

St Edward the Confessor Parish

Established 1978

104 Chatswood Road, DAISY HILL. QLD 4127

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

Next Week: Isaiah 55: 1-11; 1 John 5: 1-9; Mark 1: 7-11



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02nd - 03rd January 2021

The Epiphany Focusing the Word

Key words and phrases

Where is the infant king of the Jews.
Out of you Bethlehem will come a
leader who will shepherd my people
Israel.

They fell to their knees and did him
homage.

They offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense and myrrh.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Epiphany means 'manifestation.' What is manifested in Christ is salvation for all people (second reading). What is inferred in the gospel is that this salvation entails death.

The paschal elements of our faith are not absent from the Advent/Christmas seasons. Christ's coming and birth are directed to a mission - our salvation through his life, death, and resurrection.

Our experience of Christmas

We want Christmas to be only a joyous celebration where there is peace and good will toward all. But Matthew can't even tell the Christmas story without the cross in view.

Jesus' birth and decision

The story in this Sunday's gospel sets up a striking contrast between two different responses to the birth of Jesus: Jewish leaders (both secular and religious) use their power and their knowledge to conspire against the Messiah, while Gentiles piously seek him out to offer both worship and gifts. In turn this contrast tells us about the fundamental response each person must make for or against Jesus. The Jewish leadership is represented by King Herod and by the 'chief priests and scribes.' Herod the Great came from a Jewish family but his primary loyalty was to the Roman Emperor to whom he owed his position as a client-king. Though a Jew, Herod's loyalty to Rome and his aggressive self-interest made him little better than a hated foreign overlord. To Herod, the birth of a potential rival (a 'king of the Jews') was hardly welcome news. Herod summoned the religious authorities for information. The chief priests and scribes can cite chapter and verse from their sacred texts (Micah 5:1), but they use their knowledge to aid Herod in his attempt to destroy Jesus; this unholy conspiracy will eventually result in the death of the Holy Innocents.

By contrast the foreigners from the east, with no power of their own and without the benefit of the revealed word to guide them, follow an extraordinary star that leads them to the house where Jesus is born. There they offer him both their gifts and their homage. Thus, the first people in Matthew's gospel to seek out, recognise, and worship Jesus are Gentiles. Sadly, those who should have known better and who had all the advantages of their religious traditions and Scripture to guide them are closed to God's latest and most complete revelation.

How tragic to use the gifts of God - the prophecies of Scripture - to oppose God's plans! The birth of the long-awaited and prophet-foretold Messiah becomes both the occasion for conspiracy and death by some and recognition and worship by others. Already at Christ's birth people must make a decision about him: resistance or homage.





WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently,

Miguel Forero
Jorge Giraldo
Francisca Batalla

and those whose anniversaries are in this month:

Johnny Redoblado
Laurel (Joy) Oliver

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



PLEASE PRAY

For all our Sick parishioners and family members:

Cath Fulcher
Armando Bettiol

*"May you be wrapped up in God's love,
Found deep in His everlasting wings,
Carried and kept, safe and cherished.
May the healing power of Christ
Breathe across your being now."
www.lords-prayer-words.com*

*Names of sick, recently deceased or
anniversaries for the deceased will be
displayed for a period of 3 weeks only.
For privacy reasons these inserts will only
be accepted from a family member.
Envelopes to request Masses to be offered
for the sick, dying, deceased or for special
intentions are available at the back of the
church.*

Thank you.



BAPTISM

*We welcome into our Christian
Community*

Talia Yifan-Yoonjung Kim
Owen Campbell Whitty

*Pease phone the parish office on 3299 2000
for information regarding baptism.*

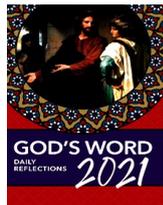
Thank you.



Thank you to our Care and Concern ladies who have been checking up on and taking our seniors the weekly

God's Word 2021

The 2021 issue of God's Word are now available through the SVDP. \$12 each



Men's Group Meeting "Getting to the Point"

Men's Group meet 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month.

**Next meeting 03.02.2021
@7:00pm.**

For information contact: Ron Ferrall
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PARISH UPDATE

The steps for the registration to attend Mass is as follows:

www.stedwardsdaisyhill.org.au and click on the icon provided.

- Click on 'Select a Date'
- Scroll down until you find the date you require
- Then click 'Ticket'
- The next screen you can choose the number of tickets you require (1 or 2 etc) if you are living in the same house and have the same surname you can do this on the one booking otherwise you have to do separate bookings for each one. There is a limit of 4 tickets per booking so if there is more than 4 required you need to do separate bookings.
- Click 'see more' to read all the conditions of the booking
- Then click 'Register'
- That will take you to the screen when you can enter your details. In the area 'First name' you can enter all (up to 4) first names (if you have ordered multiple tickets with the one booking) then tab to the surname area. This is for all attendees that have the same surname and living at the same address.
- ALL NAMES ARE TO BE REGISTERED
- All the information with a * is required by the guidelines.
- Once you click 'Register' at the bottom of this page you will receive a confirmation of the booking to your email.



Parish Census:

During the Covid-19 lockdown we were unable to contact many of our parishioners because our parish records are very outdated. Although we pray that history will not repeat, forced closure highlighted a need to hold a census within our parish to allow us to update our database.

We ask you to please complete one form per family and place it in the box provided at the back of the church if you have not done so.

All details are confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

"Parish Giving App".

There are different ways in which you can log into this app.

1. By hovering your phone over the QR code (located here and many areas around the Church as well as our website) which will take you to the Parish Giving site. QR Scanner must be installed on your mobile if you do not have a smart phone.
2. Log into [http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/](http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au)
3. Get it on Google Play.



