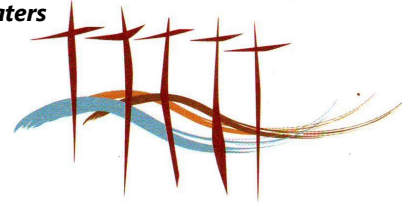


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- **BURLEIGH WATERS - MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH, 3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters**
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The Epiphany of the Lord 7 January, 2018

Year B: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

next week's Readings: 1 Sam 3:3-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

A Heart Felt Thankyou from Padre Morgan

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to publicly thank all those who undertake ministry in the parish especially those active during the Christmas Season. The Masses at Christmas were awesome with over 4000-5000 people attending – and it doesn't just happen. So thank you to the musicians, choirs, cantors, Sacristans, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (both during Mass and to the Sick), those who wash and iron the altar linen and albs, lawn mowers, banner and liturgical space setters, flower arrangers, welcomers and hospitality/cuppa ministers, cleaners, newsletters, those who distributed the Christmas cards and advertised, Children's Liturgy for Christmas Plays, car ministry - those who quietly pick up and drop off our elderly and sick, our Youth, Mums and Dads, Grandparents, Parish Staff, Big shout out to St Vincent de Paul Volunteers and food hamper distribution, those who open and shut our churches, Care and Concern, Aged Care Facility ministers, those who take up the collection, and so many others (sorry if I forgot some group – let me know). This PP is very very thankful.

Epiphany Blessings for the end of the Christmas Season.

Fr Morgan

Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 8 January

The Baptism of the Lord

9.00am **Mass** - Miami

Tuesday, 9 January

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 10 January

7.00am **Mass** - Miami

9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa

5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday, 11 January

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 12 January

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital

12 noon **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Saturday, 13 January

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach

5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 13 January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami

Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

SUNDAY, 14 January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach

8.30am **Mass** - Miami

8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

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A short introduction from Fr Ladu Yanga

My full name is Fr. Ladu J Yanga. I was born in Juba the Capital City of South Sudan. I have nine siblings, seven brothers and two sisters; I am the fourth in line. Three of my brothers are living in Brisbane with their families, the rest are with my mother in South Sudan. Before immigrating to Australia, I spent 14 years in a refugee camps.

I came to Australia in 2001, with permanent residence and I went into the workforce with the Demolition Company. After two years in Australia, I got my citizenship as an Australian. In 2003, I went to Canali House for discernment to the priesthood as well as completing my year 12 at Hendra College. In 2004, I joined the Holy Spirit Seminary Wavell heights and then Banyo.

On 29th June 2013, I was Ordained at St Stephen's Cathedral with Fr Stanley whom you have already known. My first appointment after the ordination was St Pauls Parish Woodridge. My second appointment was 4 January 2015 to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Sunnybank for term of three years. Burleigh Heads is my third appointment for a term of three years as well.

Therefore, I am looking forward to the ministry with you all. Thanks

God bless

Fr Ladu J Yanga

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

We welcome our visitors and ask all to respect the Universal Church practice of receiving the Lord's Body and Blood: the Body of Christ is received on the hand or the tongue and the Blood of Christ is received by drinking from the chalice. We kindly ask you to refrain from dipping the host into the chalice if this is your custom.



A short introduction from Fr Saji George

Dear friends,

Church is known as the pilgrim church, because the church – all the faithful people together – is travelling to the heavenly kingdom, and that is our final goal. At the end, we will all rejoin in the kingdom of God. In this pilgrimage I had a dream in my mind to come to Australia. Fortunately, I got the chance to travel to Australia and, by the grace of God, the process took place so quickly, and I arrived here on 4 July 2017. The long air travel was a trembling experience for me. Then I moved to Aspley Parish to understand, learn and merge with the culture and the climate. Thereafter, according to the instructions of the Archdiocese, I moved to Clayfield, St Agatha's Church as an Associate. Then our Arch Bishop appointed me in this beautiful parish – Burleigh Heads.

