

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**6 January 2019**

**Year C**  
**#6.19**

### **From the Pastor's desk.....**

Someone once commented that if it had been three wise women instead of three wise men then they would have asked for directions and therefore arrived on time to help with the delivery of the baby, prepared a casserole, and brought practical gifts rather than gold, frankincense and myrrh. Perhaps there is a gain of truth here. However, the wise men did get directions – two sets of directions, as it turned out. At the beginning, the star guided them. But it only took them so far. They had to seek out further directions in Jerusalem. It was here that the scriptures were able to point them in the direction of Bethlehem where the Messiah's birth was prophesized.

We all need directions in life for the simple fact that we are all on a journey. These wise men, whoever they were, were seekers. Perhaps that is a good way of describing humanity's situation. Each person, in his or her way, is seeking the truth. But we need to be guided toward that truth. In the story of magi, the star guided their journey, as did the revelation of scripture. The star might be seen as a symbol for how we might discern the hand of God traced across the universe. By observing both Nature and Revelation the magi were rewarded with beholding the Christ Child.

We too are seekers on a journey. As disciples, we are also guides, helping others find their way to the truth: a truth discovered in the miracle of the Incarnation that we celebrated on Christmas Day and the revelation of Christ to the Nations that we celebrate on this feast of the Epiphany.

***Peace & blessings,***  
***Gerard***

**"To Be on Earth the Heart of God"**

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### **MASS TIMES**

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm  
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am  
Liturgy of the Word with Communion:  
Tues 9:30am

### **Baptisms:**

1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass

**Reconciliation:** Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm  
or by appointment with the priest



**Hearing Loop:** in the  
central body of the church.

### **ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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### **Becoming Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]**

St John the Apostle Parish runs a RCIA program all year. If you know someone who would like to become Catholic, please contact the parish office for more information.

# PARISH NEWS

## Sorry **WE'RE** **CLOSED**

**The Parish Office will be closed on  
3 Wednesday's in January**

*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January*

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January*

*Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January*



### Parish Office Staff Holidays

Fr.Kimi will be on leave  
from Saturday

6 January and be back for the first  
weekend of February.

Sharon will be on leave from Friday  
4<sup>th</sup> returning on Tuesday 29th January

### **SJA Social Justice Group** **January brochure**

Copies of the  
brochure are  
Available on the  
table in the foyer.

**AVAILABLE NOW**

## January Baptisms

*We welcome into our community:*  
*Kingsley and Kings-Morgan Onyekaike,*  
*sons of Kingsley and Eustace.*



### Stamps For MSC Missions

there is a box on the table in  
the foyer to deposit used and  
unused stamps for the MSC  
Missions. These will be sent to the MSC  
office in Sydney where they will be sorted  
and sold with the proceeds helping the  
overseas work of the MSC's.



## Archbishops Christmas Appeal 2018

*Thankyou for your generosity of  
\$1213.00 to the Archbishops  
Christmas Appeal.*

## 2019 Calendar

### January

2	Parish Office Reopens
6	The Epiphany of the Lord
9	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
13	The Baptism of the Lord
16	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
22	Women's Breakfast
23	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
25	Anointing of the Sick after 9:30am Mass
28	Australia Day Holiday– Parish Office Closed
30	Over 45's

### February SVdP Doorknock Appeal

2	Presentation of the Lord
4	School Starts
18	Sacrament of Reconciliation Second Formation Evening for Parents
22	Anointing of the sick after 9:30am Mass St John the Apostle Primary School Opening Mass
23/24	Sacrament of Reconciliation Presentation Masses
26	Women's Breakfast
27	Over 45's

### March

1	St John the Apostle Primary School Multicultural Carnivale (fete)
6	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
21	Sacrament of Penance for children
26	Women's Breakfast

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# Reflection

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## Ordinary Revelations

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. The Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

The Magi are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind. When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.

