



SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH

Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish E-Newsletter

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Sunday, January 3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord. Year B

Readings for Epiphany of the Lord. Year B

FIRST READING: Isa 60:1-6

Ps: Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

SECOND READING: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation: Matt 2:2 - Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matt 2:1-12

"They returned to their country by another road" (Luke 2:12)



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THE PASTOR'S POST:

Fr Peter Dillon PP.



POPE FRANCIS SAYS TAKING THE VACCINE IS MORALLY ACCEPTABLE

Coronavirus vaccines 'morally acceptable' for Catholics. Dec 21, 2020.

By Joshua J. McElwee .



ROME — The Vatican's doctrinal office issued a note Dec. 21 saying it is "morally acceptable" for Catholics to take vaccines against the coronavirus, in what appears an unprecedented effort to convince believers to inoculate themselves to help end the global pandemic.

Addressing concerns that some of the new vaccines were developed using cell lines connected to tissue obtained from two abortions decades ago, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said the "grave danger" of spreading the coronavirus outweighs those concerns.

"When ethically irreproachable COVID-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process," said the doctrinal office.

"All vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive," it continued.

The doctrinal office says its note was approved by Pope Francis on Dec. 17.

Some Catholics have expressed concerns that several of the new coronavirus vaccines, including those from Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca, might have used cells connected to the aborted fetuses, either in their development or testing phases.

The Vatican's doctrinal office says it is not giving a "moral endorsement" to the cell lines that were used in producing the vaccines, but says the connection to the aborted material is "remote."

Although the Vatican note does not recommend that vaccination against the coronavirus be made mandatory, it says "the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good."

"In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed," says the note.

If some people choose not to take the vaccine for reasons of conscience, the Vatican says those persons "must do their utmost to avoid ... becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent."

The chairmen of the U.S. bishops' doctrine and pro-life committees had previously addressed the morality of the coronavirus vaccines in a Dec. 14 note that was less fulsome in its endorsement of the inoculations.

While the American prelates recommended Catholics use the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, they said the product from AstraZeneca "should be avoided" if alternatives were available.

The Vatican's doctrinal congregation is traditionally considered the highest authority on the Catholic Church's doctrine, beside the pope or an ecumenical council.

Throughout the pandemic, Francis has exhorted Catholics to follow the instructions of health authorities in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

During his weekly Angelus address in St. Peter's Square, Dec. 20, the pontiff told people not to "lament" about things they have been unable to do because of the pandemic precautions and to instead think of doing something for those in need.

The Vatican's note also calls it a "moral imperative" for governments and pharmaceutical companies to offer the coronavirus vaccines "to the poorest countries in a manner that is not costly for them."

FR WARREN LIVESTREAM MASS on ShalomWorld.org website.

Fr Warren's online Masses on ShalomWorld.org will resume on Friday 8th January 3pm and will continue each Friday at that time.

VOCARE
Heading the Divine call Season 3

FEATURING
FR WARREN KINNE

JAN 05
TUESDAY | **8:00 P**
ET/GMT/AEDT

'From Shanghai to the Gold Coast'

Shalom WORLD

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Download the FREE SHALOM WORLD App on your smartphone or tablet

Available on the App Store, Google Play, and Amazon.

Also, a special Faith Story interview of Fr Warren. "Vocare - Heading the Divine Call. Fr Warren Kinne - "From Shanghai to the Gold Coast." On ShalomWorld.org Tuesday January 5th at 7 pm Brisbane time.

"The on-line TV masses for Shalom World TV had 29,000 watching the Mass! It did indicate to me, that especially in the time of COVID in some countries, the desire for online services is enormous."

There are many interesting things to watch on this Catholic online network. If you want to watch ShalomWorld TV, you can do this through a browser on your mobile device or computer (or by downloading the ShalomWorld app on a Smart TV or to your device). The link is: www.shalomworld.org/watchlive You then need to get to choose "SW PRAYER" from the menu. It seems that all the browsers work a bit differently so we cannot give more precise details. Chrome, Edge or Safari are recommended. Firefox seems to have some difficulties.

