



*Welcome.*

## *Community Information*

*Camp Hill with Norman Park*

*Sunday 31 December 2006*

## *Sunday in Christmastide*

*The Festival of*

*The Holy Family of Nazareth*

### *All the Days of Christmas*

Traditionally Christmas is a celebration of 12 days, as the famous carol 'On the Twelfth Day Christmas' tells us. In the worship of the Church it extends to the second Sunday of January. So keep the Christmas customs in your home with great joy - do not take down your decorations just yet. The lovely Christmas wreath is a crown for the Prince of Peace. If you have any mistletoe above your heads it proclaims love and peace among us. The cards we send and the gifts we give are opportunities to heal and to speak our affections and to be at peace with one another.

In the centre of our house stands a tree of life, the Christmas tree. In its branches we place treasures from past years and colourful lights to make this a bright and welcoming place. Sometimes we clothe our whole home, inside and out, with lights, we transform the world for these days into a celebration of God's bright love for us.

We make a bit of Bethlehem where we live. In messy straw are nestled the barn animals, Joseph and Mary and the curious shepherds who have come to see what all the fuss is about. We hang up a bright star as the Festival of Epiphany gets nearer (next Sunday), the Magi are wandering from room to room in search of their heart's desire. And in the centre of all this, the holy Child is placed not on a throne but in the animals' feeding box. May he feed us with his life and being - as his poverty reminds us this Christmas to remember the poor all the coming year.

### *A Personal & Parish Audit of 2006 & Resolutions for 2007*

In all human endeavours it is a good idea to pause and to reflect back over our activities in the light of what we intended to do. Let us stop for a little time and to have a look back over 2006 and ask ourselves:

- In what ways have I grown as a disciple of Christ?
- In what ways might I have been less successful than I might have wanted to be? Why was that?
- How do I think my parish community has taken up its vocation of mission and ministry in its *Vision, Tasks and Goals*? Have we seriously taken up the challenges offered to us by God? Or, have we been so caught up in maintaining what we have that mission has come very much in second place? Why is that?
- What might be some of the personal spiritual goals I can set for myself in 2007?
- What are some of the *Goals and Tasks of the Parish Vision* that I will be pushing for in 2007? How might I do that?

*Wednesday 10am Mass will recommence Wednesday 17 January*

### *A Blessing of Homes at Epiphany*

Next Sunday is the Festival of the Epiphany, when we commemorate the Magi visiting the Holy Family in their makeshift home in Bethlehem. From this has derived a custom of blessing our homes at this time. A prayer can be said, and then inscribed with chalk are the initials of the three Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, and enclosed by the numbers for the year and then connected with crosses in this manner: 20 + C + M + B + 07.

#### **Prayer of Blessing**

Holy God, we thank you for our home that shelters us in an atmosphere of love and respect.

May our doors be open to family, friends, and the needy, as we show your love to the world.

May we live in peace and honour, growing more gracious and open to your presence within our sacred dwelling.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, whose coming into the world we celebrate with gratefulness and joy. Amen.

## *Christmas in the Parish*

Our Christmas celebrations were a great joy this year and despite cutting the number of services down our numbers did not decline and increased for most services.

The new Christmas Service for Toddlers on the Saturday 17 December was well attended and will become something we can build on for the future. It indicates that something similar should be done for Easter.

Another new service was the Christmas Vigil Mass. This was well attended by many who wanted to worship in the Parish before they traveled or who had family commitments that stopped them being at church.

A new approach was taken for the Christmas Day Mass on the basis that many regular parishioners had already attended mass or were away, and those who would attend were infrequent worshippers. It seemed pointless to have a full sung traditional mass for those who do not know this practice or understand it.

Rather, the mass was kept to a simple sermon and carols.

## *& Thank You*

A special thanks to so many who helped in a variety of ways: Judi Castillo for her printing of service books & hymn sheets, John Wood for making the Christmas nativity set and transporting it between our centres, Val Burton and the choir for excellent music, Janelle Read for help in the Toddlers service and catering at the Christmas Night Mass- the Wise men were well traveled this year. For all the work of the Fund Raising & Marketing Team in advertising, letter drops, and raffles.

Thank you to all who assisted through reading, interceding and assisting at the altar, especially those who at the last moment just stepped in at the last moment. All of this is a clear indication that a parish can only function as a team

**E**ternal Father

we want to live as the Holy Family of Nazareth  
in peace with you and one another.

May our Holy Communion strengthen us  
to face the difficulties of daily life. Amen.

## *Next Weeks Readings*

7 January 2007: Festival of the Epiphany of the Lord

Reading 1: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89

Reading II: Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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## *Parish Church Services*

Normal Times of Mass (*these may vary according major festivals & events*)

Sunday 8.00am Camp Hill Mass.

9.45am Norman Park Mass

Wednesday 10am Camp Hill Mass

First Monday of the month 7.30pm Requiem Mass (4 December)