

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Weekend of 6/7 January 2024

First Reading: Is 60: 1-6 Second Reading: Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6 Gospel: Mt 2: 1-12

Embracing the faith communities of St Mary's Buderim, St Peter's Coolum,  
Stella Maris Maroochydore and St Catherine of Siena, Sippy Downs.

## STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC PARISH

### MARK THE DOORPOSTS

Having blessed the chalk at Mass, take some chalk home with you to bless your house for the coming year. Follow this simple prayer to be said as a family.

**(Gather at the entrance doorway of your home)**

Leader: Peace be upon this house and all of us who live here. **People: Amen**

*Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11*

The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking: *Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.* When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage.

The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**(As you say each part of the prayer write each element. Say the black, write the blue)**

Leader: The three wise men

Caspar

Melchior

Balthasar

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Followed the light of the star to find Jesus, the Son of God who came to live among us

Two thousand

And twenty-four years ago

May Christ Bless our home today and

Remain with us throughout the year

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Let us pray.

God of mercy, fill our home with the light and love of Christ  
that it may be a place of hospitality and welcome.

May Christ be our shelter when we are at home,

our companion when we are away,

and our welcome guest when we return,

Through Christ our Lord. **People: Amen**

Let us bless the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

*Ordo 2024*

#### At Your Service

Fr Peter Brannelly

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## INFANT BAPTISM

The next Baptismal Preparation meeting will be on Thursday 11th of January at 6.00pm, at Stella Maris Church. At this short meeting we explain the significance of the symbols used in the sacrament, answer any questions and complete relevant paperwork. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

## DATES FOR 2024

As the New Year begins, we invite parents and families who are interested in their children receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion to visit our Parish website and mark the dates for the events on the Calendar. Simply follow the links to either Confirmation or First Holy Communion on the Parish website where the dates for 2024 are displayed. We look forward to celebrating these dates with you in the coming year.

## MINISTRY DRIVE

Your parish family is looking for volunteers for the ministries listed below. Volunteers are not just the mortar that holds our parish together but it is a practical and rewarding way of living out our faith. Already, we are blessed as a community to have so many generous people who, quietly behind the scenes, do so much to enrich and sustain our parish. On Saturday 20th of January you are invited to consider adding your gifts and energy to the life of our parish by being a part of one or more of the following ministries. No previous experience is necessary. You will always be part of a team and all the resources are provided and, where necessary, training will be provided. Ultimately, being a volunteer is a great way to serve God and the people of God.

So don't be shy, we need you!

These are some of the ways you can volunteer

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|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| -Baptism Support Group | -Communion Minister  | -Children's Church |
| -Liturgy of the Word   | -Grief Support Group | -Music Ministry    |
| -Hospitality           | -Funeral Hospitality | -Welcoming Group   |
| -Church Cleaning Group |                      |                    |

## WHAT'S NET MINISTRIES?

You may have heard that we're getting a NET Team in February, but what is a NET Team? NET stands for National Evangelisation Teams, and they are an organisation focused on peer-to-peer ministry. Our NET Team will spend a lot of their time in the Parish schools encouraging and connecting with our young people. The main mission of NET is to help young people encounter and develop a personal relationship with Jesus. If you would like to learn more about how they've impacted local areas over the years, log onto their website

<https://netministries.com.au/>

## NEW TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD?

We live in an extremely mobile society, and especially here on the Sunshine Coast there are always people coming and going. If you are new to our Parish, or if you are reconnecting with the Church, we would love to welcome you more formally to our Parish Family. You will find "welcome packs" at the entrance of our churches, and if you complete and return the forms we will be in contact with you. Once again, *welcome*.

## ORDINARY TIME

This coming week, we begin Ordinary Time. The title *Ordinary Time* is a bit misleading. Many people think Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Actually, Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered.

The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church - the period in which we live our lives either in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. *Nothing ordinary about that!*

So we set off on this journey which will only be interrupted by Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday, falling on February 14 this year.

## The Week Ahead

*We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which our communities celebrate liturgies and live out our faith.*

*We pay respects to leaders past, present and emerging. May their example of stewardship be reflected in our lives.*

### Monday, 8 January

- ◆ Adoration (4.30pm, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5.30pm, Stella Maris Church)

### Tuesday, 9 January

- ◆ **Mass** (9.00am, Stella Maris School Chapel)

### Wednesday, 10 January

- ◆ **Mass** (7am, St Mary's, Buderim Mass)
- ◆ **Mass** (9am, St Catherine of Siena Church)

### Thursday, 11 January

- ◆ **Mass** (8.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ 2pm Rosary & Divine Mercy (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptism Preparation for infants and young children (6pm, Stella Maris Church)

### Friday, 12 January

- ◆ **Mass** (9am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ Community Meal for the Homeless, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged (6pm, Stella Maris)

### Saturday, 13 January

- ◆ Reconciliation 8.30am to 9.30am (Stella Maris)
- ◆ Baptism of Jordan Roberts, Zane Hourigan, and Spencer Richardson-Stoddart.
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (4.30pm, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Vigil Mass** (6.00pm, Stella Maris Church)

### Sunday, 14 January

#### 2nd Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

- ◆ **Mass** (6.30am, Stella Maris Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (7.30am, St Peter's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (8am, St Catherine of Siena Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9am Stella Maris Church including Children's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (9.30am, St Mary's Church)
- ◆ **Mass** (5pm, Stella Maris Church)

*Gluten-free hosts are available.*

*To arrange, simply contact the sacristan or coordinator before Mass. The priest will always distribute the gluten free host at communion.*

## FAREWELL FR WILL

On the weekend of the 20/21 of January, we will farewell Fr Will as he prepares for his new Parish in South Brisbane. Parishioners are welcome to join us after the 9am Mass on Sunday 21st of January for a simple Sausage Sizzle. If you would like to present a gift to Fr Will, simply place an envelope with his name on it in the Collection basket over the coming weekends.

## Celebrating and Remembering

We welcome into God's Family, the Church, **Benjamin McEvoy, Charlie McEvoy, Genevieve Gower, Jack Jones, Macey McGough and Poppy Byrnes** who will be Baptised this weekend in our Parish. We prayerfully remember all those who have died. May the souls of all our departed priests, religious, parishioners and family members, through the rich mercy of God,

**Rest in Peace.**