MASS TIMES (PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL): SURFERS PARADISE MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart
350 max capacity

Saturday Night - 5 pm
+ (Maronite Mass 6:30pm, Saturday Night)
*Note First Saturday of the month morning Mass 9am (Next: 2nd Jan)
Sunday - 9 am & 6 pm
+ (Polish Mass 12 noon Sunday)
+ (Italian Mass 4pm Sunday)

St Vincent's
220 max capacity

Sunday - 8 am & 10 am
+ (Hispanic Mass – 5.30 pm on 1st and 3rd Sundays)
Extra parking is available only meters from St Vincent's Church, at King's Car Park, entry via Beach Road

Stella Maris
200 max capacity

Saturday Night - 5 pm
Sunday - 7 am

Please note: Numbers allowed in each Church are based on social distancing restrictions and the Archbishop has continued to exempt everyone from the obligation to attend Sunday mass during restrictions.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK FOR MASS](#)

Additional to the above times, **we will continue to celebrate weekday Mass at Sacred Heart at 9am. The 9am Saturday Mass will be on the First Saturday of the month (2nd Jan) at Sacred Heart.**

Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected to book and check in for mass, maintain a social-distance of 1.5m, receive Holy Communion in the hand only, refrain from physical contact when offering the Sign of Peace, and to sanitise when entering and exiting the premises. We ask that people consult the parish website www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au, to keep up to date with any changes relating to masses.

Mass Booking: bookeo.com/catholicmassgoldcoast or if you are unable to book online, please ring the parish office between 9am and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433

The dispensation from attending Mass continues to apply in these times of Covid restrictions and if people are unable to book into a mass we will have the Mass for you at home audio liturgy and also other streaming options. **Thank you for your cooperation at this time.**

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Yours faithfully, The Parish Team

We congratulate the Stagnitti, Mimi, Boctor, Perera and Joseph families, whose children Isabella, Willow, Evie and Sam, Leonella, Deenah and Layla have been baptised in our Parish this week.

Please keep the Baptism families in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.

SACRED HEART AND ST VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS

A great range of children's story books, prayer books and holy cards for that quiet time over the holidays. Rosary beads available at both shops, also Baptism gift lines, Baptism candles and Baptism stoles. For enquiries and phone orders telephone Pat 0404 805 819

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

The vision of Stewardship speaks in every aspect of life, inviting everyone to be thankful, generous and accountable for what each has been given.

PETITION TO STATE PARLIAMENT – THE 'CARE FIRST' APPROACH WORKS BEST

As you may be aware, Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legislation will come before parliament in mid-2021.

This is a complex life ethics issue and requires action from those who support palliative care and accompanying the sick and vulnerable as the more compassionate way of caring for the terminally ill.

There are still options for those who are opposed to euthanasia/assisted suicide and adding your voice to the following petition is one of them.

