

## Parish News

### 2019 HOLY FAMILY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

#### Year 4 & 5 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

<b>Enrolment night</b>	<b>Monday 18 February at 6.00pm</b>
Lessons 1 & 2	Monday 04 March at 6.00pm or Tuesday 05 March at 3.30pm
Lessons 3 & 4	Monday 11 March at 6.00pm or Tuesday 12 March at 3.30pm
Rehearsal 1	Monday 18 March at 6.00pm
Rehearsal 2	Monday 25 March at 6.00pm
<b>Celebration of Sacrament</b>	<b>Thursday 28 March at 6.00pm</b>

#### Year 4 Sacrament of the Eucharist

<b>Enrolment night</b>	<b>Monday 13 May at 6.00pm</b>
Lessons 1 & 2	Monday 27 May at 6.00pm or Tuesday 28 May at 3.30pm
Lessons 3 & 4	Monday 03 June at 6.00pm or Tuesday 04 June at 3.30pm
Rehearsal 1	Monday 10 June at 6.00pm
Rehearsal 2	Monday 17 June at 6.00pm
<b>Celebration of Sacrament</b>	<b>Sunday 23 June at 9am Mass</b>

### Weekly Diary : 07<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Monday 07 <sup>th</sup>	: 08.00 am. Mass
Tuesday 08 <sup>th</sup>	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharist Adoration : 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Arcare Aged Center, Hope Island
Wednesday 09 <sup>th</sup>	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 09.30 am. First Anointing Mass of 2019, followed by Rosary.</b>
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 5.30 pm. : Baptism of the Lord Sunday Year C</b>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : Baptism of the Lord Sunday Year C</b>

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Sunday Mass of February will be on the 03<sup>rd</sup> at 5.30 pm. : 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

### Mass Duty Roster : January 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> 2019

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino Serra	Pierrette Serra Jean Di Benedetto	Helen Topham, Julie Dakin, June Molloy Rachelle Broughton, Clive Broughton, Jean Di Benedetto	
7.00am Michael Nicholson	Christine McDougall John Carter	Bernadette Swindley, Rose Hessen Antona Brown, Michael Nicholson	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Michael Laidler	Rose Lopez Gina Abra	Pam Nelson, Rose Lopez, Chona Lopez Michael Laidler, Joe Dorego, Averil Dorego	Jamili

### Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 1 (07/01/2019)

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
<b>Christmas 24 &amp; 25</b>	<b>\$3115.10</b>	<b>\$2376.30</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$72.90</b>
<b>Holy Family Sunday</b>	<b>\$1313.60</b>	<b>\$1617.15</b>	<b>\$50.50</b>	<b>\$34.30</b>

**God is more moved by the offering of our heart, than by the gifts we bring to the altar.  
Let's give with happiness and we will receive more in joy.**



**Holy Family Catholic Parish  
Runaway Bay**



### Epiphany Sunday Year C 06<sup>th</sup> January 2019—Issue No. 311

## PEOPLE OF ADORATION

**The feast of the Epiphany** invites us to see ourselves in the Magi – a people on a journey to Christ, a people of adoration, not of hatred nor indifference.

Herod is a person of hatred. He planned to destroy Jesus as he considered Jesus a potential threat to his kingship. Today, many oppose Christ and his Church because of their selfish motives, evil ways and unjust lives. Children still have Herods to fear. In the United States alone, one and a half million innocent, unborn children are aborted annually.

Another group, composed of priests and scribes, ignored Jesus. They were able to tell Herod the exact time and place of Jesus' birth. Unfortunately, they were more interested in their own selfish gains than in discovering the truth. Hence, they refused to go and see the child Jesus — even though Bethlehem was quite close to Jerusalem. Today, many Christians remind us of this group. They practice their religion from selfish motives, such as to gain political power, prestige and recognition by society. They ignore Jesus' teachings in their private lives.

The third group — shepherds and the Magi — adored Jesus and offered themselves to him. The shepherds offered the only gifts they had: love, tears of joy, and probably woollen clothes and milk from their sheep. The Magi offered gold, in recognition of Jesus as the King; frankincense, in acknowledgment that he was God, and myrrh as a symbol of his human nature.

**Let us make sure that we belong to the third group.** Let us worship Jesus at Mass, every day if we can, with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration. Let us offer God our very selves, promising him that we will use his blessings to do good for our fellow men.

Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behaviour. As the star led the Magi to him, let us become the Star, leading others to Jesus. We can remove or lessen the darkness of the evil around us by being, if not like stars, at least like candles, radiating Jesus' love by selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care.

**Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts** on this feast of Epiphany. The first gift might be friendship with God. After all, the whole point of Christmas is that God's Son became one of us to redeem us and call us friends. God wants our friendship in the form of wholehearted love and devotion. The second gift might be friendship with others. This kind of friendship can be costly. The price it exacts is vulnerability and openness to others. The good news, however, is that, in offering friendship to others, we will receive back many blessings. The third gift might be the gift of reconciliation and peace. This gift repairs damaged relationships. It requires honesty, humility, understanding, forgiveness and patience. As we give our insignificant, little gifts to God, the good news is that God accepts them, and in response to our gift, the Child will give us Himself.

Let us conclude with Christina Rossetti's Christmas carol which sums up the nature of "giving to the Christ Child."

*What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I could give a Lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I could do my part.  
What I can I give Him? Give Him my heart!*

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.  
Baptism Preparation at  
7pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month



## LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

### FIRST READING **Isaiah 60:1-6** *The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalms 72:1-13** **R.** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. **R.**

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service. **R.**

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. **R.**

### SECOND READING **Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6** *Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.*

Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humanity as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **See Matthew 2:2** Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the east; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL **Matthew 2:1-12** *We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON **Mt 2:2** We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ettie Irene Johnson, Barry Thomas Ralph, Lindsay Keith Lewis

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Manning, Nelson Rosales Dimatulac

**SICK LIST:** Gwen Zeitzen, Angelita Tabije, Marylou Tabije Halls, Joy Gronow, Jevon Gronow, Val Mai McErlean, Theresa Pinto, Marie Jeanette Martin, Bill Walker, Aaron Murphy, Courtney Blount, Claire Mallon, Eileen O'Connor, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boehme, John Nekvapal, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Ken Han-nam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

**PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)



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