



Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

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Our Parish Churches

St Joseph's Church
Bryant St, Pialba

St Patrick's Church
82 William St, Howard

Mass Centre

St Peter the Fisherman
Burrum Heads Rd
Burrum Heads

Parish Priest
Fr Regimon Gervasis MCBS

Parish Staff

Carlie McGeechan
Parish Secretary

Mary Kirkpatrick
Finance Secretary

Laraine Reardon
Edie Scharma
Parish Assistants

Schools

Star of the Sea School
33-35 Hughes Rd
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
PH: 4125 1220

Principal: Nathan Wilson

Outside School Hours Care

Star of the Sea School
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
PH: 4125 6051

Childcare (6wks – 5yrs)
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
PH: 4194 6155

Xavier Catholic College

Eli Waters, Hervey Bay
PH: 4197 1177

Principal: Simon Dash

Welfare Groups

St Vincent De Paul:
4194 0861

Centacare:
4194 0172

5th / 6th January 2019

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

It is interesting to note what Wikipedia, the most sought –after-reference- website, An epiphany is an experience of sudden and striking insight and realization. As it had happened with Sir Isaac Newton. Formerly unexplained, a falling apple made him realize that everything falls down because of the gravitational force of the earth. Thus, epiphany is a situation in which an enlightening realization allows a situation to be understood from a new and deeper perspective.

The magi sharp in their observation could not take away their attention from a particular star in the story which appears, disappears, leads and then stands over a house. They watched, followed and dare to be guided by the star. And here happens the miracle of epiphany.

A fragile babe in a manger born to an ordinary couple is the focus of attention of the most known wise men of the time. They bent their knees in reverence and they did undo the treasure chest they have been carrying for a while and offer to him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Thus, they had that enlightening realization of Epiphany; God became man and dwelt among us.

The Letter to the Ephesians, states that this experience of God is for all. That is simply a way of stating that God's salvation is for all. Everyone is invited to share the salvation given to us by God by believing in him.

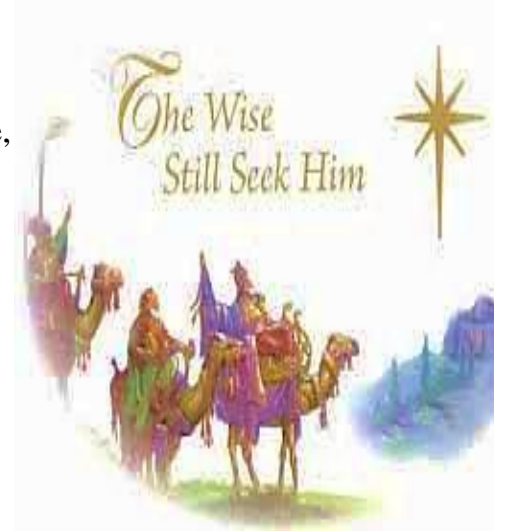
The challenge of epiphany is the experience which reveals to us that God exists and God seeks us actively to draw us into divinity. In the celebration of Epiphany, we rejoice that Christ is born, King of all who seek salvation.

The Magi searched for God and when they found him, they gave whatever they had. After meeting God, they went back choosing a different way.

The feast of epiphany strengthens our hope to have the experience of meeting God in our lives. Once we have this experience of Epiphany, we can't but surrender everything to God, our time, our abilities and even our sorrows and worries.

We need epiphanies. Let us open our eyes and ears and all the more our hearts to witness and become part of that epiphany. A moment of ignorance and we may miss it badly. We need epiphanies so that there shall be peace, love and courage abound in this new year.

The Epiphany of the Lord



Lord's abundant blessings, Fr. Regi

PARISH WORSHIP 7th to 13th January 2019

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH [Pialba]

The Celebration of the Mass

Monday	9.30am Anointing Mass
Wednesday	5.30pm
Thursday	8am
Friday	8am

Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday	8am
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Weekend Mass

Saturday	6pm
Sunday	7am and 9am

The Sacrament of Penance at St Joseph's Church

Saturday 5pm or by appointment

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH [Howard]

The Celebration of the Mass

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month 5pm

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 5pm

ST PETER THE FISHERMAN

[Burrum Heads]

The Celebration of the Mass

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 5pm

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month 9am

Ecumenical Services 5th Sunday of the month

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading: Prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

ANOINTING MASS

We celebrate an Anointing Mass on **Monday the 7th January at 9.30am** followed by morning tea in the John Paul Centre. Please bring a plate to share.

