



## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

Calamvale, Kuraby, Macgregor, Parkinson, Robertson, Runcorn, Stretton, Sunnybank, Sunnybank Hills

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### Monday 8th January

*The Baptism of the Lord*

8.15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am **Mass**

### Tuesday 9th January

8.15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am **Mass**

### Wednesday 10th January

8.15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am **Mass**  
9.00am Rosary

### Thursday 11th January

8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am **Mass**

### Friday 12th January

8:15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am **Mass**  
9.00am Adoration  
10.00am Legion of Mary

### Saturday 13th January

11.00am Reconciliation  
5.00pm Reconciliation  
6.00pm **Mass**

### Sunday 14th January

*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6.30am **Mass**  
8.00am **Mass**  
9.15am **Mass**  
10.30am **Mass**  
6.00pm **Mass (Youth)**



*Adoración de los Magos* by Antonio González Velázquez, c. 1740-60. Brooklyn Museum

## The Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday 7th January 2024

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**, the **mystery of the manifestation of the Lord to all nations**, represented by the wise men. They came from the East to worship the King of the Jews.



**The path followed by the wise men reflects the path** that the pagans took to find Jesus. Paying attention to the signs of the star, they realize that **Jesus is the light that brings salvation**, and they set out on their way to find Him.

They saw the star, left everything, risked everything and set out in search of Jesus. In this sense, we can say that **the wise men represent men and women from all over the world who go to meet Christ**.

**Christ is the light lit in the night of the world and attracts all the people of the earth to himself**. This "light" incarnated in our history, illuminated the paths of men and women, led them to find salvation, definitive life.

The star went ahead of them, stopping at the place where the Boy was. The wise men saw the boy and worshiped him. **The child they discover is king, so they offer him gold; the child they discover is God, so they burn incense; the child they discover will experience death before being resurrected, so they present myrrh**. Gifts symbolize true worship.

**The meeting becomes worship; an act of faith and love that recognizes in Jesus the Son of God made man**. They perceive in this Child something so profound that they empty themselves and fill themselves with the new Light. They recognized the newborn Christ as the King of the Jews, but also the King of all nations.

The wise men returned by another route. **This change of path may symbolize the conversion of those who encountered Jesus**. When we encounter Christ and welcome his Gospel, life changes and **we are encouraged to communicate our experience to others**.

They chose the Child as their king and were transformed by their encounter with the Truth; **they discovered a new face of God, a new royalty: the royalty of love. A new path begins for them, an inner pilgrimage that changes their entire life**. Christ also invites us to this interior pilgrimage.

**The wise men who came from the East are just the first in a long procession of men and women who in their lives constantly looked for the star of God**, who looked for that God who is close to us, human beings, and shows us the way. It is the great multitude of saints, through whom the Lord, throughout history, has opened the Gospel before us.

**May we imitate the wise men and walk the Lord's path with decision**. And just as the star was at the service of the Magi, may we also be at the service of our brothers and sisters, pointing them to Christ the Lord.

**God Bless,**

Fr Francisco Evangelista

**Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19**

**1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20**

**John 1:35-42**



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### Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: Enid Ellis, Ugochukwu Osuagwu, Monica Wong, Ester Martinez

those with anniversaries & others who have died: Catherine Miller, Michael Woods

those who are unwell: Barbara O'Neill, Michael Jung, Jefferson Botero, Marie Hutchinson, Armel Bolivar, Esmeralda Berrios, Adrianna Torres



### The Epiphany of the Lord (Year B)

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6** The light of God removes all darkness. The reading speaks of a manifestation of this light so radiant and so full of hope that the whole world would be drawn to the Lord in praise and reverence.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6** The revelation of God's grace is one destined for all. First coming to a chosen people, through Jesus Christ and now all are invited to share in this God's favour.

**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12** The scene from Matthew depicts the coming of men from foreign lands seeking a new 'king of the Jews'. Their journey takes them to King Herod who, fearing a loss of his earthly kingship, begins to act out against God's very promise of salvation.

Tedesco, Joe. "Epiphany - 7 January 2024." Pastoral Liturgy 54, no. 1 (2023): 1-5.

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - JANUARY 2024

#### For The Gift of Diversity In The Church



*Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.*

### LEGION OF MARY



You are invited to join the Legion of Mary on Fridays at 10am in the Media Room.

Let's serve God through Mary!

### PARISH LIBRARY: OPEN HOURS

In addition to opening once a month on a Sunday morning, the Library will be open from **10 to 11:30 am each Wednesday**, until further notice.

The Library is in the Media Room next to the church. We have well over 1000 books, and our on-line catalogue can be accessed through Our Lady of Lourdes website:

- ⇒ menu
- ⇒ contacts & links
- ⇒ forms & downloads
- ⇒ parish library listing



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT...

...is held on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to spend a few minutes or the whole Holy Hour in the presence of the Lord.



### TWO MINUTE HOMILIES & REFLECTIONS

This week, **Fr Adrian Sharp** from the Brisbane Oratory in Formation at Annerley gives the homily for the Baptism of the Lord (Monday, 8th January).

*"In the waters of baptism our old way of life of sin is put to death. And we emerge from the baptismal waters, washed, to a new life, in which we put on the life of Christ."*

Two Minute Homilies and Reflections can be viewed on the Archdiocese of Brisbane YouTube channel or go to:

[brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies-and-reflections/](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies-and-reflections/)

### PARISH NEWSLETTER:

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**The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.**

