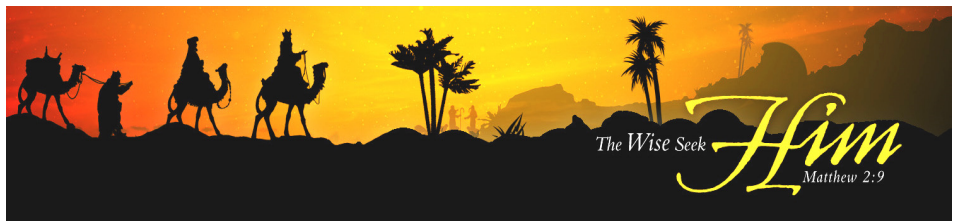


**The Epiphany of the Lord
6th January 2019**



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As we face the New Year, we experience a variety of emotions. Some of us view the New Year with great anticipation, some of us view it with trepidation, while others view the New Year with indifference. What will the New Year bring us? That's a question humanity has been trying to find out since time immemorial. God, in His infinite wisdom, rarely lets us know what the future holds for us as individuals. In many respects, knowing the future would not be a good thing for us to know.

It is so easy to get overwhelmed and despondent by our circumstances or the circumstances of those whom we love. It is easy to get downhearted when our body doesn't work like it used to, our eyes don't see like they used to, our ability to remember things gets weaker, and we are not as nimble or fit as we used to be. There are days when we might want to shout out loud to God "why is this happening to me?"

It is precisely during the times of anxiety, distress, frustration, pain, fear and despair when we must remember that we serve the God of Hope. Christian hope does not mean living in the clouds, dreaming of a better life. To hope is to place our trust in God and to believe that God's desire is for our true happiness and that God is there with us, whatever our situation.

We celebrate today the Epiphany of the Lord, by which we mean the Manifestation of Christ to the World. We commemorate the arrival of the Three Wise Men at the stable in Bethlehem. This encounter does not take place at some later stage in the life of Jesus at a time when he is more able to properly reveal himself to them. But this is not God's way of doing things; his ways are much more mysterious.

The Wise Men were guided by God and led on a journey of faith and brought to belief in Christ. When they finally encounter him they place all they have at his disposal and worship him. They know that they have come to the knowledge of the greatest treasure anyone could possess, belief in Christ – Light of the World, Hope of the World.

Wishing you a Very Happy and Grace filled New Year!

Nigel Sequeira



**A very warm welcome to
Fr. Damien Everitt**

Fr. Damien Everitt will be joining our parish in his role as Associate Pastor this week.

We look forward to having Fr. Damien with us.

LITURGY TIMES

7 January– 13 January

Grovely St William's

Monday 9:15am Mass

Wednesday 7:00pm Mass

Thursday 9:00am *Cancelled*

Friday 7:00am *Cancelled*

Saturday: 7:00am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 6:30am, 8:00am,
9:30am, 5:30pm.

Oxford Park St. Joseph's

Sunday 9:30am Mass

Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours

Monday: 8:30am Mass

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass

10:30am *Anointing Mass
Madonna Villas*

Friday 8:30am Mass

Saturday: 3:45 Reconciliation

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

Samford Sacred Heart

Wednesday 10.00am *Funeral Service for
Michael Curran*

Thursday 6.00pm Mass

Next Weekend Mass

Sunday: 8.00am Mass

Changes to Liturgy Times

Please check the weekday
Liturgy Times carefully.

This Week's Readings Epiphany of the Lord (Yr C)

Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Next Week's Readings The Baptism of the Lord (Yr C)

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

GROVELY NEWS

Counters this week:

Sue Skehan, Jan & Lester Whiteway,
Monica & John Birchley..

Family Rosary:

Rosary will be prayed in the home of
Emma & Amel Girjes at 10 Lapilli St,
Keperra at 7pm on Tuesday.

Baptisms:

We joyfully announce the baptism of
Feena Wilson and welcome her into our
faith community.

GROVELY-SAMFORD & MITCHELTON NEWS

Faithful Departed

Recently:

Michael Curran (*Pat & Lee Curran's Son*)
Gloria Kissane, Kathleen Dawson,
Phyllis Black, Jerry Gomes,
Sylvia Simpson, Catherine Bermingham,
John Coren, Fr William McKeown,
Fr John Dobson, Weeshie Fogarty.

Funeral:

The funeral service for Michael Curran
son of Pat and Lee Curran will be held at
Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 9th
January at 10.00am. Our sympathy and
prayers are with family and friends.

Prayers for the sick

We pray for:

Vincent Arthur, Colyn Bieron,
John Campbell, Maureen Campbell,
Fr David Catterall, Kathleen Edden,
Arthur Fitzgerald, Peter Kennedy,
Jim O'Leary, Lynne Marr, Linda Moffatt,
Margaret Murphy, Ron Needham,
Jen Nilon, Joyce Powell,
Cindy Roberts, Rudi Wagenwood,
John Weier.

PLEASE NOTE: All requests to have a Mass
offered for someone, or newsletter requests
for the name of recently deceased family
members, prayers for the sick and
anniversaries, need to be given to the parish
office in writing. Forms and Mass request
envelopes are available from the sacristy at all
3 churches, or from the Parish
Office. Completed forms/envelopes can be
given to the priest or handed in at the
office. **Please note that names on the sick
list will be removed after 4 weeks.**

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**The Parish
Calendar is
available from
the Parish
Office**

Please call 3355
2667 to arrange
delivery/collection of your group's
copies, advising numbers required.



MITCHELTON NEWS

Family Rosary:

This week: Geng Ablola
Next week: Juliet Blackwell

Counters this week:

Group D - Dermott O'Moore

Counters next week:

Group E - Leo Brown

The statues are being refurbished and
will be returned when completed.

Save the date

*Parishioners who are volunteers
in our many ministries are invited
to a thanksgiving mass and
supper from 6pm on Friday 22
February 2019.*

Epiphany of Our Lord

*"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members
of the same body, and co-partners in the
promise in Christ Jesus through the
Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)*

Today we celebrate that Christ came to
all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has
given each of us unique gifts. We all
have different yet equally valuable roles
to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily
and ask God how He wants you to use
your gifts so that we may all "be one".



During a visit to a mental
asylum, a visitor asked the
director what was the criterion
that defined whether or not a
patient should be institutionalised. "Well"
said the director, "we fill up a bathtub.
Then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and
a bucket to the patient and ask him or
her to empty the bathtub". "Oh, I
understand," said the visitor. "A normal
person would use the bucket because
it's bigger than the spoon or teacup".
"No" said the director, "A normal person
would pull the plug. Do you want a bed
by the wall or near the window?"

The Mitchelton conference of St Vincent de
Paul Society would like to thank all our
parishioners for their generous support
throughout the past year. During 246 visits,
we have assisted some 546 people including
202 children under 16 years of age. Your
valuable support, along with that of the staff
and students of OLD primary school and Mt
Marie college have allowed us to continue
our service to those in need through the
year. Thank you for the support of our
fundraising appeals and events. Thanks to
Fr. Nigel and his staff for their assistance
through the year. We thank Noel and Ann
Stallard for Verse for Vinnies, and Nita Leigh
and her Treble M choir for giving so
generously of their time to raise funds for us.