There will be no 8am Mass on Monday



PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

29th / 30th December

First Collection \$1,903.45

Second Collection \$1,535.55

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Hospital Minister on Duty
7th January – 13th January 2019

Gavin Keleher

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Benji Fisher (UK), Petra Flinner, Alex Holmes, Betty Lever

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED:

Recently Deceased: Ignasia de la Cruz

Anniversary: Barry Foley, Catherine & Emmanuel Zammit

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD!

To protect your privacy, we are required by the National Privacy Act Australia to collect a written prayer intention form. Mass Intention Envelopes are available from the Parish Office, Piety Stall and at both Entrances.

ARE YOU LOOKING TO FILL YOUR DAY

Volunteers needed for hospitality, readers, communion ministers, music and church decorating – we are in great need of extra helpers. If you have spare time and would love to join in we would love to welcome you.

We also have many activities and groups in our Parish who are looking for new members to join.

Please contact the Office on 4124 3334 and enquire today

JANUARY ROSTERS

Now available in the vestry, the website:

www.herveybaycatholic.com.au or have been emailed to you. We will no longer print ministers contact details on the rosters. Please plan ahead by asking someone at Mass to fill in for you. For roster purposes please let the office know by the 3rd Sunday of the previous month if you are unable to attend a Mass.

Please let the office know your email address to have the roster sent to you each month.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please check the daily liturgical celebrations notice on the notice board in front of the church each week. Keeps you informed about upcoming Masses and Liturgy changes and other upcoming events.

2019 PARISH CALENDAR All Parish Group Leaders are asked to please send their 2019 meeting and events dates to the Parish Office.

PLANNED GIVING BY E-GIVING

Any parishioner who gives to the planned giving by either Credit Card or Direct Debit, please remember to contact the Parish Office if you have a new card or expiry date. If you wish to start planned giving please contact the office.

CATHOLIC LEADER The next edition will be on sale Sunday 13th January 2019.

PARISH GROUPS	Next Meeting:	Time	Place
Pilgrim Statue of Fatima	TBA	TBA	TBA
Parish Craft Group	Monday 7 th January	1-3pm	John Paul Centre
St Vincent De Paul Society	Monday 7 th January	3.30pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Faith Education "Reaching for God's Light"	Tuesday 8 th January	8.30am	Mary MacKillop Library
Charismatic Prayer Group	TBA	6pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Scripture Group	TBA	TBA	TBA
Catholic Women's League	Thursday 7 th February	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
Cenacle of Prayer "Messages for our Lady"	Friday 11 th January	8.30am	Mary MacKillop Library
Legion of Mary	Saturday 3 rd February	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
El Shaddai	Saturday 5 th January	1-4pm	John Paul Centre
Ministry of Consolation	Monday 4 th February	7pm	Sr Scholly Hall

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Hervey Bay

Please support the needy by placing any non-perishable food items in the baskets at the front doors of the Church. Christmas Appeal envelopes are still available at both entrances. *Thank you*

PARISH PIETY STALL

Please come in and look around, we have 2019 Calendars still available as well as Adult & Children Bibles, Rosary Beads and cards for all occasions. The shop is open before and after each Mass every weekend. **Sorry no EFTPOS available.**

CLEANER WANTED

We are looking for a cleaner for 5 hours per week split over 2 days being Monday and Friday. If you have experience or know anyone with experience please come in or contact the Parish Office on phone 4124 3334 or email your contact details and brief work history to herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION – Volunteers Needed

Religious Instruction volunteers are urgently needed for 2019. Weekly 30 minute RI classes are currently offered at 6 state primary schools in our area. Training and lesson material provided. Further information contact the RI Coordinator Julie Terry on 0428 289 213

PLEASE NOTE: Please feel free to bring a water bottle with you to Church especially during these hot months. Please remember to take all your belongings and any rubbish with you. Bins can be found near the John Paul Centre Hall. We also ask that **no food** be brought into the church

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There is a white SS Commodore parked in our top car park since Thursday 27th December; if this belongs to you or someone you know could you please remove it or we will have to have it towed at your cost.

LOST PROPERTY Our lost property box is again overflowing. Please check the box (*located in the Vestry*) before leaving Mass today.

GOD'S WORD 2019 contains the liturgical information of the day, the daily readings, responsorial Psalm and reflection on the daily readings. **Available from the Piety Stall and the Parish Office for only \$12.**

ADVENT BOOKS Daily reflections for Advent and the Christmas Season available from the Piety Stall or the Parish Office at a cost of **\$5 each.**

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?**