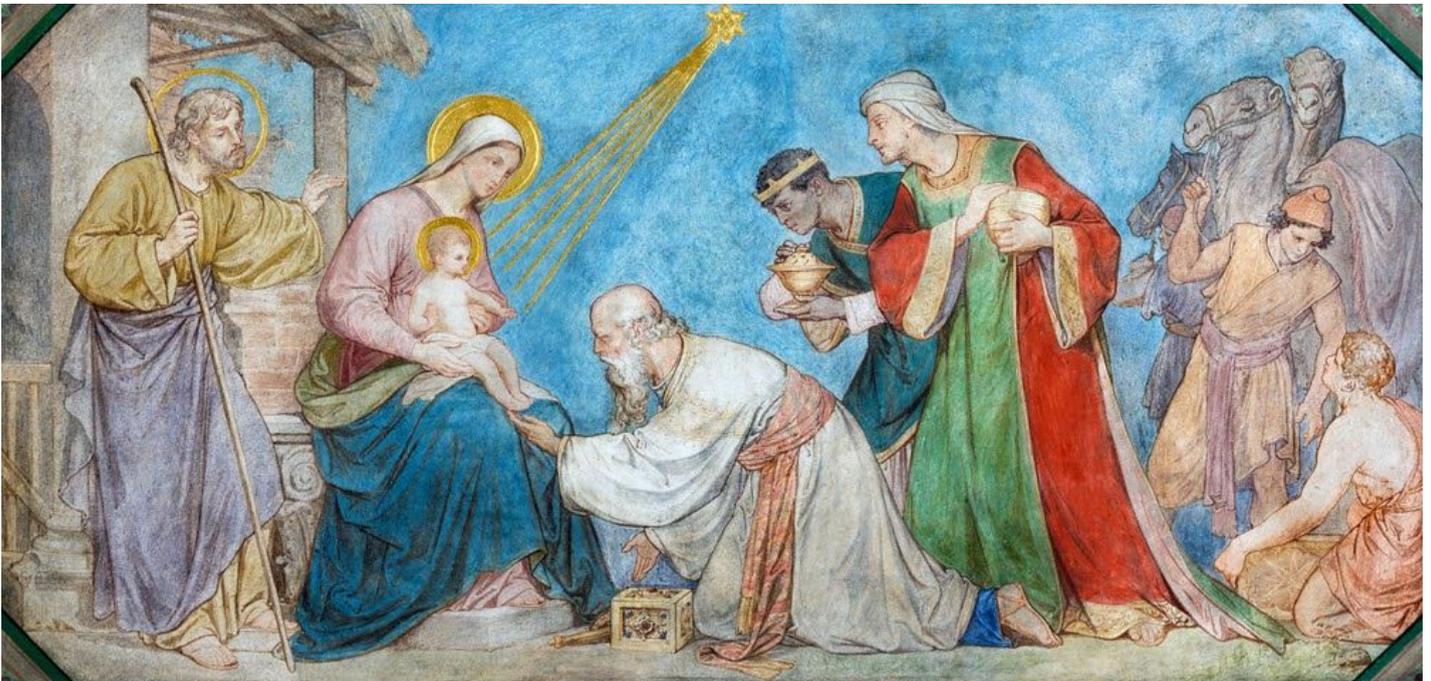
Although this is a secular based petition, please note it is perfectly in harmony with the Catholic position on VAD, in that:

- we support better funding of palliative care instead of legislating VAD
- Faced with a new parliament hosting many first time members, it's wise to follow due legislative process and allow a proper parliamentary committee scrutiny of the new draft legislation

To show your concern about the legislation of VAD, please stand with thousands of other Queenslanders and visit the e-petition page at:

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3449>

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND -



This feast of the Epiphany, and the accompanying readings for this weekend, reveal Jesus Christ to be the King of all heaven and earth, and the “light” to all nations and cultures. The Magi represent the Gentiles, and so, in turn they represent all of us from far and wide, from different nationalities, who have come to know Christ from outside of Jewish religious membership.

“Jesus is a path for the lost.
 He is a bread to the spiritually hungry.
 a hand of support for the weak.
 a companion to the lonely.
 And a beacon of hope for all.”[i]

“Epiphany is a Greek word meaning "manifestation." In ancient times, the term referred to an official visit by a King or Queen. This is a public presentation or showing to the people of a sovereign. As God is shown to us through Jesus on this day, so we are to “show the presence of God” to others by our own lives. We are, by our lives and actions, to show Christ to everyone we meet. We are called to reflect the “light of Christ”. We are to be an “epiphany” (or “showing” of Christ) for others so that together we can honour Jesus as our king.”[ii]

“Early Christians considered the gifts of the Wise Men to be highly symbolic. Gold is symbolic of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is used in worship and is, therefore, symbolic of Jesus' divinity – (Jesus is God). Lastly, myrrh is used in burials and is symbolic of Jesus' humanity” and his future suffering to save us all.[iii]

The qualities of Jesus the King are the divine qualities foretold by the Scriptures from ancient times, and now revealed wondrously (but also in a surprising way: in unexpected circumstances). For the King, who is Jesus, was born in a humble and poor stable.

According to our first reading, the qualities of the Diving King are justice, right-judgement, care for the poor, “a person who establishes peace”, a person with great concern for the needy, and who has compassion for the weak. The Divine King is the saver of the lives of the poor.

