

WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL PARISH OF SAINTS MARY & JOSEPH

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- Faithful to the Teaching of the Apostles
- Faithful to Prayer
- Faithful to the Breaking of the Bread
- Alive in the Community of the Spirit
- Sharing what we have with those in need
Acts 2:42-46

PARISH CLERGY:

Bishop of Armidale - Bishop Michael Kennedy DD
Administrator - Fr Francis Afu
Assistant Priest - Fr Sabu Pulimalayil

OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be mostly unattended until Tuesday 29th January. Leave a message on the phone and your call will be returned and please use the letterbox outside the entry to the Parish Office for any Mass Offerings, yellow forms etc.

The EPIPHANY of the LORD

Sunday 6th January 2019/Psalter Week 2



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gary Jons, Fr. Tom Shanahan, Greg Carson, Keith Antney, John Russell, John Gollodge (Wollongong), Bradley Bowen, Chris Toohey, Akhtar Ostowari, Kathleen Heron

ANNIVERSARIES: Ida Schofield, Tony Faint

SICK: Robert Markeljic, Don Armatage, Mary Harb, Rob Baker, Rosemary Britt, Ben Singh, Tommy Hawthorne, Brian Battersby, Tanya Neilson, Molly Burke, Melissa Gamblen, Fergus Watson, Hannah Whitton, Tom Britt, Danny Jones, Ghodsi Amini, Susan Maye, Michael Zhu, Aeron Ryan, John Fleming, Blake Ross, Gemma Milliken, Joseph O'Brien, Deacon Peter Harrison, Frederic Koelmeyer, Maureen Veitch, Maria Selvey, Eleanor Pankhurst, Kay Goodwin, Anne Simpson, Silvia & Ralph Bowles.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

SATURDAY: 9.15AM, 6PM VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY: The EPIPHANY of the LORD
8AM, 10AM, 5.30PM
MONDAY: 7AM, 12.30PM Cathedral
TUESDAY: 7AM, 9.15AM Cathedral
WEDNESDAY: 7AM, 12.30PM Cathedral
THURSDAY: 7AM, 9.15AM Cathedral
FRIDAY: 9.15AM, 5.40PM Cathedral
SATURDAY: 9.15AM, 6PM VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY: Feast The Baptism of the Lord
8AM, 10AM, 5.30PM

SACRAMENT of PENANCE

FRIDAY: 5-5.30PM
SATURDAY: 11.30AM-12NOON; 4.30-5.30PM

ROSTERS... Thank you to all who have been on Parish rosters during 2018. There are no rosters for January, so the Parish will be reliant on volunteers. A new roster will be prepared for February onwards in 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS - 60th ANNIVERSARY Religious Profession

Congratulations Sister Judith Ellis RSJ on your 60th anniversary of First Profession as a religious sister. Let us continue to pray for Sister Judith and all her religious sisters.

Chikezie Peterpaul Ikenna installation as a Lector

Let's pray and congratulate Peterpaul on his installation as a Lector. The ministry of Lectorate is the first ministry one receives in preparation to the priesthood. It is a ministry that allows the candidate to publicly proclaim the Word of God in a Liturgical Assemble. The Lector proclaims the First and Second Readings, he can also double as a Cantor to sing the Psalm. This proclamation can be done within Mass, at Baptism and other liturgical celebrations.

Chikezie Peterpaul Ikenna is a native of Abia State in Nigeria. He was born on the 29th day of June 1991, the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. He completed his Philosophical studies at Seat of Wisdom Major Seminary Owerri, Nigeria. He is currently undergoing Theological studies in Vianney College, Seminary in Wagga Wagga. Let's continue to pray for God's grace for Peterpaul as he discerns his vocation to serve God and His people in the Priesthood.

ROSARIES THIS WEEK: Mon 7th 12 noon Angelus followed by the rosary prior to the 12.30pm Mass; TUE 9th Jan in the home of Helen Abood, Unit 4/ 176 Faulkner St at 4pm; WED 10th Jan, 12 noon Angelus followed by the rosary prior to the 12.30pm Mass and at Autumn Lodge Chapel at 2.30pm. All welcome.