I am Fr Saji George from Kerala – India, belonging to the congregation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C M I), founded by St Kuriakose Elias Chavara also from Kerala. It is a Pontifical Congregation within the Syro-Malabar Church. The Syro-Malabar Church is Catholic by faith, Indian by culture and Oriental or East Syriac in liturgy. It is the third largest particular church (*sui juris* – 'of its own right or law') in the Catholic Church. (Roman, Byzantine, and Syro-Malabar).

My family consists of five members; father, mother, elder brother, younger sister and myself.

I expect grace filled days in this beautiful parish... Let us together pray and receive blessings from God in this new year...

Fr Saji George

The glow of Christmas has mostly faded, but there are still signs of it in some places, especially here in church. So what happens if you didn't feel the "Christmas spirit" and don't want to be continually reminded of it? What if the school Christmas pageants, store decorations, television specials, carols on the radio and gifts under the tree didn't cheer you up, but in fact were "downers." In church the Christmas season doesn't end on the 26th, instead we are reminded today that it is still in full flower. There are people in the congregation who feel like they are out of step with the cheery carols, nativity scene and candle lights. It's not that they are Grinch's; rather they find themselves in pain and it seems to feel worse at this time of year, multiplied by the season's sights, smells and sounds. They feel alienated and not able to unburden themselves because they don't want to be a spoiler of good cheer.

There are more of these people in the congregation than we realize, or than superficial appearances reveal. People smile a lot during this time, even when their heart isn't in it. What causes them to feel outside the circle? They may have harsh memories of childhood Christmases due to domestic violence or drug and alcohol addiction in their home. When they were young their parents may have been chronically ill, leaving them with adult responsibilities before they were old enough to deal with them. They miss the childhood they never had. Others had parents die, or their home split by a contentious divorce. Poverty, then or now, deprives parents of the ability to buy presents for their children. There are also childless couples, gay people, or parents who have had a child die. For them, this children's feast is particularly hard. Sickness knows no "proper season," no "appropriate time." Some worshipers are struggling with cancer for themselves or someone they love. Whole congregations can feel alienated from this holiday season. There are also poor congregations who are like outsiders looking into a rich person's home where a banquet is in progress.

It helps to take the pain, our own, or our parishioners', to the scriptures and to this feast, to hear if there is any good news for those who feel out of it. And if we feel this is preaching to the minority that's ok. First of all, in some places those hurting may be in the majority. Or, if our hearers are going through good times now, we all can remember a time when each day hurt. So, as we remember the difficult times, we celebrate our deliverance with a Eucharist of thanksgiving. We also know from our life experience that a time will come when hurt will again predominate.



Epiphany celebrates God's "showing forth," Jesus' manifestation to the world. We are celebrating that God "shows up" in the places where there is need, just when darkness seems to have an unbreakable grip on our heart and spirit.

Isaiah addresses the darkness. "See darkness covers the earth and thick clouds cover the peoples...." He starts with a rousing command, "Rise up...!" Why, for heaven's sake? Because God's light is coming, like a rising sun. The "darkness" that Isaiah says covers the earth has a poetic link to the primordial darkness at the

beginning, in Genesis, when God created light. We are reminded of the power of God that can overcome any darkness – even the darkness that preceded creation. Isaiah is suggesting that what God could do once, God can do again. The line in that passage that conveys this hope begins with the word... "But." It is a word of interruption, a contradiction to what has been. After we list the darkness and name the pain, we put faith in a God who can say, "BUT" – and bring light. In some situations only the Creator can effect a change, or give us the hope to get us through.

Isaiah prepares us for today's gospel. He says believers will experience God's "shining" through – the manifestation of God in themselves. But also, because of the light in them, others will "walk by your light." He is speaking of the Gentiles. God is reaching out to non-believers through the light that shines from believers. The gospel shows God's star lighting the way to the Jewish couple and their child where God is manifested among humans.