The second reading reminds us that Jesus reveals that we are ‘sharers in the same inheritance,’ through the Holy Spirit, which makes us sons and daughters of God and members of the one body in Christ. This invitation is for all people, regardless of nationality or culture.

When we look at the gospel, (Not every King got a “present” in today’s story... not every king got what they wanted.... But they all got what they deserved.....). For, there are two kings featured in the gospel this weekend - Christ and Herod. But, to be fair, even putting them in the same category is repellent, for there really is no comparison!!! If we try to compare Herod and Our Lord, it is blatantly obvious that one figure comes out as a complete failure.

The wise men met both Kings. To Herod they gave a respectful ear, but did not worship him, and rightly so, and did not return to inform him of what they found. They ‘listened to what the King had to say, but (through inspiration and openness) they did not give King Herod what he wanted but rather, they returned to their own country by a ‘different way’. We are all called to listen and reflect and ponder and then, with God’s inspiration discern what is the right thing to do. Sometimes the right thing to do is to NOT give someone what they ask.

In this feast today, we have the Revelation of Christ as the true King, who is a ‘shepherd of the people’. A true King, according to God's ways, is one who shows true concern and care for the needs of the people, (first and foremost).

In relation to this feast of the Epiphany, “Our sisters and brothers in the Eastern Churches spend a lot of time reflecting on the clash between what was expected and what actually happened. It is a wonderful gift to recognize that Christ comes as king, but not the type of king that we expected. Christ comes to free His people, but the free is interior and not exterior. Christ comes to save us all, but comes as a baby, born in time and subject to the Law. All of this is the stuff of poetry and love.”[iv]

Like the wise men, who gave him gifts representing aspects of Christ’s mission;

If I were to give Jesus one gift to symbolize the role I'd like him to play in my life—what might that gift be?

What gift would you give Jesus... to symbolise what Christ represents to you personally ?

Perhaps I would present to the Lord a dove... // To symbolise not only his giving of the Holy Spirit, but his gift of gentle, compassionate, loving peace to the world..... (Something we all dearly long for).

Let us reflect in the coming week upon anything that keeps us from letting Jesus play his full, divine role more fully.

In what ways can I SHOW Jesus to others by my life, actions and words?

In what ways can I be a light of Christ to those I meet?

Fr. Paul Kelly.

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[iii] Vision – Praying Scripture in a contemporary Way. Year A. Mark Link S.J., 55

[iv] Abbot Philip: Monastery of Christ in the Desert. <http://christdesert.org>

To listen to the whole Sunday Mass each week (including homily) from Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish, please visit this link: Liturgy for you at Home (by SPCP) - <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks>

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PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you to support the Parish, you can give via <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



If you are able to continue to support us, we would be most grateful. For all those who have been making payments via credit card and those who have donated directly into the parish account, we thank you. The spirit of generosity is alive in our Parish. If you would like confirmation of your donation or a receipt emailed to you please contact me at man.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au or, please ring the parish office between 9am

and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433.



Have you seen the beautiful new timber stands in the church? They are called 'payWave' (or 'tap-and-go' machines). These are a handy new way of donating to the parish.

Following several requests from parishioners, we have decided to provide payWave facilities in each of our Parish Churches, to assist people who may wish to donate to the work of the parish, but find that they don't have ready access to cash when they arrive at Church.

The donation points are set at \$5, so that each time you wave your credit card you would be making a donation to the parish of \$5 (or \$10 if you wave twice and so on). EFTPOS is also available for larger amounts. We hope this will be a

more convenient way for some parishioners to donate to the parish, and that people will not feel uncomfortable if they do not contribute when the plate comes past at the collection times. All in all it is a safer, easier and more sensible way to donate as the carrying of cash is fast becoming a thing of the past. Please ask for assistance from the priests or Mass coordinators if you experience any difficulties or have questions or concerns.

