

Cleaning & Flower Rosters for Next Week

12.01.2020



Flowers
Noela Leituala



Cleaning
Cynthia Castillo

Registering as a Volunteer

All Mass volunteers will need to be registered with the Archdiocese of Brisbane as a Volunteer prior to any volunteering duties can be carried out. The registration process can extend to either a Blue Card application and/or Police Check. To get more information and details about the new online registration process, please come up to the Parish Office if you are interested in helping out.

Lenten Program– 2020

Anyone wishing to register their name for a Lenten Program for Easter 2020 (starting from Ash Wednesday 26th February till Easter 12th April 2020), Please contact the Parish Office.

Prayer for the Sick



Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj, Gladys Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Blake Dufty, Amanda Harding, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Marie Bonne, Maureen McCallion, Phil O'Dwyer.

Anniversaries

6th January - 12th January

Henryk Rudak, Bridget McKelvey, Mary Fryars, Dorrie Hall, John Uttley, Leonard Galligan, William Gee, John Joseph Eustace.

Recently Deceased

Theresa Sears, Taulapapa.

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5th January 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

Consultation



The Magi set out in search of the new born king, and when they found him, they fell to their knees, and paid him fitting homage. Bending one's knees is the sign of love and service. It is not just the knees, but the whole person: mind and heart and soul.

Kneeling in front of a person means to show the utmost respect; kneeling in front of the baby, laid in the manger, is much more than showing respect, but it is a sign of worshipping with love. The Magi went in search for The Light, and after many difficulties and struggles, they found The Light.

The journey in search for The Light reminds us, that a human life is a journey. Our faith in God is also a journey. The goal of our faith is clear: love God and love our neighbours, and the destination of our faith is in God's kingdom. The roads to achieve our goal, God leaves open for each individual, out of our own free will, to work it out. Every journey needs a road map. The Magi chose the good and reliable road map, that led them to worship The Light; while Herod and his team followed their own free will, that led to the destruction of their very own lives and the lives of others. A life journey has many dilemmas and we need to make choices. Good choices give life and peace; bad choices lead to gloom and doom.

Those who follow the way of The Light will meet The Light. They will enjoy God's love, and live life to the full. Following The Light has obstacles. The Magi encountered them when they consulted the human way, Herod. The light of the star to show their way disappeared. They found the star again when they left



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Herod's palace, and returned to God's way. When Herod heard about the new born king, who was born in his jurisdiction; instead of rejoicing and being glad; Herod worried about the safety of his throne. To secure his throne, Herod ordered his soldiers to kill all male children two years old and under, reckoning from the date he met the Magi. This murderous Act led him to enter deeper into the power of darkness. The Magi, on the other hand, got out of the darkness of power and ambition. They again found the light of the Star. Following the Star they found the great Light, and their hearts filled with joy.

The modern day promotes better appearance of human images. This road makes life more competitive based on our physical beauty, and lose its inner life simplicity. We need to love true beauty, which is from within. The Light at the manger offers us the true path of life. Those who cherish it will enjoy a life of peace. When our earthly life ends, The Light will embrace us. Contrary to that path, is the path Herod and his advisors pursued. The Magi told us, that God's path is different from the world's. God manifests in a humble life. God shows great love in tenderness, care and sincerity. God shows greatness in simplicity. God's greatness does not display in splendour and power but in simplicity, and the power of the cross.

Vudinh Tuong.

Merry Christmas



The Parish staff and I would like to wish you all a most Blessed Holy Christmas.

May this Christmas bring you the message of peace and repose.

Merry Christmas and a safe and joyful New Year.

Fr Tuong & Michelle

Used Nativity Cards

We need used cards with the Nativity scene to give to our children in the State Schools religious instruction. This last year all our appropriate 700 children received a card with the true meaning of Christmas.

Please place in the box near the Angel. Thanks you once again

Christine Hodgkinson

Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna



The next Baptism will be held on 19th January 2020.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Home Visit

Anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office and a visit can be arranged.



Loop System

The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

Sunday Mass

5th	Jan -	Sun	-	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
6th	Jan -	Mon	-		No Mass
7th	Jan -	Tues	-	9.00am	Mass
8th	Jan -	Wed	-	9.00am	Mass
9th	Jan -	Thurs	-	9.00am	Mass
10th	Jan -	Fri	-	9.00am	Mass

Saturday Mass

11th	Jan -	Sat	-	5.00pm	Mas Reconciliation till 4.30pm
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Sunday Mass

12th	Jan -	Sun	-	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
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Baptism of the Lord 12th January

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