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.webgatetec.parishgiving>

4. Download on the App Store.

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/parishgiving/id1505667807?ls=1>

When you first log in you need to create a new profile.

Tap/Wave Device

You will have noticed the new tap device at the entrance of the Church. This is another form for electronic donation provided for your convenience. The instructions are on the stand itself.

Parishioners are still welcome to use cash, planned giving envelopes or the direct debit system already in place.

Thank you for your support.

Have a blessed and safe week.

Fr Joseph



**FR JOSEPH ORDAINED 02.01.1997.
CONGRATULATIONS**

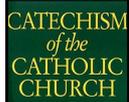
On celebrating the 24th Anniversary of your ordination. God's blessings on you and 'Thank you' for all you do in the service of God.

MASS TIMES 04th —10th January 2021

Monday, 04 January	Tuesday, 05 January	Wednesday, 06 January	Thursday, 07 January	Friday, 08 January	Saturday, 09 January	Sunday, 10 January
9:00am Mass	9:00am Mass	9:00am Mass	NO MASS <i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i> , priest	9:00am Mass	9:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i> 8:30am Mass 6:00pm Mass

THE CATHOLIC LEADER
Keeping Faith with You

The Catholic Leader is available digitally and parishioners can sign up to receive their free digital edition through our website: www.catholicleader.com.au/covid19free



Basic questions answered according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Q. How does one reach purity of heart?

In the battle against disordered desires the baptized person is able, by the grace of God, to achieve purity of heart through the virtue and gift of chastity, through purity of intention, purity of vision (both exterior and interior), discipline of the imagination and of feelings and by prayer.

Q. What are the other requirements for purity?

Purity requires *modesty* which, while protecting the intimate center of the person, expresses the sensitivity of chastity. It guides how one looks at others and behaves toward them in conformity with the dignity of persons and their communion. Purity frees one from widespread eroticism and avoids those things which foster morbid curiosity. Purity also requires a *purification of the social climate* by means of a constant struggle against moral permissiveness which is founded on an erroneous conception of human freedom.

Q. What is one's duty toward the truth?

Every person is called to sincerity and truthfulness in acting and speaking. Everyone has the duty to seek the truth, to adhere to it and to order one's whole life in accordance with its demands. In Jesus Christ the whole of God's truth has been made manifest. He is "*the truth*". Those who follow him live in the Spirit of truth and guard against duplicity, dissimulation, and hypocrisy.

Q. How does one bear witness to the truth?

A Christian must bear witness to the truth of the Gospel in every field of his activity, both public and private, and also if necessary, with the sacrifice of his very life. Martyrdom is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith.

Q. How is justice and solidarity among nations brought about?

On the international level, all nations and institutions must carry out their work in solidarity and subsidiarity for the purpose of eliminating or at least reducing poverty, the inequality of resources and economic potential, economic and social injustices, the exploitation of persons, the accumulation of debts by poor countries, and the perverse mechanisms that impede the development of the less advanced countries.

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Update from our Choirs

We are very sad to farewell our youngest choir "People for Christ".

They have given us several years of their service and sharing their angelic voices to lift our souls in praise. They will be taking a break to concentrate on their studies.

However God works in mysterious ways.

As from this week end we are thrilled to welcome Glenn and Bambi "Voices of Praise" back to our church after a short break.

Thank you to all our Choirs for sharing their talents with us.



Position Vacant – Youth Coordinator

Applications are open for the above position at the Sunnybank Parish. The position is a part-time 20 hour role. 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 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.

Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 09th—10th January 2021

	Saturday @ 6:00pm	Sunday @ 8:30am	Sunday @ 6:00pm
Marshal	Terry George	Denise Love	Cheryl McCaffery
Parish Choirs	Sanctus	Stuart's Choir	Spanish Choir
Overhead Projectionist	Rose George	Tim Trainor	Volunteer
Usher 1	Rose George	Brian Ridder	Pat McCaffery
Communion Minister	Donna Smith	Denise Love	Rita Arezza
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Candice Wessling	Ella O'Neill	Charmi Cortez
Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Annabelle Wessling	Tom O'Neill	Kerri Richardson
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jurulbe Pereira

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THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

Thank you for supporting our Parish

Collections from last week end will be in next week's newsletter.

We can use your postage stamps from your mail

The Salesian Missions use the old stamps that are passed on to them to raise funds. This goes towards Salesian Education and relief work in developing nations. Yes, the Post man does not have to stop by often, but on that rare occasion he does, and on that envelope, if there is a stamp, can you please pass this on to us, instead of throwing it in the bin? A small gesture, lending a big helping hand. We have placed a collection box for stamps in the parish office.

Thank you.

Bequests to St. Edwards Parish

The writing of a Will can be a very gratifying knowing that you have looked after your loved ones with your wishes. We would like to invite you to consider making a bequest in your Will to help your Parish with the needs for future projects. Any bequests no matter how big or small would be gratefully received and applied to the growth of our community.

Thank you.

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Full policy can be obtained at:
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>
STOPline Service
STOPline is an external service provided for the Archdiocese to receive confidential disclosures. Disclosures can be made anonymously. P: 1300 304 550 E: AOB@stopline.com.au

Rick Sheehan
Principal. Ph3208 0922

If you are new to the Parish or are visiting, *Welcome!*

Senior Group Update

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We are glad you have come to share Eucharist with us today. Please leave your details with the parish office on 3299 2000 so that our Parish Priest and a member of our Parish Pastoral Council can reach out to you with a formal welcome. **Thank you.**



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