



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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The Epiphany of the Lord

Year A

January 7th/8th, 2023

Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) was born on 16 April 1927 in Marktl am Inn, Germany. His father, a police officer, came from a traditional family of farmers from Lower Bavaria. He spent his adolescent years in Traunstein, a small town on the Austrian border. His faith and family upbringing prepared him for the harsh experience of the problems connected with the Nazi regime; he even remembers seeing his parish priest being beaten by Nazis before celebrating Holy Mass, and was well aware of the fiercely hostile atmosphere to the Catholic Church that existed in Germany at the time.

From 1946 to 1951, he studied philosophy and theology at the University of Munich. Together with his brother Georg, he was ordained a priest on 29 June 1951 in the Cathedral at Freising. In 1953 Fr Ratzinger obtained a doctorate in theology with a thesis entitled: "The People and House of God in St Augustine's doctrine of the Church". Four years later, he qualified as a university professor. He then taught dogma and fundamental theology at the higher school of philosophy and theology of Freising; then in Bonn from 1959 to 1969; in Münster from 1963 to 1966; and in Tübingen from 1966 to 1969. Beginning in 1969, he was a professor of dogmatic theology and of the history of dogma at the University of Regensburg, where he eventually became Dean and Vice-Rector.

From 1962 to 1965 he was present during all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council as a chief theological advisor to the Archbishop of Cologne, Cardinal Josef Frings. On 24 March 1977, Pope Paul VI appointed him Archbishop of München und Freising (Munich and Freising).

On 25 November 1981 he was appointed by Pope John Paul II as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. He also became President of the Biblical Commission and of the Pontifical International Theological Commission. His role as President of the Commission for Drafting the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the six years of intense work (1986-92) behind its preparation are one of his many outstanding achievements. On 6 November 1998, he was appointed Vice-Dean of the College of Cardinals; on 30 November 2002, the Holy Father approved his election, by the order of Cardinal Bishops, as Dean of the College of Cardinals.

As Dean of the College of Cardinals he presided over the College's deliberations during the Vacancy of the Holy See following the death of Pope John Paul II on 2 April 2005. On Friday, 8 April, Cardinal Ratzinger presided at Holy Mass in St Peter's Square for the funeral of Pope John Paul II. On Tuesday, 19 April, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected the 265th Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, selecting the name Benedict XVI.

From 19 April 2005 until his resignation on 28 February 2013, he was the pope, the Bishop of Rome. He was the first pope to resign in 700 years and has since lived quietly in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery within the Vatican.

For all its profusion, Ratzinger's theology has a dazzling simplicity at its heart: a vision of Jesus Christ crucified and risen as the only answer to humanity's deepest questions and the only saviour of the world. This is why he was, for all their differences, very much attuned to Pope John Paul II, and why it was no surprise to learn that his last words were, "Jesus, I love you". May he rest in peace.

Readings: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

1st Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.
Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.
Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.
At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Parish Diary

Monday, January 9th

The Baptism of the Lord

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, January 11th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, January 12th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, January 13th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, January 14th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 14th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, January 15th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Like the Magi, may we
also journey and be
attentive, untiring
and courageous on
the path to find the
invisible God who was
born among us.
- Pope Francis

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember George Zangerle. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Burke family as they celebrate the baptism of Kian and Matilda in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Alison's team

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality after the 6:00pm mass at St Joachim's next weekend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, January 10th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

GOD'S WORD 2023

Last of God's Word are available in the churches. Cost \$15

FR JOE THOTTANKARA VISIT

Fr Joe is currently visiting the area and is going to preside at the 6:00pm mass next Saturday, January 14th. Unfortunately, he is unable to be present at any of the Sunday masses. If you would like to catch up with Fr Joe you can do so at this mass and afterwards at our regular hospitality.

PARISH OFFICE NEWS

I would like to advise parishioners that Adrian Prendergast has resigned his position of Office Coordinator effective immediately to take another position elsewhere. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and gratitude to Adrian for his support during his time with the parish.

We will be advertising in the coming weeks to fill the position.

We invite you to share your thoughts on how you access Catholic content in our survey.



"The Archdiocese would appreciate your feedback by completing this short survey about how you access Catholic content. Your answers to the survey will help the Archdiocese do a better job of connecting you with the content you would like to see more of." Please click on the following link: <http://bit.ly/3VHEkcl>

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS

Recently Evangelisation Brisbane launched the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation and the four core modules, Catholic Foundations.

These core modules are designed to provide formation for all Catholics.

The experience of these modules will engage both the head and the heart, so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. Each module includes 10 sessions supported with individual reflection and an Archdiocesan Certificate awarded for completion.

For full details click on the following link: https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/accf/?mc_cid=b5c8

HARVEST JOURNEYS

TASMANIAN SPIRIT WITH OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO BRUNY ISLAND
Departs April & November 2023. 13 Nights

FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS - PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Departs April, May, June, September, October & November 2023. 10 Nights

For further information on either of these pilgrimages please click on the following link: [Tasmanian Spirit – Harvest Journeys Catholic Pilgrimages](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST JAMES COLLEGE SPRING HILL – MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTION 2023

St James' College is pleased to announce that they will be offering a Catholic Coeducational Middle School Option for Grades 5 and 6 in 2023. As a progressive multicultural college in the tradition of Edmund Rice, families can now enjoy Catholic coeducational primary school learning with high school opportunities in inner-city Brisbane, providing more resources, more support, and more options. Students from all backgrounds and abilities welcome so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential. Bursaries available. Direct Expressions of Interest to Maria Young, Enrolment Officer, MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au, 3230 8600. Visit www.jta.link/SJC56

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The Sisters of St Joseph and Mary MacKillop Today would like to thank parishioners for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps. They have raised approximately \$42,500 last year through this initiative, raising a total of \$486,000 since 2001. With your support MMT has given disabled children an education in PNG, funded training programs for poor women to learn life-skills in Peru and to provide vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste.

Used stamps can be dropped into the office or sacristies at weekend masses or placed on the collection plates.

HEALING MASS

Would you like to receive personal prayer for healing? Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 6th January, 2023 at 7.30pm. Fr James O'Donoghue will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered after the homily as well as prayer petitions. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER AT THE YMCA OP SHOP!

The YMCA Upper Mount Gravatt Op Shop is looking for volunteers to join the team in 2023! Join us at a Group Recruitment Session on Sunday 8 January from 2pm–4pm at Club Southside (76 Mount Gravatt Capalaba Rd, Upper Mount Gravatt) to meet some amazing YMCA volunteers and be inspired by the life-changing impact Op Shop funds have through the Schools' Breakfast Program. There will also be an opportunity to submit a volunteer application and start your onboarding process, so please bring along a resume, 100 points of ID and 2 references. For more information, phone 0448 841 908 or email opshop.mtgravatt@ymcabrisbane.org. All welcome!



7:30pm Saturday 4 February 2023

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End

Inspired by the Catholic parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s–1970s (ask your parents and grandparents about them!), the St Francis Social will be a good ol' fashion dance/social mixer for young adults in their 20s and 30s, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure.

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.