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## The Feast of the Holy Family

29th December 2024



and

## The Feast of the Epiphany

5th January 2025

## QUALITY TIME

Now that Christmas Day itself has passed, I may find it easier to spend some 'quality time' with the Lord. I come to quiet in my own way and consider that today is the feast of the Holy Family. I pause. What images come to my mind? Mary, Joseph and Jesus . . . or maybe my own family or families in general? Some may be weeping, others laughing. I ponder. What is the root cause of their mood? For some it might be self-inflicted, for others the result of someone else's actions. I speak with the Lord and entrust them all to him.

When I am ready, I read the familiar story. I may find that it resonates with me as I recall anxious moments I spent looking for children . . . my own, or others for whom I was responsible. Or maybe I reflect on Jesus and his conversation with his parents. What strikes me? Jesus behaving like a typical teenager . . . ? Mary and Joseph's apparent lack of understanding . . . or something else? Perhaps I just stay with keywords that speak to me particularly today: 'submissive', 'wisdom', 'favour', for example.

As I leave this time of prayer, I thank the Lord for being with me and commend all families, whether married, divorced or single to his care.

I try to enter into the vision of God looking upon the world: 'men and women . . . getting married and others divorced'.

*Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK*

## THE JUBILEE YEAR OF 2025— Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year of 2025 on Christmas Eve. It will come to its conclusion on the feast of the Epiphany 2026. He has invited all the dioceses of the world to inaugurate the Jubilee locally on Sunday 29 December. The Dean of St Stephen's will lead a celebration inaugurating the Jubilee at the Cathedral, blessing the Holy Door and leading the people through it as a sign of walking as pilgrims with Christ into newness of life. *Continues on page 2*

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.

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## MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Reconciliation 4.15pm

Mass 5.00pm Vigil

#### COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

21st Dec.—Mass

(Liturgy of the Word with  
Communion – every other  
Saturday at 11am)

### SUNDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

#### MACLEAY ISLAND

24 Dec – 6.00pm

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion –  
every other Sundays at 9am)

#### RUSSELL ISLAND

22 Dec. - 2pm & 25 Dec. - 9am

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion –  
every other Sundays at 2pm)

### MONDAY

#### St Rita's Church

No Mass

### TUESDAY

#### St Rita's Church

No Mass

### WEDNESDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mass at 9am

### THURSDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Mass at 9am

### FRIDAY

#### St Rita's Church

Mass & Adoration at 9am

### MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

### HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of Month – 9.00am Mass

## Mass Times for New Year

Wed. 1 January at 9am

Mass for Mary, Holy Mother of God

Thurs. 2 January at 9am – Mass

Fri. 3 January at 9am - Mass and Adoration

Sat. 4 January at 5pm

Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord

Sun. 5 January at 7am and 9am

Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord

PARISH OFFICE  
CLOSED

The Parish Office is  
closed and  
reopens on Mon.  
6 January 2025

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PLEASE NOTE:  
FOR 2025  
FR. JOSE'S DAY OFF  
IS ON TUESDAYS

### FEASTS in JANUARY

|            |                                            |
|------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Wed. 1st   | Mary, Holy Mother of God                   |
| Thurs. 2nd | Sts Basil the Great &<br>Gregory Nazianzen |
| Fri. 3rd   | Most Holy Name of Jesus                    |
| Sun. 5th   | Epiphany of the Lord                       |
| Tues. 7th  | St Raymond of Penyafort                    |
| Sun. 12th  | Baptism of the Lord                        |

### HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE



Meetings will resume on  
Tuesday 21st January at 7pm  
at St Rita's Church.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the  
month, at 10am in the  
Ruby Room

## THE JUBILEE YEAR OF 2025— Pilgrims of Hope

(Continued from page 1) The Jubilee looks back to the first Roman celebration in 1300. It also looks back much further to the biblical jubilee, which was celebrated every fifty years. It was a time of renewal for the people of God, a time to make a new beginning, a time of focus again on the God-given identity of ancient Israel as a community of slaves set free in a world which says that slaves can never come free. The Jubilee is therefore a call to recognise the many forms of slavery... *Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane* **More in next week's newsletter.**

### REFLECTION for MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Today I come to spend some time with Mary, Mother of my God. I try to put aside all the demands that are made on me at the moment. Taking a couple of deep breaths, I then listen to the normal rhythm of the air going in and out of my lungs, giving me life.