Life itself is the primary divine revelation. God is manifest in the ordinary, in the actual, in the daily, in the now, in the concrete incarnations of life. God's revelations are through the concrete and specific. *God reveals God's self to us through what unfolds as our life, along with every visible thing around us.* These ordinary revelations must be respected and listened to deeply. Our experiences of ordinary life will transform us if we are willing to experience them fully.

Once you can see that God is in the ordinary and that you don't have to climb upward or be pure or perfect to find God, you start honouring God in what Jesus calls "the least of the brothers and sisters" (Matthew 25:40) and in the very common earth beneath our feet.

Our action in the world matters, because it contributes both to the deeper incarnation of God and to the redemptive gathering of the whole world, and not just human souls, into the body of Christ.

Resources used: *Reflection*, Dianne Bergant CSS, *Reflection*, Greg Sunter, *God's Self Revelation*, by Richard Rohr.

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# Heart Spirituality

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## The hidden life of Jesus

From his childhood Our Lord could have made his way in the world; for he had the means to do so; and very serious reasons seemed to make it his duty; but he did not want to.

He preferred to live forgotten, silent, apart; and to do this up to the age of thirty.

Why?

Because he wanted us to appreciate the hidden life and the precious advantages it offers. When we pass our days separated from the hubbub of the world, from the restlessness of people, our soul enjoys a profound peace and tastes ineffable joys that surpass all other feelings.

We are more vigilant over ourselves and more united with God; we appreciate humility more, which becomes easier for us to acquire; and the interior virtues put down deeper roots in us.

Let us thank the divine Heart, if we are called to lead the hidden life; and let us see if we can profit from it for our spiritual growth.

*(Meditations 1, p. 159)*

*Jules Chevalier Issoudun 1891*

**May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!**

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## Stewardship

### Through God's Gifts

All that we are, all that we have, and all that we ever will be is a gift from God. Each of us has been given unique gifts and charisms from God. It is often stated that one who has become successful did it with hard work or through perseverance. While our hard work may be evident, stewardship calls us to acknowledge that this success has been made possible through God's gifts, given generously, not solely because of one's efforts. Everything is a grace and gift from God; even our efforts.

<http://www.stalcron.org.au/our-parish/200-the-call-to-stewardship>



*Let us pray for those who are sick.  
We remember them in our Masses.*

## **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

## **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** *Geoffrey Bogg, Willy Raads, Florence Anthony, Charles Taylor, Kathryn Jones, Therese Markham, Ken Lorroway, Barry Dwyer, Pauline Burt, Cooper McDonald, Jamie Bourke, Mary Gorey, John Burt, Mary Costelloe, Edna Lydon, Terence Martin, Ann Grannall, Caterina Fallace, Phyllis Morrison*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

## **Readings – 13 January 2019**

First Reading Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
Psalm [Ps 103:1-2.3-4.24-25.27-30](#)  
Second Reading Tim. 2:11-14, 3:4-7  
Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

## **PRAYER LIFE**

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation [Library]	Friday 7.30-8.15 pm
Morning Prayer:	Mon, Tues, Fri 9:10am
Stations of the Cross	First Friday Monthly After 9:30am Mass
Children's Mass	Second Sunday monthly 10:00am
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm
Children's Choir	Thursday 4:30 – 5:10pm

## **13 Jan Reading Roster**

6:00pm	Mary French, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Robin Williams, Colleen Reed
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Anna White

## **13 Jan Ministers of Communion**

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh, VACANT
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Francesca Deklin, Sugi Mohanadas
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, John McGee, Rod Gardiner

## **SOCIAL LIFE**

Coffee Club	Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Little Chef Café Belconnen
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

## **13 Jan Hospitality Roster**

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Violet Duve, Jean Tierney
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

## **Weekly Rosters**

Altar Society:	7 Jan	Margaret Ferguson
	12 Jan	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Denis Puniard, John Machin
Grounds:		
Counting:	13 Jan	Group 3
Church Cleaning:	7 Jan	Debbie Milner, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman

**LIBRARY NEWS:** How about checking your shelves over this holiday season to see if you have been hoarding a few parish library books that you could return as a new year resolution?

On a Lighter note

What do you call a fake noodle?

An Impasta.