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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Year C **5th / 6th January 2019**

EXERCISING THE SPIRIT.

January is certainly the month for those interested in keeping fit, with our parks and footpaths full of good-intentioned people compensating for some over indulging at Christmas and New Year. Keeping body and mind fit and healthy is certainly an excellent way of maintaining a positive and energetic approach to the working year and its' uncertain events and opportunities. Are any of your New Year intentions connected to your faith life and our relationship with God or are they simply to do with creature habits that could do with some attention?

If only we applied some of the same care to our spiritual life as we do to our physical life, we really could call ourselves complete people, fully alive. Like all wellbeing, our faith requires discipline and exercise, but for many people, the tasks they set themselves, while well intentioned, are often short-lived and ill prepared.

Keeping ourselves energised spiritually is not simply about "going to Church", which can be an excellent way of feeding our spiritual hunger, but can become mundane and repetitive, if we don't prepare our souls to receive what prayer and the sacraments really offer.

Some preparatory exercises can be as simple as making a list of the people and issues we pray for and asking ourselves why are these people and concerns important to us. Perhaps a hand written note (emails have become too easy and impersonal) to distant family or friends who may be on the "we only see them at weddings and funerals" list. The donation of the cost of a weekly home cooked meal, say \$5, to a charity or worthwhile cause, and then going without that meal as a reminder of our authority to bring about some change in the lives of others. Taking the initiative to greet the stranger, rather than waiting for others to speak to us first.

When prayer gets a little stale or uninspired, then reading the insights of spiritual writers or theologians can head us in exciting and challenging directions, yet undiscovered in our own spiritual journey. Reading and learning about the sacraments and their rich meaning can prepare us to see treasures where we previously saw a bland space. Learning and understanding our faith is not simply something we do at school, and then hope that that should be sufficient to carry us through our life's experiences.

There are hundreds of different ways to shake up and wake up a tired and unmotivated faith life, but they all involve strong intention and a readiness to turn that intention into action. No one gets fit by thinking or talking about exercise. They get up and do it. This is an excellent time for us to start acting on our beliefs not just talking about how some day we must really get into it.

Fr Peter Dillon

READINGS THIS WEEK: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; Titus 2: 11-14, and 3: 4-7; Luke 3: 2-4, 15-16, 21-22.

FEAST DAYS: Mon 7th: St Raymond of Penyafort, priest.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Our Parish Children's Sacramental Team provide workshops to assist in the preparation of children who, with the support of their parents, have discerned that they are ready to receive the sacraments of Confirmation, Holy Communion and Reconciliation (Penance). **Please note that in the Archdiocese of Brisbane Confirmation is celebrated before Holy Communion and that candidates must be 8 years of age or older (in Year 3 or greater) and have previously received the Sacrament of Baptism.**

The journey begins with an introductory parent information session. Preparation for each sacrament includes a number of compulsory and combined, child and parent sessions. It is also expected that children and their families attend weekly mass during the preparation program. The dates for the preparation sessions will be included in our parish newsletters (and our schools' newsletters) in the coming weeks or they can be accessed by contacting our parish office.

2018-2019 Sacramental Program:

(For children who were confirmed in 2018 or earlier)

Sacrament of Holy Communion: Celebration of First Communion: (venue: Sacred Heart Church – special Mass times for First Communicants and their families)

Either: Sunday **26th May 2019** at 11am **Or** Sunday **2nd June 2019** at 11am.

Sacrament of Penance: Celebration First Rite of Reconciliation (venue: Sacred Heart Church) Thursday, **October 24th 2019**, 6:30pm.

2019 - 2020 Sacramental Program:

(For children who have been baptised)

Compulsory Introductory Parent Information Session

Either: Monday **July 22nd 2019**, 7pm **Or:** Tuesday **July 23rd 2019**, 6pm (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Celebration of Confirmation (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Either Friday **23rd August 2019** at 5pm **OR** Friday **23rd August 2019** at 7pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Do you have a young child and attend Sacred Heart Church for 9am Mass on Sunday's? If yes, would you be interested in **becoming a volunteer on roster** to assist with the Children's Liturgy of the Word from 9am to 9.30am in the Parish Hospitality Centre. The children gather in the Church, just after the Entrance Hymn and are taken to the PHC to hear the Word of God broken open so they can understand. We always like to have two adults supervising the children, who return to Mass for the Prayer of the Faithful. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to assist. **5572 5433**.

WHAT A BIG YEAR IT WAS: Sometimes it is helpful to look back over the last year and find out how we spent our time, how we filled in the spaces. You may be interested to know that in our parish in 2018 we:

- Welcomed **260** new Christians through Baptism – **5** as adults.
- Shared First Communion and Confirmation with **240** young people.
- Celebrated the Marriage ceremonies of **17** couples
- Offered over **795** Masses in English and **156** Ethnic Community Masses
- Anointed **194** people during the Sacrament of the Sick in Nursing Homes
- Visited **94** patients in hospitals
- And farewelled **78** people through Christian burial.

No wonder the year seemed to go so quickly.

BAPTISM GUIDELINES: The process follows the Rite of Baptism for Children and the Sacramental Guidelines for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, and is parish based.

The Parish asks that at least **one of your child's parents is a fully initiated Catholic**, and at least **one Godparent is a fully initiated Catholic**. The Godparent cannot be a parent of the child and must be 16 years of age or older and have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The Baptism Preparation Process involves attendance at one compulsory information session. **Parent Information sessions are held on the second Wednesday of every month 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.** (If required, daytime Parent Information Sessions can be arranged.)

The Parish Sacramental Team will outline the theology of Baptism, outline the Baptism ceremony and practicalities, and you are invited to ask any questions you may have regarding Baptism.

For children age 8 to 16 years, an adapted RCIA process is followed with the involvement of parents. Please contact the parish for further information: surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

We invite you to visit our website and complete the online Baptism Registration form and submit. The Baptism Coordinator will then contact you.

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated every Sunday in the **Sacred Heart Church only at 10:30am**. This is a booked Sunday after all the above has been attended to.



CELEBRATIONS IN THE PARISH: The Parish of Surfers Paradise has much pleasure in wishing **JUSTIN KING** a most Happy **90th Birthday** which will be celebrated on **Friday 11th January 2019**. We hope you have a wonderful day Justin.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Eva Malinowski of Palm Beach for the week commencing 7th January.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES & WELCOMERS: Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on **Thursday 7 February 2019 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 25 January 2019.

LIBRARY NEWS: One of the lovely things about the Christmas and Epiphany season in Australia is that we enjoy a (hopefully) long and relaxed holiday. This is the time for reading books!! Make your choices from the Library. On display are some children's Nativity stories, like the enchanting "**The ABC Book of Christmas**", which features colour illustrations from some of Australia's finest artists in this field. You may like to be inspired by "**Christmas Customs and Traditions**", to learn more about what you do. Perhaps you could find a new way to celebrate which would suit your family. Our seasonal **HOT READ** is Mem Fox's classic "**Wombat Divine**". This little book will be sure to delight! Borrowing "4 Ways" is available at your Parish Library.

Happy Christmas and New Year to Everyone.



WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA?

In October 2020 the Catholic Church is gathering to make plans and decisions for the future. Your voice is needed to help create the agenda. What are your experiences of God in your life, your faith and the Church?

Visit www.share-the-story.com for more information and to share your story.

PLANNING A FUNERAL FOR A LOVED ONE: The first contact will be with the **Funeral Director**, (this can happen if death is imminent), who will discuss with you what is required. They will then contact the Parish Office on your behalf and book a day and time suitable for the Funeral service to take place.

There are two types of services that can be arranged; **Requiem Mass** or **Prayers of Christian Farewell**. We then ask for the family or next of kin to contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with the priest who will help you select the prayers, readings, hymns and the order of the service that you require. We are able to provide the Church, Priest, Organist, Singer, Audio Visual Person and Orders of Service if required.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vera McCormick, Nora Carroll, Zbystaw Cieslak, Eileen Ryan, Jack Conway.

ANNIVERSARIES: Tootsie Ware, Ivan Grbcic, Merv Cross, Fr Pat (Doc) Kenny, Padre Franco Di Losa, .

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Michelle MacDonald, Julianne Conway, Matthew Gough, Carl Serafini, John Stowers, Desmond John L'Huillier, Frank Lyons (Syd), Clive Wright, Gareth Aucock, Grazyna Palac, Gus Reeves, James Goodwin, Maria Trosic, Paul Kiely, Savannah Mary Ayoub, Mark Miller, Joan Maher, Cherie Parsons, John & Molly Robinson, Brian Pinard, John Thomas, Joanne Mooney, Maria Vandermost, Jan McArdle, Sr Elvera Sesta, Helen Walker, Ron Perry, Barry Moray, Judy Alexander, Steve Gallagher, Suzanne Galloway, Tamara Davis, Terry King, Terry Cook, Iris Ware, Lucena Liwag, Brandon Watson, Judy Marshall, Patrick Sena, Nathan Young, Claire Keefe, Ralph Grandville, Emidio Restall, Duncan Dawson, Yvonne Lofthouse, Joanne Parks, Mary Kerr.

We ask that you review all names on our Sick List and advise us if we can remove any names.

This list will be reduced by half on a monthly basis. If you wish to remain on the list please advise the Parish Office.

SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB:

We are here, so why aren't you with us?

Enrol now for the 2019 Beginners Bridge Lessons, starting January 2019. Be ready in time to join us on our Bridge Cruise Early 2020. New Players Welcome; you do not need a partner as we can supply one to suit your requirements. **For more information please call Cheryl Simpson on 5538-8821**

menALIVE Scripture Journaling Group gatherings Monday and Thursday mornings from 7 am to 8 am (Monday) or 9 am (Thursday inclusive of Eucharist). For further information contact **Chris Kennedy** at christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au or mobile **0412 270 828** All men of the Parish and visitors are most welcome.



FATIMA DAY at MARIAN VALLEY: On **Sunday 13th January** we will be celebrating Fatima Day at the Marian Valley. The bus will pickup at **Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am**. If sufficient numbers book for pick up at **Palm Beach**, and the bus will also collect passengers at **Nerang Train Station**. The cost for the bus is **\$20 return**. When booking your seat, please verify your point of pickup. To book please call **Paula on 0402 930918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573**.

divinaQYOGA Thursday 6am - Vinyasa Flow. For more information contact divinaQ@wixsite.com/yoga or find us on [Facebook.com/divinaQyoga](https://www.facebook.com/divinaQyoga). \$10 per session.

- ◇ **OVER 50' EXERCISE TO MUSIC: IN RECESS TILL 22 JAN 2019.**
- ◇ **TUESDAY YOGA: IN RECESS TILL 29 JAN 2019.**
- ◇ **BRIDGE MONDAY & WEDNESDAY: IN RECESS TILL 14/16 JAN 2019.**
- ◇ **ZUMBA FRIDAY: IN RECESS TILL 11TH JAN 2019.**
- ◇ **LITTLE KICKERS: IN RECESS TILL 19TH JAN 2019.**
- ◇ **COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ: IN RECESS TILL 28TH JAN 2019**

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7TH JANUARY	8TH JANUARY	9TH JANUARY	10TH JANUARY	11TH JANUARY	12TH JANUARY
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am SACRED HEART Next Anointing Mass Tues 5th February	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9.00am STELLA MARIS	7.00am ST VINCENT'S SACRED HEART 9:00am	RECONCILIATION 4.15-4.45pm STELLA MARIS 5.15-5.45pm ST VINCENT'S 5.00-5.40pm SACRED HEART PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE TIMES TO ALLOW THE PRIEST TO PREPARE FOR MASS.
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES					
	STELLA MARIS CHURCH	Saturday Evening 5.00pm	AND	Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am	
	SACRED HEART CHURCH	Saturday Evening 6.00pm	AND	Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm	
	ST VINCENT'S CHURCH	Saturday Evening 6.00pm	AND	Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am	

MIGRANT COMMUNITIES MASS TIMES & CHAPLAINS :

Polish: Sunday 12 noon Sacred Heart Church

Fr Bernard Bednarz C/- 3252 2200

Italian: Sunday 4:00pm Sacred Heart Church

Fr Angelo Cagna CS 0423 648 736

Pastoral Support and General Information - Connie 5575 8882

Filipino: Next Mass, 2nd February 2019, 12noon at Guardian

Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport. Will continue at Southport each 1st Sunday. MaryAnn Boehme 0416331233

Hispanic: 1st & 3rd Sundays 5—7pm St Vincent's Church

Fr Ignacio Gutierrez 0481118521 e: paterignacio@yahoo.com

Maronite Rite: Saturday 7:15pm Sacred Heart 3394 4994

St Maroun's Church, Brisbane.

ART & CRAFT: Wednesdays 9am-12.30pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre (PHC) **In Recess**

BOOK CLUB: PHC Third Tuesday 12 noon. **In Recess.**

BRIDGE: Monday 12 noon & Wednesday 1pm **in Recess**

CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays 8:30am SH Church

FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 21st February 2019

SPCL: Next 5th February 2019

SENIORS EXERCISE TO MUSIC: 9am Tuesday Casey Hall with Rochelle 0438 333 308 \$7 per session. **In Recess**

YOGA: Each Tues 10:45am \$10/Per Session. **In Recess**

divinaQ YOGA: Thursdays 6am PHC Mob 0435 721 258

ZUMBA GOLD: Fridays 9:15am Casey Hall. Beginners and Intermediate. Susana Mobile: 0421 607 397 **In Recess**

FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

Baptisms: Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 to register your interest.

Marriages: (Min 6mths notice required) Phone 5572 5433

Benediction: 1st Friday 7:30am St Vincent's Church

Care & Concern: Parish Transport to Medical Appts:
Currently in Recess 0474 211 908

Children's Liturgy: Sacred Heart Church: **In recess till 2019**

Christian Meditation: Tuesdays 10am **in Recess till 5/2/2019**
& 6pm (Youth Room) Pam Egtberts 0428 090 703

Couples For Christ Foundation for Family and Life:

Please phone Butch 0424 583 169 or Mini 0424 583 168

Carmelite Spirituality: 3rd Sunday of each month 10:30am PHC
Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Next 17 February 2019.**

Exposition:

St Vincent's Church: **Monday & Friday 6am; Thursday 9:00am**

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays 9:00am; Fridays 7pm-9pm;

1st Fridays 8pm; **Friday 7pm 1st February to 7am Sat 2nd Feb.**

menALIVE Scripture Journaling Groups: Monday 7-8am or
Thursday 7-9am. Contact Chris Kennedy (M) 0412 270 828 or
christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au

Rosary: St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am and

Mondays & Fridays 6:25am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays & Fridays 8:25am before Mass

Stella Maris Church: Wednesdays 8:25am before Mass

Veniré Youth Mass:

CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

FAMILY NAME: _____ OTHER NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW?

Registering in parish Sacrament enquiry Youth Prayer request

Roster availability Other: _____ To commence parish planned giving program

PLEASE PLACE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON THE COLLECTION PLATE, OR CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON 55 725 433 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.