APPEAL FOR CATECHISTS FOR 2019

More than ever before.... young people are hungry to know God's love? Join our team of Catechists and discover how rewarding sharing our Faith with children can be. Contact Kerry Steller on 67722218 for further information.

Save the Date...



menALIVE Weekend for Men is SOON. It is happening on the weekend of 9 & 10 February 2019 at St Albert's College Armidale. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from menALIVE will be running the weekend. There is still time to register. Registration forms are available in the church foyer or contact armidalemenalive@gmail.com or the parish office on 6772 2218. Enquiries: armidalemenalive@gmail.com or Parish office on 6772 2218.

INFANT BAPTISM..... Catholic parents seeking baptism of their children should book in at the Parish Office. One parent at least should be Catholic, and parents are asked to attend a preparation session - Saturdays 10.30am for one hour and given a signed undertaking that they intend to raise their child in the "practice of the Christian faith". Birth Certificates must also be submitted. Godparents should be Catholics who have been fully initiated: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion...one such Catholic godparent is required by the Church. Godparents represent the People of God into whom the child is being baptised. Members of other Christian communities who celebrate valid baptism may act as Christian witnesses. Godparents must be over the age of 16yrs and must share baptism with their godchild. Baptism is a wonderful time for the Church and for families.... plan to make it a great day!!

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord: As the Magi Seek, So Should We

The magi are the visionaries. The star they saw was a sign for all people. It is high and in full view. Its light shines down upon the real Star, Jesus Christ, who came to heal, elevate and restore humanity. The light of Jesus Christ, represented by the star over Bethlehem, illuminates the mystery of man, points the way, and reveals the path to salvation and eternal life. While one day the Star will give up its life for many, its Light will never fade. It's important to ask yourself, "What type of journey am I on?" Who or what do I pursue? What am I willing to leave behind, what am I willing to risk to find God? Am I surveying the night sky to gain power, or to survive in a fallen world, or to live forever in eternal communion with God, held securely in his loving embrace?

Perhaps you once sought but no longer. Perhaps the evanescent lure of the world has deflected you from the journey of illumination in Christ and forced you off course by your own consent toward the path of darkness. Perhaps your vision has become clouded. If so, turn to the Newborn King, whose vision heals and clarifies and restores; turn to Christ whose love heals and gives sight to the blind, bringing light to those who before could not see.

Jesus Christ is THE VISIONARY. His journey is the one to follow. Christ is the Star whose divine light gives meaning to our lives and completes our journey.

In Jesus' vision, there is eternal life for humanity; within this divine vision of love, we will be made like him, for we shall see him as he is (1 Jn 3:2). The Son of God became man that we might become like God. There is no greater vision. St. Leo the Great wrote: "Christian, recognize your dignity

and, now that you share in God's own nature, do not return to your former base condition by sinning. Remember who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Never forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of the Kingdom of God."

After the magi visited Jesus, they are warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and "departed for their country by another way" (Mt 2:12).

An encounter with the true King of the Jews changes us forever. We might travel back to our country, but it's no longer the familiar home. We might again inhabit old places, but we no longer truly live there. Perhaps we go back to work, to school or to college, but we are different; things are different. The old self is left behind, the new self-journeys onward into the new night devoid of darkness. The illumination of the Star guides our every step and movement; the way is no longer uncertain; we are no longer alone. Life is new. We have found an unwavering and certain security in the Light who is Jesus Christ and the Star who infinitely loves. Life becomes lively, exhilarating and joyful even in the midst of suffering. We become truly free.

In an encounter with the true Visionary, we do not simply embrace his vision but become part of it. We become one with him. Catholic Online (www.catholic.org)

TAP & GO DEVICES WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE IN THE CATHEDRAL AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CASH AND DIRECT DEBIT MEANS OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE RUNNING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CATHEDRAL PARISH. We are still expecting the arrival of these devices. Details will be communicated to you as they arrive.

Prayer for the Pope

V: Let us pray for our Pontiff Francis.

R: May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

Let us pray: O God, Shepherd and Ruler of all your faithful, look mercifully upon your servant Francis, whom you have chosen as shepherd to preside over your Church: grant him, we beseech you, that, by word and example, he may edify those over whom he has charge, so that together with the flock committed to him, he may attain everlasting life. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St John Paul II

PRAY FOR HIM....

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