Day Function & AGM. Pies, peas, etc., from 10:00am. \$7.00. Bookings: Joan on 3848 3251 or Philomena on 3349 2809.

Monday 13th February

Josephites Association Meeting. Mass at 10:00am at St Fabian's, Yeerongpilly, followed by meeting and morning tea. Please contact Jay on 3848 8923 or Claire on 3848 3998.

From Page 1: In the feast of the Epiphany, we ought to have our personal epiphany in which we become aware of who Christ is. He is God Incarnate. He is the Word made flesh. We have become so familiar with the story of Christmas and the story of the Magi that we have forgotten what it actually means. We have grown used to hearing Christ say: "Before Abraham was, I AM" that we no longer see the implications of that claim. In a few words, we have lost sight of the fact that the Epiphany is about coming to grips with the fact that the child wrapped in swaddling clothes is God.

The implications of all this are as follows: either you accept Christ to be who he claimed to be, or you utterly and absolutely reject Him. There is no middle ground. Thomas Jefferson's idea of Christ as just a good moral teacher is rubbish. As Chesterton said: "It is possible to find here and there human beings who make this supremely superhuman claim. It is possible to find them in lunatic asylums, [...] nobody supposes that Jesus of Nazareth was that sort of person." Either he was who He said He was or He was insane. C.S. Lewis would later add to these possibilities that of Him being a liar, in which case it is impossible for Him to be a good moral teacher. Therefore, the decision remains the same. And that leads us to what, I believe, is the whole point of the Epiphany.

Epiphany is a time of decision, a moment in which we must define whether we embrace Christ and accept that He is who He said He is and surrender our entire lives to Him, or we stand in open defiance of Him. If you are not going to take a stance, you might as well openly defy Him. Non-definition is a lukewarm response and we know that Christ does not favour the lukewarm, to say the least! [see Rev. 3: 16-22].

Mary Immaculate School Centenary



Mary Immaculate School, Annerley is about to turn 100! On April 30th, 2017, the school will officially commemorate its 100th birthday, and we will also remember the centenary of Annerley Parish as well. We are inviting all past students, parents, and staff to join with us in celebrating this momentous event. Save the dates of **Saturday, April 29th and Sunday 30th April, 2017.**

We would love for as many as possible to join us in celebrating on this weekend with an "Under the Stars" late afternoon/evening event on **Saturday 29th April** with guest of honour, Mr Hugh Lunn. On **Sunday 30th April**, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass in honour of our Centenary.

We are also asking if you have any memorabilia: photos, newsletters, etc., please email me, Leanne Delaney at ldelaney@bne.catholic.edu.au or call the school on 07 3848 8965.

Give the Gift of Faith



Did you know that you can create a gift to the Parish or Brisbane Oratory that lasts forever? Please consider naming the

Parish and/or Brisbane Oratory as one of the beneficiaries in your Will. You can designate a specific gift amount or nominate the Annerley Ekibin Parish or Brisbane Oratory in Formation Endowment Fund to receive your gift. Endowments provide a steady stream of income forever.

To find out how to support the mission of the Catholic Church, your local parish and/or the Brisbane Oratory in Formation well into the future please contact the parish office or go to: <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/articles/donate-perpetual-fund/>, choose 'designation' and select Annerley Ekibin Parish and/or Brisbane Oratory in Formation.

OPUS CHRISTI SALVATORIS MUNDI

Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World Christmas Season Newsletter now in both churches.

LITTLE KING'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This appeal is our major fundraiser for the year. In previous years Annerley Ekibin Parishioners have been very generous, even in the most difficult financial times, for which the Movement is most grateful.

The Little King's Movement Annual Appeal will be held in our Parish on the weekend of 28th/29th January, 2017. Please give generously, either through the envelopes provided or by phoning 3391 1432 and using your credit card (Visa/Mastercard). *Thank you!*

WE PRAY FOR: Those who are recently deceased: Catherine MILLER, Joan FINCH, Tony DRUERY, Vincent BLISS, Corazon SALAO and Rina COOK.