People who feel like outsiders this season may hear a note of hope in Isaiah. There will be light for the "nations" - a reference to the Gentiles. And Israel's children ("sons from afar...daughters in your arms") will gather in the restored Jerusalem. We must remember that Gentiles and even children were marginal people in the Jewish community after the exile. They had no, or at the most, minimal rights. On this Epiphany we may identify with these marginated and hear a note of promise addressed to them and us. Hear the promise, "You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall overflow." When we can not see a way out or relief on the horizon, we need to lean on this promise, "you shall be radiant.." This is not an empty promise, a pat on the back and an encouragement to "look on the bright side of life." This is a promise from God, who created light where there was no light. People who were "other" now can see in a way they couldn't on their own and so they come to believe what could easily be missed in darkness and struggle – God is doing something that will evoke praise and thanksgiving.

Fr Morgan

Parish News and Happenings

- **SAFEGUARDING** - **Parish Implementation progress.** Our Volunteer Registration continues - please keep sending your forms in. Remember to fill in your volunteer ministry and sign all three places of the Declaration, Code of Ethical Behaviour and Privacy acknowledgement. All volunteers are asked to fill out the volunteer registration form. Thanks to all who are helping what this large and important task.
- **MUSIC MINISTRY** - Organists, musicians, singers and interested parties are invited to attend the next Music Meeting on Wednesday 10 January at 9.30am in the Community Centre, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. **OPEN INVITATION** to all music ministers to **LUNCH** at Burleigh Bears Sports Club, Christine Avenue, 12 noon, following the meeting on 10 January.
- **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** will resume on Thursday 1 February at the home of Kay Harding at 6pm. Further details from Paul 5593 3794.
- **THANK YOU FROM OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE** - Through your generous support for the Christmas Appeal and the Gifting Tree, our Conference was able to provide 70 families with a Christmas hamper and 140 children with Christmas presents. On behalf of these grateful families - **THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY.** Christmas Appeal envelopes and Columban Calendars are still available at the back of the church or from the Piety Stall.
- **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S NEW CENTRE** is located below the Community Centre adjacent to Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. The Centre is not equipped to handle donations of clothing, household goods or furniture and **THESE SHOULD NOT BE LEFT OUTSIDE OF THIS BUILDING.** The Centre services our parish area predominantly by visiting those in need. Those needing assistance should use the new Helpline number freecall 1800 VINNIES or 1800 846643 and choose option 1 from the menu. Those wishing to donate and have furniture to be collected should phone freecall 1800 VINNIES or 1800 846643 and choose option 2. Those wishing to donate clothing, blankets, sheets, etc, cutlery, books and other non-electrical household goods should take these directly to the VINNIES SHOP at Santa Maria Crt, Burleigh Waters or any other VINNIES SHOP. Those assessed during visitations and needing such donated items are handed free \$25 Vinnies Gift Cards and referred to Vinnies Shops to select the items needed. The Society is a non-profit Catholic Charity and any profit made by VINNIES SHOPS selling to the public is used to help those in need.

