

The Epiphany of the Lord
5th January 2014



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Let Your Light Shine



An ancient Hasidic tale tells the story of a rabbi quizzing his students. He asked, "How can we determine the hour of dawn, when the night ends and the day begins?" One of the students suggested, "Day begins when, from a distance, you can distinguish between a dog and a sheep." "No", answered the rabbi. Another student asked, "Is it when you can distinguish between a big tree and a grapevine?" Again the answer was "No". "Please tell us the answer then", said the students. "It is", said the rabbi, "when you can look into the face of other human beings and you have enough light *in you* to recognize them as your brothers and sisters. Up until then, it is night and darkness is still with us".

Epiphany reminds us that God's grace and light shines on every human. God has reaffirmed the dignity of humans. While we delight in the birth of the One who has made our darkness light, we also have to admit that the darkness of which the rabbi spoke continues to overshadow many of us and our communities. Redemption has come—and it is still to be enacted.

The mystery Paul was privileged to reveal—that all peoples of the earth are co-heirs, members of the same body and co-partners in the promise of Jesus through the Gospel—has not yet been fully realised among us. As long as there are divisions, as long as there is bias, prejudice and ethnic hatred, we continue to find ourselves in a darkness that longs for the dawn. Therefore, as we celebrate this feast of Epiphany, we are to recognise and realise its challenge: to be living reflections of the light of Christ for all people.

The feast of Epiphany provides us with a lovely tableau of streaming nations, of stars and kings bearing valuable gifts with which to honour Jesus, child of Mary, Son of God. But that tableau can only come to life if each of us reaches out to another and values the other as a beloved child of God and a brother or sister. Every other human too is made in the image and likeness of God.

We need not to travel to faraway places to realise the grace of Epiphany. We need only look to our right and our left, to the neighbour next door or across the street, to our co-worker or our boss, the relative we'd rather avoid or the friend we can't forgive. Every person whom God puts on our path is both a gift and an opportunity—a gift, because they carry within them the precious light of God's love; an opportunity because they enable us to make the challenge of Epiphany real and practical.

Let light shine in every human moment!

WELCOME: Fr. Robert Doohan, who will arrive during the week after a Sydney wedding. He will stay at Mitchelton and move around all our communities in good time. We deliver a **warm** welcome to the Western Hills. Great to have you with us Robert.

On the Road to Kingaroy: I can't believe that two and a half years have flown by so quickly. When I first came to this community, I was hardly ordained a few days and still had my priest P plates (clocked a few miles since then). I did not know what to expect and how I would do....I'm still learning. I am grateful to you all for your wholehearted support, encouragement and for laughing at my jokes!

I am truly grateful to so many kind, generous and wonderful people. My time here has been a blessing and I pray that I have been a good pastor to you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as I leave for my new posting in the South Burnett. Thank you for being a blessing to me in my ministry and may the Lord continue to be with you in wonderful ways.

Happy New Year!

LITURGY TIMES

6th — 12th January

Grovely	St William's
Monday:	9.15am Mass
Wednesday:	7.00pm Mass
Thursday:	9.00am Mass
Friday:	7.00am Mass
Saturday:	7.00am Mass
	11.00am—12 noon Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday:	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	6:30am, 8.00am, 9.30am 5:30pm
Mitchelton	Our Lady of Dolours
Monday:	8.30am Mass
Tuesday:	8.30am Mass
Friday:	8.30am Mass
Saturday:	3.45—4.15pm Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday:	4.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8:00am
Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday:	7.00pm <i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Next Weekend Mass	
Sunday:	8.00am Mass

Readings for this Week
The Epiphany of the Lord (Yr A)
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12
Next Week's Readings
The Baptism of the Lord (Yr A)
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Mt 3:13-17

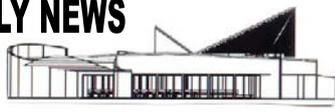


Golden Congratulations:
To Margaret & Pat Nixon who this Saturday (4th) celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Let the bells ring out. Congratulations.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St. William's Church
In recess until January 29th



GROVELY NEWS



The Second Collection amounted to \$6618.20
We thank all who contributed.

Counters this week:
1st Coll: Sue Skehan & Jan Whiteway
2nd Coll: Monica & John Birchley, Lester Whiteway

 **Rosary** will be prayed at the home of Mary Harrison, 9 Grandis Court, Everton Hills at 7pm on Tuesday.

Baptism:
We joyfully announce the baptism of Jonathan Riding, Jai Conquest, William Smith and Clementine Spiller and welcome them into our faith community.
Note: (William Smith will be baptised at 6.30am Mass Sunday.)

Christian Meditation:
Now in recess until recommencing at 7pm on 14th January 2014. All enquiries welcome to Bob O'Neill, 3355 2436.

Grovely Atrium of the Good Shepherd

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WORKING BEE

This Wednesday 8th January

10am

All Welcome



BYO cleaning tools.
Enquiries: Phone Tracie 3355 1665

SAMFORD



The Meditation Prayer Group is in recess until recommencing on Friday 31st January at 9am.

MITCHELTON NEWS



Collections:
1st. Coll. \$ 244.70
2nd Coll. \$1232.50

Counters:
This week: Group G—Rosemary Bieron
Next week: Group H—Barry Giddens

 **Family Rosary:**
This week: Lalie & Mick Bojar
Next week: Maria Smillie

We welcome for extra Masses this weekend: Fr. Stephen Byrnes, Fr. Pat Stratford and Deacon Leo Orreal (Baptism).

Mitchelton - Grovely - Samford

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased:
Mike Collins (*Jan's husband—while in Vanuatu*), Marilyn Bennett (*Pam Collins' sister*), Fr. Pat McHugh, Daphne Trudgian, Phil Wilson, "Girle" O'Sullivan, Midy Giuliani, Pat Meehan, Jeanne Andres (*Kuala Lumpur*), James Collins (*Sydney*), Margaret Roobottom, Patrick Bailey, Rose Lippold.

Anniversaries:
Nathan Quinlan, Bob Stokes, Les Gill, Denis & James Nash, John & James Hogan.

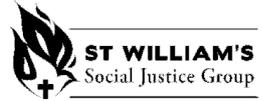
Mike and Jan Collins were on a holiday cruise of the Pacific—stopped at Vanuatu for a visit and Mike was killed in a bus accident on January 1st. Funeral arrangements will be made on Jan's return. Prayers and sympathy to Jan and the Collins' clan in these days, as we too mourn the loss of a fine man of the Parish.

Adult Faith Education



The feast of the Epiphany: It first occurred in the Eastern Church mid 4th century when it celebrated elements of Jesus' birth, the visitation of the Magi, the baptism in the Jordan and the miracle at Cana. It was not a part of the Western Church calendar until the 8th century. Some scholars say that the establishment of the Epiphany as a feast in the Western Church was an attempt to unite the Eastern and Western Churches in a common religious celebration.

The Catholic Leader was not printed this week



By Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Catholic Leader 22.12.2013:

Gift-giving is part of the great tradition of Christmas and there is one gift which costs nothing to buy, the gift of the Eucharist.

Could we give the gift of an invitation by inviting someone who might be on their own or isolated to join us at a Mass at this time of our Christian celebration. We are all looking for peace, joy and justice but the real thing is available at the table of the Lord's feast in the Eucharist. Could we also extend this invitation to that someone to a meal with us in our own home?

REMINDER: OUR CHURCHES WILL BE LOCKED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS