

Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish

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**ONE PARISH
three churches**

Sacred Heart
50 Fairway Drive,
Clear Island Waters

St Vincent's
40 Hamilton Avenue,
Surfers Paradise

Stella Maris
254 Hedges Avenue,
Broadbeach

PASTORAL

Very Reverend
Fr Tim Harris
Parish Priest & Dean
of South Coast Deanery

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MCBS
Associate Pastor

Fr Paul Eloagu
Associate Pastor

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 2ND / 3RD JANUARY 2016

Wise Men
Seek Him Still



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is one of the oldest celebrations in the Christian calendar. "Epiphany" comes from the Greek verb meaning "to reveal", or "to manifest" or "to make known". Thus the solemnity celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi, the Baptism of Jesus and the Miracle at Cana.

For me, the Solemnity is like a "mini Christmas" and a reminder that the season of Christmas is still with us. **Christmas Day itself might be over, but the "after glow" remains because Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour has been "born" into this place and time, ever ready to make our darkness bright and light up the darkest of streets. A Saviour has been born for us and that changes everything.**

2015 has been a tough year as I have already eluded, and who knows what 2016 will bring? Our world is certainly a troubled place. Perhaps it always has been. Even more reason to look for those moments when the Lord does reveal Himself and shine forth.

This weekend, the story of the men from the East, the Magi, were given an opportunity to experience an encounter with the Lord. The star led them to a special place. **In some distant city far from Jerusalem, the Magi saw A LIGHT that led them to THE LIGHT. Yes, the Magi were drawn to the crib. In the process we should powerfully see that God excludes no one. Salvation is available to all those who seek the truth.**

We can say that the Magi were seekers of the truth. For ourselves we may claim we already have the truth from our earliest years and yet could it be that we all need a "Magi" like experience in order to better appreciate the truth that is before us.

If we have found the truth in Jesus Christ then we would offer Christ our gifts of "gold" to his royalty, namely our loyalty and fidelity to him; our gift of frankincense to his divinity, namely our prayer and worship, our gift of myrrh to his humanity, namely our human sufferings and sorrows. **On the other hand, if we have not yet truly found Christ, we should ask: "why?" Has our longing for Christ lost its pull or attraction? "Why?"**

Therefore the Solemnity of the Epiphany offers us a welcome and a challenge. It welcomes us to renew our faith and continue our search for the fullness of Christ. It also challenges us to continue the manifestation of Christ to the world.

In other words, if we have the gift of faith then the Epiphany demands that we stand up for that faith in a world that is very hostile to the message of Christ.

Bearers of the Good News we must become, for "Prophets of Doom" have no place in Christianity. The LIGHT that is Christ shines brightly for all the world to see. This is our gift.

May the Epiphany, now and always, remind us of this gift which like all gifts is meant to be shared, for a world without Christ is not much of a world at all!

God's Abundant Blessings,

Fr Tim Harris, Parish Priest.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am SACRED HEART NEXT ANOINTING MASS 2ND FEBRUARY 2016	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9.00am STELLA MARIS	7am ST VINCENT'S 9am SACRED HEART	<u>RECONCILIATION</u> 4.15pm STELLA MARIS 5.00pm SACRED HEART 5.15pm ST VINCENT'S
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 CHAPLAINS / COMMUNITIES:

Polish: Sunday 11.30am Sacred Heart
Fr Bernard Bednarz 5504 6297
Italian: Sunday 4.00pm Sacred Heart Church
Fr Michele Cagna CS 0432110468—Pastoral Support Felicia 5571 0858.
Filipino: 1st Sunday 1.00pm Sacred Heart
Fr Terence Nueva 3277 2252
Hispanic: 1st & 3rd Sundays 5—7pm St Vincent's
Fr Ignacio Gutierrez 0481 118 521
Email: paterignacio@yahoo.com
Maronite Rite: Saturday 7.15pm Sacred Heart
Phone: 3394 4994 St Maroun's Church, Brisbane.

Art & Craft: Wednesday 9am-12.30pm. In recess till 27 Jan
Book Club: 3rd Tues 12noon. In recess till 2016
Bridge: Monday 12.30pm. PHC In recess till 11 Jan 2016
SPCL: Meeting 1.00pm 1st Tue. Hospitality Centre Feb '16
Friendship Day 3rd Thurs 10am-1.30pm PH: 5562 1260
Playgroup: Wednesdays 9.30am Casey Hall, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters - Sarah 0410 701 515
Playgroup is Volunteer Based— Each parent needs to sign an attendee sheet at each session.