Those who are sick: Luke ADENEY, Theresa BAGLEY, Gabrielle BENTLEY, Monique BENTLEY, Neil BETTS, Ksenia BORODIN, Rex BOWEN, Stewart BOYD, Joan BRAMMER, Noelene BURGESS, Jeremy CARROLL, Robyn CLEMENTS, Jim CLIFFORD, Hilary COLLINS, Rochelle COWARD, Marietta CRUZADO, Diane ELLIS, Rowena ENNIS, David FARRELL, Jane FARRELL, Madge FARRELL, Tereza FERENC, Joan FLEW, Mary FORRESTER, Anne FRANETTOVICH, John FRANK, Gwen GAIR, Helen GIAQUINTA, Dulcey HARVEY (Ingham), Jan HEGARTY, Peter HEGARTY, Keith HOGG, Marlene JOHNSTON, Dominic KENNEDY, Robyn KINNES, Ryan MacGARY-WALSH, Cherril MALONEY, Bernard McALARY, Marie MITCHELL, Harry MOHR, Kathryn MORRIS, Robyn O'DWYER, Valerie & Kevin ORTON, Brian QUARRY, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Dorothy RYAN, Nick SHANAHAN (Jnr), Mary STUART, Heather TERRILL, Charlie WINTER, Fr John WORTHINGTON SM, Gary WYLIE, Josephine & Bill WRIGHT and Matthew ZEMEK.

All the faithful departed.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

\$2,289.85

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS

AVERAGE FOR WEEK

\$1,984.15

Thank you from a grateful Parish

Rosters for next week

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat (SJF) 5:30pm Kay Holmes

Sun (MI) 7.30am Brian McMahon, Noel Everding

Sun (SJF) 9.00am Louise Brooks, Anthony Smallhorn

Sun (MI) 5.00pm Anna Herbert, Liam Herbert

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat (SJF) 6:00pm: Bert Jacobs, John Lesina, Prem Nair, Kevin Rowen, Valmai Winter

Sun (MI) 7:30am: Bertha Clark, Joan Coghlan, Paul Coghlan, Ester Evangelista, Charles Grugan, Kathleen Grugan

Sun (SJF) 9:00am: Peter Menagh

Sun (MI) 5:00pm: Liam Herbert (also available as a reserve. Please phone 0417 727 480)

COUNTERS

Monday, 9th January, 2017

Paul Coghlan, Joan Coghlan, Bernie O'Hara

CHURCH CARE

Sacristy (SEC) Maria Monro

Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI) Mabel Saah

Church Cleaning (MI)

Laundry (SJF) Pat Smith

Laundry (MI) Mabel Saah

SUNG VESPERS on SUNDAYS: Every second and fourth Sunday of the month Vespers, the evening portion of the Divine Office, is sung in MI church at 4pm in the Extraordinary Form.

Adoration at Saint Elizabeth's on Thursday nights

We require another rostered adorer for each of these times: 6:00 - 7:00pm, and 7:00 - 8:00pm. If you can help please contact Father Adrian on sharpa@bne.catholic.net.au or 0427 109 054. Adoration resumes on Thursday, February 2nd.

PLEASE NOTE:

No weekday Masses are Omitted for this week

St Gregory's Latin Mass Community:

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph: Wilston 7:30am

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 7th January, Private:

For the Intentions of the Donor

8:15am Mass at MI: In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for blasphemies & offences

5:30pm Vigil at SJF:

For the People of the Parish: *Pro populo*

Sunday, 8th January, 7:30am Mass at MI:

For the Holy Souls

8:30am Mass at SJF:

For the Intentions of the Donor

Monday, 9th January, 6:00am Mass at SE:

For the Intentions of the Donor

Tuesday, 10th January, 6:00am Mass at SE:

