



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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Parish Newsletter 6 January The Epiphany of The Lord

Holy days of Obligation: In Australia we have the Feast of the Assumption (15 August) and Christmas Day (25 December).



Mass Times and Services

Weekend Mass

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday (NO Thursday Mass)	6.30am
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Exceptions

Saturday and Public Holidays	8.00am
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Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition held after Mass
 Friday 7am - 9am.
 All are invited to join this devotion.

Reconciliation

Saturday	5pm-5.30pm
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Or by appointment

Baptism

Infant Baptism:
 2nd & 4th Sunday after 9am Mass
Baptism preparation:
 3rd Saturday 10.30am

Today we celebrate the The Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — *Pius Parsch*

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the *Magnificat* at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (*Ceremonial of Bishops*). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts. *Excerpt Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year, Msgr. Peter J. Elliott, Ignatius Press.*



The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour. That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the *Magnificat* at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

Liturgy of the Word

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come

Acclamation of Faith:

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

Prayer Requests

We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are facing difficult times. We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

CONDOLENCE: Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the death of loved ones; **Especially: John Hillman, Cole Miller and Stipe (Steve) Tomic**

SICKNESS: Our prayers are asked for the sick, the housebound and all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes.

If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, Mass Intention envelopes can be collected at the Church or from the Parish office.

General Notices

GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th – 31st 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

Cathedral Guides and 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 and 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.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL - PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE.

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and his letters from the New Testament, following his footsteps on a 14-day pilgrimage to Greece departing on 14 of May, 2019. This pilgrimage features the saint's missionary through Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Hosios Loukas, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. This all-inclusive fare includes a three Night Cruise with all meals + Stay Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Return Airfares + Local Transfers+ Priests.

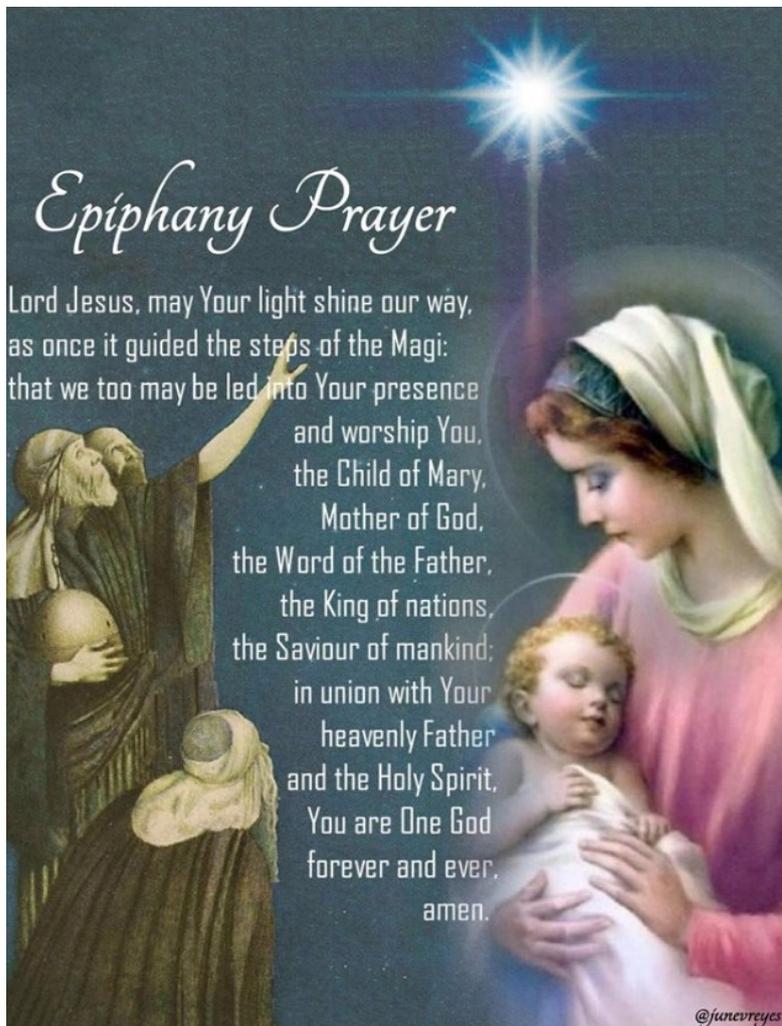
For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

Parish Columbarium



The Parish Columbarium is available for the interment of family, friends and loved ones.

The Columbarium offers a special area for prayer and reflection. You can reserve a niche in the Columbarium by making an application for the intended use by either yourselves or others. You will be asked to sign a form and pay for the reservation of niche/s. The cost is \$770.00 (for a single niche incl GST) and \$660.00 (for adjacent companion niches incl GST). These prices include the reservation of the niche. For further information please contact the Parish Office.



Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may Your light shine our way,
 as once it guided the steps of the Magi:
 that we too may be led into Your presence
 and worship You,
 the Child of Mary,
 Mother of God,
 the Word of the Father,
 the King of nations,
 the Saviour of mankind;
 in union with Your
 heavenly Father
 and the Holy Spirit,
 You are One God
 forever and ever,
 amen.