- **ST TERESINHA'S JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL OSSU - Stage 2.** Donation cards are now in our churches as we start the journey to stage 2 of this project in our sister Parish in Timor Leste. Your support for this project will help pay for more toilets and washrooms, three new classrooms, a new computer learning centre and a new library. Please take a donation card from the stand at the door of the church. An opportunity to visit St Teresinha's is being planned for May 2018. Enquiries Sue and Bren Milsom 5522 4880.
- **VOLUNTEER HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARERS** - Expressions of interest for training as a volunteer hospital pastoral carer are being sought for training in 2018. Centacare Pastoral Ministries offers scholarships for training in return for a one morning per week commitment for a minimum two year period. Pastoral care teams in hospitals are highly valued by patients, staff and management. Pastoral care is a very rewarding volunteer role and if you would like to know more please contact judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au Phone 3324 3193.
- **FATIMA DAY** - Marian Valley, Friday 13 January. Bus will leave 7 Lind Av, Palm Beach at 7.45am and Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. \$20 return. Phone 0405 252367.
- **CHERISH LIFE QLD** is open to people of all faith backgrounds. The common bond of members is the regard for human life from conception to natural death. The Gold Coast branch meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month from 6.30pm at St Brigid's Parish Centre, Nerang (39-49 McLaren Rd). Further information Fiona - 5578 1513 - 0457 781513.
- **REPORTING PERSONAL ACCIDENTS** - Under strict Archdiocesan guidelines, the parish is required to complete an accident form for each and every accident that occurs in parish buildings, property and on volunteer duties. An accident must be reported to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Report forms will be provided and must be completed, which includes recording as much detail as possible, photos and witnesses. The reports will be kept on file in case any future problems arise. The cause of an accident will be investigated and remedied where possible.
- Anyone wanting to enquire about the Catholic faith, meetings are held each Wednesday at 7pm in Infant Saviour meeting room.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;
☺ = good;
☺ = hangin' in there;
☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Mudgeeraba

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Sebastian and Willow who were baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funerals of Roger Hills Evans and Sheila Catherine Mills who have died in Christ. Let us remember their families and friends in our prayers this week.

God will raise you up on eagle's wings

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Vince and Isabel McCahon who celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary this Wednesday, 10 January.

Best wishes from all parishioners.

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Patricia Ashton, Taylor Austin, Glenys Bailey, Demosthenes Baldovino, Leigh Boulcher, Loretta Brennan, Sylvia Brewer, Noeleen Brown, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Deborah Campani, Ben Clarke, Carmel Clifford, Maryanne Condon, John Costigan, Chris Curran, Joan Dale, Graham Dall, Edna Devlin, Joseph Dick, Patricia Dowling, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Des Fox, Lance Fry, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Robert Harvey, Vera Havlik, Claude Hayson, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Lucy Holland, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Sydney Jones, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Jayce Kilfoy, Pasquale Leonello, Tina Mass, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, Peter McMurray, John Mooney, June Newdick, Mary Nutter, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Dianne O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Maureen O'Sullivan, Noel O'Sullivan, Anne Owens, Lucky Papas, Joan Parker, Mike Parker, Anna Pereira, Phyllis Pola, Donna Redman, Peter Reid, Lance Robinson, Reg Rowan, Imelda Rundall, Dennis Samson, William Sheehan, Max Smales, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Fr Keith Teehey, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Sarra Tyler, Lena and Frank Usaj, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Warren Wilson, Graham Zender, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

DECEASED

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time: Roger Evans, Sheila Mills, Nancy Smith, Annette Carlish, Paul Azzopardi, Pat Burton.

*May the choir of angels come to greet you ...
May you find eternal life.*

Liturgical Music for Epiphany

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we travel afar
Field and fountain, Moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to the perfect Light.*

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold we bring to crown him again;
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshipping God on high.



LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Acclamation:

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection
until you come again.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

The Body Of Christ

*This is the body of Christ,
blessed and broken for us,
blessed and given for us.
This is the body of Christ.*

This is the bread of my love.
How I long to fill you with my life.

Drink from the cup of my blood.
Let my Spirit heal you deep within.

If you would live in my love,
hold my word, my promise in your heart.

Gathered as one in my name,
take my joy, my freedom to the world.

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Thanksgiving:

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden
in whose gentle arms he lay.
Christian children all should be
kind, obedient, good as he.

CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal: We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we travel afar
Field and fountain, Moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to the perfect Light.*

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gath'ring gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him rise, King and God and sacrifice:
Heav'n sings, "Alleluia!" - "Alleluia!" earth replies.

A VOCATION VIEW

Even gift bearing kings, accompanied by camels and servants, went to visit Jesus Christ. You, come and follow Him. Take the Good News back to your people: Jesus is Lord of all.

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