For the Intentions of the Donor

7:00am Mass at MI: For Baby Charlie, Sick

Wednesday, 11th January, 6:30am Mass at SJF:

For Alex & Helen Sidhu and Family

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**Parish Diary & Mass Times:
9th - 15th January**

Monday 9th January

6:00am Mass [OF+] SE

7:00pm Mass [OF+] MI

Tuesday 10th January

6:00am Mass [OF+] SE

7:00am Mass [EF] MI

9:00am Mass [OF+] MI

Wednesday 11th January

6:30am Mass [OF] SJF

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Thursday 12th January

6:00am Mass [OF+] SE

7:00am Mass [OF+] MI

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Friday 13th January

6:30am Mass [OF] SE

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Saturday 14th January

8:15am Mass [EF] MI

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30pm Vigil [OF] SJF

5:30pm Vigil [OF+] MI

Sunday 15th January

7:30am Mass [OF] MI

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

5:00pm Mass [OF+] MI

OF = Ordinary Form | OF+ = *Ad orientem* | EF = Extraordinary Form | MI = Mary Immaculate SE = St Elizabeth's SJF = St John Fisher

CONFESSION TIMES:

Mon 6:45pm (MI)

Wed 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)

Thu 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)

Fri 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)

Fri 7:30pm - 8:30pm (During Holy Hour)

Sat 7:15am - 8:00am (MI)

Sat 4:45pm - 5:15pm (MI)

Sat 5:15pm by request (SJF)

Sun During 9:00am Mass where possible (MI)

The Angelus and the Rosary are prayed half an hour before the early Masses, Monday to Friday, at SE & SJF.

* All night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Thursday at St Elizabeth's Chapel beginning at 6:00pm and ending at 6:45am on Fridays.

* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturdays from 7:15am - 8:00am at Mary Immaculate Church.

St Elizabeth's Chapel Adoration will resume on Thursday, February 2nd 2017.

Holy Hour at Mary Immaculate Church will resume on Friday 3rd February 2017.

> 9:00am Mass at MI:

For the Repose of the Soul of John Swan

Thursday, 12th January, 6:00am Mass at SE:

For the Repose of the Soul of Tony Liskaser

7:00am Mass at MI: For the Holy Souls

Friday, 13th January, For the Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Sr Ita Dwyer PBVM (Birthday)

Saturday, 14th January, Private:

For the Intentions of the Donor

5:30pm Vigil at MI: For a Special Intention

Sunday, 15th January, 8:30am Mass at SJF:

For the Intentions of the Donor

5:00pm Mass at MI: For the People of the Parish: *Pro populo*

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 71

(Said by all)

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans 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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem.

He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Memorial Acclamation: Number Two

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

ABORTION BILL - LETTER-WRITING STALL
Following the 9am Mass at St John Fisher and the 5 pm Mass at Mary Immaculate next Sunday, 15 January, there will be a stall set up outside the church manned by three people to assist parishioners in writing a letter to their local MP opposing the proposed Queensland law allowing abortion up to birth for any reason. Everything will be provided, but please allow some extra time after Mass for this most important and urgent task.

A number of copies of the excellent book by Dr David Van Gend titled *Stealing from a Child: The Injustice of Marriage Equality* are available at the back of Mary Immaculate Church. The books are free but a donation to the Oratory Donation box in the church would be welcomed. Thank you.

ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?
OR ARE YOU FROM ELSEWHERE IN BRISBANE BUT REGULARLY ATTEND MASS HERE AND WOULD LIKE TO BE REGISTERED AS A FRIEND OF THE BRISBANE ORATORY? If so, please fill in the form below and place it on the collection plate or mail to our Parish Office: P.O. Box 3131, Tarragindi. 4121.

- I am a new parishioner
I am from elsewhere but would like to be registered as a friend of the Brisbane Oratory

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....Mobile.....

E-mail.....