To payWave, just tap a credit card or bank card on the sensor and it will donate \$5 and once it has processed this first tap, (which may take 30 seconds), you can tap it again, to give another \$5, and so on. A safe and handy way to give money. **God bless you for your support.**

Yours faithfully, **Sonya Slater, Parish Manager**

FAITH AND WORSHIP SPOT: THE CHURCH IS BUILT OF LIVING STONES

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When we use the word "Church" we often think of a building. And certainly a church building is the focal point of a community's prayer and worship. In a church we regularly gather together to pray, worship God and gain spiritual support from God and each other. The word "church" comes from the Greek word *kyriakón*, (of which the Latin equivalent is *dōma*). So Church literally means "Lord's (house)." However, there is a much more ancient term that sums up the reality even better: "Ecclesia." (It is from this Greek word that we get the English word "ecclesiastical"). Ecclesia is a Greek word for "an assembly of people." So the Church is really the

People of God, gathered together by God.

"For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18:20)

SO the church is present whenever we gather together in Jesus' name. Jesus promises to be with us.

The church is built of living stones - that is, its members, founded on Christ and his Gospel,

the living foundation stone:

As the scripture says, “You have found out for yourselves how kind the Lord is. Come to the Lord, the living stone rejected by people as worthless but chosen by God as valuable. Come as living stones, and let yourselves be used in building the spiritual temple, where you will serve as holy priests to offer spiritual and acceptable sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 3-6).

Fr Paul Kelly

STAYING CONNECTED



Have you ensured that your contact details are up to date with the Parish:

Please fill out this form if you are unsure. Census Form Information Update

[SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH - CENSUS UPDATE](#)

Are you on our mailing list for the weekly e-newsletter, weekly homily/Mass audio blog and occasional breaking news alerts? If not, please email us at paulwkelly68@gmail.com. Note: sometimes we have added a person to our email-list but the email is going to their ‘spam’ or ‘junk-mail’ folder. It is a good idea to check these folders to see if it is there. If that is happening to you, you can mark these emails as ‘approved’ or ‘not-spam/junk’, so your email server lets them get through to you.

LINKS & RESOURCES

You can visit the [Stay Connected](#) page on our website to find an extensive list of information and resources.

Liturgy for you at Home (produced by SPP): <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks>

Weekly Homily (produced by SPP): <https://homilycatholic.blogspot.com>

Surfers Paradise Parish Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/surferscatholic/>

Breaking Parish News (SPP Blog): <https://news-parish.blogspot.com/>

Access the digital Catholic Leader: <https://catholicleader.com.au/digital-newspaper-covid19>

NOTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES

SURVEY INTO THE SURFERS PARADISE PARISH E-NEWS SERVICE

The Surfers Parish leadership team would like to receive feedback about the resources we are sending out regularly. We would be grateful if you could take some time to fill out this survey. It will help us provide the resources you need and most value. Please click here for the parish survey. Your input will help us in providing helpful resources and communication:

<https://fs19.formsite.com/paulkelly/5jf4e4d1xz/index.html>

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at St Vincent's Primary School. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor may be up to an hour and half an hour on any school day in all weather conditions.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme - Health Assessment Form;
- The applicant either holds a current Blue Card or has submitted an application for a Blue Card to the Commission for Blue Card Services. An applicant will not be employed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads unless they meet this criterion.

The Department of Transport of Main Roads will organise and fund both for the selected applicant. Application packs are available from the administration office. Completed applications should be returned to southportroadsafety@tmr.qld.gov.au

HELD IN GOD'S LOVING HANDS: A Quiet Weekend Retreat For Women

What do God's hands look like? How can we reimagine our lives held in lovingly cupped hands and held close?

Comfort, compassion, mercy, nurture, deep love...

A weekend opportunity for women to leave behind the chaos and clutter that can be a part of life and enter into quiet in community. Come and experience a time of prayerful reflection.

Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries)

Friday 15 January 6pm to Sunday 17 January 3pm

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals, resources and facilitation. Santa Teresa requires an additional \$30 fee for those with special diets.

To register or enquire contact: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283 (also Grace)

POSITION VACANT: (Sunnybank) (Ad runs until 18 Jan).

Position Vacant – Youth Coordinator - Sunnybank.