CHURCH

AIR CONDITIONING

**CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING IS
 NOW UP AND RUNNING!!**

Aspley Parish can say goodbye to the fans that temporarily remedied the heat. We can now joyfully worship in the comfort of a cool, crisp church with the long-awaited air conditioning system now up and running.

If you would like to make a contribution to this project there are envelopes available at the front of church and can be placed in the collection plate OR

**Donations can be made to: BSB - 064-786
 Account Number - 005921100 Reference - Air
 Conditioning.**

All donations will go directly to our
 Air Conditioning Project. Thank you!

Thank you!

Positions Vacant

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED FOR CLASSES FOR SENIORS - Aspley Classes for Seniors is urgently seeking a Committee Chairperson, the position becoming vacant at the end of this year.

Aspley Classes for Seniors is an important initiative of the Aspley Uniting Church together with St Dymphna's Aspley Parish and the Anglican Aspley & Albany Creek Parish to provide gentle exercise, arts and crafts, games, languages, basic computers and more in friendly social gatherings.

A great team of volunteers is involved in providing these services and you are invited to manage the group to ensure its continuing viability beyond the 24 years now completed.

An Expression of Interest has been issued and closes on December 14 - **BUT LATE APPLICATIONS OR QUERIES CAN BE MADE in the first instance to Aspley Uniting Church 3263 9275 or ACFS Secretary 3263 6454 or via email to aspleycfs@hotmail.com.**

Position Vacant – Administration Officer -

Applications are open for a position at Liturgy Brisbane. A person with excellent administration and finance skills is required for a part time position of Administration Officer for 15 hours per week, 2 days a week initially and then increasing.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.



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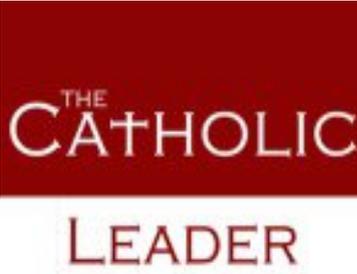
Ph: (07) 3293 0555 Web: www.holycrossfunerals.com

Rosters

Notice to Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers

Our Parish Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers perform an important role in the celebration of the Mass. In order to ensure that we have sufficient numbers of these ministries available for Mass on weekends, please ensure that if you are rostered for any of these ministries, you inform the Mass Coordinator for the relevant Mass of your arrival at **least 10 minutes** before Mass commences.

12/12 January	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	G. Cox (B) M. Cafe B. McGorry L. McGorry S. Stevens	First Reading A. Borgeaud Second Reading I. Dove Prayers of the Faithful J. Pillai	J. McLune L. Powell	Volunteer	Judith Marie
7.00 a.m. Mass	A. Spanevello (B) I. Spanevello G. Bortuzzo R. Perkins J. Coates	First Reading M. Campbell Second Reading R. Campbell Prayers of the Faithful D. Chiavaro	volunteer	D. Francis	Nancy David
9.00 a.m. Mass	J. Patterson (B) C. Heskett R. Heskett C. Gonsalves M. Gonsalves G. Webley B. Neill	First Reading J. Frayne Second Reading C. Goh Prayers of the Faithful L. George	R. Tumma A. Brough G. Ede M. Ede	J. Ferris	Yvonne Suzan
5.00 p.m Mass	G. Dias (B) S. Sherwood S. Sherwood J. Bissell S. Tam	First Reading K. Rye Second Reading K. O'Donnell Prayers of the Faithful S. Lopez	J. Tomsey O. Joshy	Ike Soo Choon & Family	Ike Soo Choon & Family
Children Liturgy: 9am Kim O'Rourke	Cleaners: 11 Jan Barry Long Cleaners: 19 Jan Savio and Jinella Cleaners: 26 Jan Volunteers Nigel Hughes	Counters : 13 Jan K. Ufer G. Juffs I. Spanevello A.Spanevello	Counters: 20 Jan G. Dias G. Strathdee A. Hill J. Vitaliano S. Vitaliano	In Faith and Hope and Love Gather Your People Come to the Water We Are Called	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p style="text-align: center;">The Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5,9-11</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!</p> <p>Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!</p>	<p>The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you</p>  <p>Get your copy in the foyer of the church.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 10%;">Sun</td><td style="width: 10%;">6</td><td style="width: 80%;">The Epiphany of the Lord</td></tr> <tr><td>Mon</td><td>7</td><td>St Raymond of Penyafort, priest</td></tr> <tr><td>Tues</td><td>8</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Wed</td><td>9</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Thurs</td><td>10</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Fri</td><td>11</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Sat</td><td>12</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Sun</td><td>13</td><td>The Baptism of the Lord</td></tr> </table> <p>Date Claimers:</p>	Sun	6	The Epiphany of the Lord	Mon	7	St Raymond of Penyafort, priest	Tues	8		Wed	9		Thurs	10		Fri	11		Sat	12		Sun	13	The Baptism of the Lord
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