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office 5572 5433
Benediction: 1st Friday 7.30am St Vincent's Church, Surfers Paradise
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Held 2nd Sunday of each Month @ 8.30am Mass Stella Maris Church. **In Recess until New School Term commences. 9am** Mass Sacred Heart Church. **This is the last Sunday for 2015.**
Christian Meditation: Tuesday 10am (Youth Room) - **In Recess till 2 Feb 2016** Pam Egberts 0428090703 Tuesday 6pm (Youth Room) Continuing
CFC Australia: 1st Sunday—Phone Butch & Mini 0424 583 168/9
Exposition: Monday & Friday 6am St Vincent's Church, Surfers Paradise
Tuesday 9.30am Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters
Thursday 9.45am St Vincent's Church, Surfers Paradise
Friday 7pm Sacred Heart Church, (1st Friday 7pm to 7am)
Carmelite Spirituality: Will be 3rd Sunday in 2016. Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575.
Rosary: Sunday 7.15am St Vincent's Church
Monday & Friday 6.25am St Vincent's Church
Tuesday & Friday 8.25am Sacred Heart Church, before Mass
Wednesday 8.25am Stella Maris Church, before 9.00am Mass

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joyce Maiorana, Jaafar, Linda Bodey (Melb), Michael Jeff Doyle, Angela Ferguson, Denise Jean King (UK), Maureen Fitzgerald, Buesel, Susie Khahil, Sammy Ayoub, Tracey, Michelle Pritchard, Rosaria Carolyn Taffe, Baby Ada Teresa Frank Kelly, Mitch Edwards, Michael Zammitt, Ron Perry, Patrick Cannard, Bradshaw, Margaret Pallier, Elayne Kearney, Diane Sullivan, John Anthony, Paul Kiely, Rose Crane, Mary Carniel, Toomey, Calvin Netto, Steve Tan, Lyndi Kovacevich, Amalia Adriano, Baby Charlie Francis, Pat Lazaro, Carmen Lunney (USA), Michael Shapiro, Connor Cosgrave, Nogi Davies, Kaylene Swan, Peter Verhaze, Pepita Calisanga Bantilan, Pautila de Souza Lopes Gomes, Peter Schreck, (Capetown), Isobel Corvesor, June Carnovale, John Spackman, Anne Margaret Webber, Ricardo Pereira, Warren Potter, Sheryl Abrahams, Susan Weston, Douglas Bateman (Syd), Valda Richmond, Eleanor B Nascimento, Mary Martin, Trish Heffernan, Yvonne Coy, Mary Fraser, Danny Osmund, Lofthouse, Ken Fredericks, Kaori Rodda, Marlise England, Stephen Zannett, Baby (Japan), Kellie Duncan, Sage Amor Eva Cassidy Abad, G. Nicholas, Bruno (Canada), Jenny Buckley, Damian Andreetta, Julieta Alvero, Margie Normile, Brian Ellsmore, Ray Dunn, Savage, Joanne Burge, Shirley Day, Leo Eden McNamara, Denise Darwin (Syd), Domingo, Bernie Wall, Rosalia Roque, Tilda Liappas (Greece), John Ashby, Josephine Maybury, Monica Clifford, Theo Farr, Frank Foslen, Betty-Anne Clare Martin, Gerrard Theron, Mary Hillesheim, Tracey Burgess, Alfia Kerr, William Sheehan, Kate Needham Harrop, Emile Van Deurse, Ron Barbara & Mike Farrell, Justin King, Mooney, Monica Bailey, Alan Wilson, Anna Wheeler, Emma Winks, Una Peter Townsend, Zenaida Osborne, Parkinson, Nathan Clarke, Pat Burton, Percy Jordan (Melb.) Earl Brierty, Gus Reeves, Annette Anning, Margaret Miller (NZ),

CONTACT FORM:

Family Name: _____
Other Names: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____
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 PRAYER REQUEST ROSTER AVAILABILITY
 OTHER: _____
 to commence Parish Planned Giving Program

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