As I read Luke's account of the shepherds visiting Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus, I may feel drawn to imagine this girl, bringing her first baby to birth in such difficult circumstances. She is young and poor but probably happy, and struggling to make sense of what is happening to her. My circumstances may be very different from hers. I may be older, richer . . . but maybe I am sad rather than happy.

How far am I able to connect with Mary, to speak with her, trusting she will listen to me? If I find it difficult to confide in her as I would a good friend, I may prefer to pray the Rosary. I let its repetitive pattern bring me some inner peace. Perhaps now I can feel confident that Mary 'listens, treasures and ponders', as I tell her what is in my heart.

As the Mother of God, with her Son, I know she can ask on my behalf for the graces I need from the Father and the Spirit. I pause a moment. How do I feel now? When I am ready, I thank Mary for being with me today, and I pray: *Holy Mary, Mother of God, ...Pray for me, a sinner, now and at the hour of my death. Amen.*

## PRAYERS

*For all those who are ill, especially Miles Muscroft, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Annette Doherty, Lucas Bernal, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** *We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time..*

**DECEASED:** *We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Conrad Melvaine and Janet Dunne.*

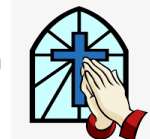
### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Will resume on Sunday  
12 January at the  
9am Mass

### Christian Meditation

The Group is having a Christmas Break and resumes on Wednesday 29th January at 5pm in St Rita's Chapel  
For more information: please contact the Parish Office and your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple



## REFLECTION FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

I settle myself in my chosen place of prayer. In whatever way works best for me, I make myself comfortable and consciously place myself before the Lord: the One who delights in my presence, and loves me more than I can ever hope or imagine.

When I feel ready, I turn to the text. Perhaps as I read, I imagine the darkness and the light, and let myself be enfolded by the contrast. I notice how that feels. How do I describe my own life at the present time? Am I blessed by the light? Does my heart 'thrill and exult'? If so, I take time to praise and thank the Lord for his goodness, and for the abundance of gifts that surrounds me. But perhaps I feel overwhelmed by darkness because of sadness, anxiety, or the difficulties I am facing? I talk to the Lord who sits patiently at my side, even though I may not be able to see him, and ask him to help me glimpse even just a small chink of light.

God became man for me, and through the life, teaching, compassion and healing of Jesus, showed me how to be his light in the world. I ponder how God is calling me to be that light in my world, in the places he wants me to go, for the people he wants me to meet.

I bring to mind those who are struggling with life and blind to any meaning. In my imagination I hold out my hand and draw them into the light that is Jesus, and ask for his blessing on them. I end my prayer offering my gratitude and praise. *Glory be to the Father . . .*

*Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK*

### **SUPPORT YOUR PARISH** Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.

Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

**Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:**

**BSB:** 064 786 **Account No:** 100027374 **Account Name:** Parish Donation - kindly reference your deposit with

your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one. *Please contact the parish office for further information on 3207 9177.*

## **WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:**

### WH&S, Maintenance and Improvements

*Recent Activities* – annual gutter cleaning parish office, presbytery, chapel, OSHC, replaced filter in overhead data projector in church.

*Current Tasks needing to be done* – repairs to downpipe on OSHC building, removal /sale of chairs and tables on presbytery side patio, complete the painting of OSHC verandah wall, removal of mould and sanding/ painting of presbytery window sills doors and door frames (scheduled for 2025), repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark (on hold), painting of presbytery gutters and eaves (on hold), plaster repairs to ceilings in presbytery.

*Possible Future projects depending on availability of funding* – replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval), replace carpet in chapel and church.

**If any parishioner observes any task on the Maintenance To-do List which they can carry-out or help in, please contact Mike Duggan**



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## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

**For Pilgrims of Hope:** We pray that this Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of hope.

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