Applications are open for the above position at the Sunnybank Parish. The position is a part-time 20 hour role.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Instructors And Assistants Needed at our local State Primary Schools for 1-2 hours per week.

Tell children about JESUS.

New volunteers are placed with experienced Instructors.

Training is free, with support.

An easy curriculum ensures Bible stories are covered to give an understanding of God's love.

The door is open for us to 'go' (Matthew 28:19)

Will you go?

For more information, please call Helene McCowan on 0419 747631 or email helene.mccowan@gmail.com

THE SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB

In Recess until 18th and 20th of January

Meets at the Sacred Heart - Parish Hospitality Centre, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

Playing Bridge keeps your brain active and increases your social network! So why not give us a try?

Learn to play Bridge at "Our Friendly Club" - Free Lesson. "Introduction to Bridge"

Easy to learn format, no previous card playing experience necessary. All are welcome.

For more information and to enrol, Please phone: Cheryl 5538 8821 or Mob 0417 772 701

YOGA AT THE PARISH HOSPITALITY CENTRE

In Recess until 12th JANUARY

Come join us for our friendly, COVID-19 safe, class in the comfortable Hospitality Centre at the Sacred Heart Church, available every Tuesday 10:45am. Learn to relax, yet gain greater flexibility, inner strength, body awareness and concentration, all while increasing your breath support and general wellbeing. Ruth is an IYTA accredited instructor with wide experience and runs a caring, carefully monitored one hour session costing \$10 (new attendees need to arrive by 10.30am to prepare adequately for class). For more information call Ruth on 0421338110.

PLEASE PRAY

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Lakyn Kearins, Carmen Reeves, Patricia Moor, Roy Ferraro, Caterina (Cathy) Randazzo, Ellanie Gonzalez, Draga Vlastic, Andrew Young, Sam Maxwell, Margaret Paterson, Rodney McGrath, Doug Reiser, Helen Bohringer, George & Margaret Cook, Peter O'Brien, Angela Duvnjak, Judy Dempsey, Monica Bailey, Rachel Raines, Savannah Ayoub, Lisa Mangan, Colin Virtue, Ann Harris, Ann-Marie Loder, Angel Salvador, Brian Woodgate, Kate Smith, Tricia Baumann, Gus Reeves, Baby Maeve Lombard, Kathy Kiely, Ron Perry, Kim Parkes, Rosslyn Wallis, Jabour Haddad, Peter Walsh, Arthur Haddad, Jean Di Benedetto, Damian Callinan, Rosemary Wales, Peter Allsopp, Yvonne Campesi, Louis Couch, Michael Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Joanne Parkes, Michelle MacDonald, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr, Eileen McCarthy.

And all those suffering from the effects of Covid-19.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mr Vivienne Cogar, Paul Thomas Grennan, Gary Moore, Denis Graham, Max Christmas, Itufo Ah Lo, Barbara Anne Farrell, Joseph Bonnici, Joanne Burge, Mary Cale, Betty-Ann Hillesheim, Judith Musgrave, Marianne Lila Kyle-Little, Clare Dobozy, Rowena Santos-Ochavez, Leonardo Sorrenti, Anthony Netting, Ni Rui Yu, Garry Pearse, Alec Mackenzie (Scotland), Bridget (Breda) Dalton, June Marea Cogan, Douglas George Davey.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Victor Paul Aguggia, Janet Anne Winks, Alan James Russo, Merv Cross, Michael Joseph George, Zora Spiranovic, Dalibor Novak, Fr Pat (Doc) Kenny, Trevor Ralfe, Remo Bos, Charmaine Jannette Leafe, Walter Leslie Davis, Doris Angela Pace-Balzan, Rex Joseph McShane, Violet Mary Nickson.

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for The Baptism of the Lord. Year B.

FIRST READING: opt: Isa 55:1-11 (new)

Ps: opt: Isa 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (new) "You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation."

SECOND READING: opt: 1 John 5:1-9 (new)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (cf. John 1:29): Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:7-11

"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children 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 protected from any harm." As a Parish Community, we pray for a change of heart, that we respond to our grief by reaching out to one another in truth and love.