



Please pray for recently deceased: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; Helen Miners; Agnes Rodda; William Kett; Renato Maigue; Neil Scanlan; Marlene Bradshaw; Matthew Arnold; Zenida Gador; Bob McEwan.

And these anniversaries: Adam Gale; Gordon & Mary Dungan; Lourdes John; John Girard.

Please pray for these unwell: Robby & Rachel Henry; Miriam Martin; Florencio Gaudinez Jr; Mary Jo Vidler; Lenore Girard; Rosalie Pascual; Patricia Hildreth; Jose Luis Manzanilla Gil; Patricia Agnes; Mary-Rita Deakin; Veron Forsyth; Aoife Stephenson; Michael Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

Please pray for these Baptismal children: Zara Pailthorpe-Jude.

Parish news Used Stamps for the Missions -

Over these Christmas + NY holidays, please collect your overseas AND local stamps. Save your stamps and return them to the collection plate at mass, or Parish Office letterbox (at the top step of the Priory.) Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Collection 2022... \$2715.10 Parish \$2715.10 Priory

*Trish on holidays 14-21 January 2023.
Office will be open throughout this time.*

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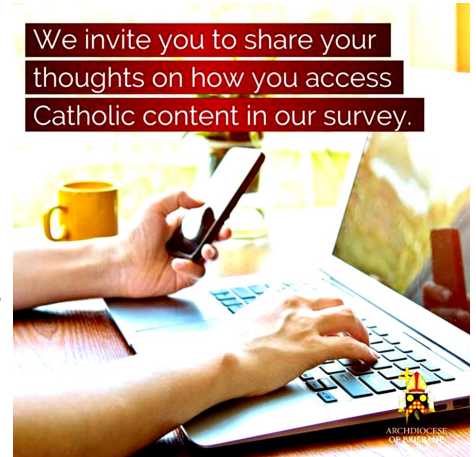
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Term Dates 2023
Term 1 - Tuesday 24 January - Friday 31 March
Term 2 - Monday 17 April - Friday 23 June
Term 3 - Monday 10 July - Friday 15 September
Term 4 - Tuesday 3 October - Friday 1 December

Great characters of the Bible **podcast series, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge**, will focus on the Bible as a story filled with fascinating human characters from the old and new testament. We are going to meet some of these characters, as they tell us a lot about our humanity, and they are coming to meet us, as they do in the stories of scripture.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/podcast-series-on-great-characters-of-the-bible/>



Next week	2nd Sunday Ordinary January 15	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (3rd weekend)	Glenn & family	n/a	Canossa Choir	
COMMENTATOR	Lorie R	Jana V	Leo B	
LECTOR	Bill S	Leslie S	Sean H	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Collette S Priya	Heather L	John W Ray M Christine U-M	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R / helper	Brendon G / helper	Leah S / helper	
POWERPOINT	Cecilia D	Gilbert / helper	June S / helper	
WELCOMER	Karen / Edward	Trish R / helper	Cathy M / helper	

Counters

January 7 / 8 Paul & Cecilia

January 14 / 15 Lenore & Brendon

Next Sunday's Readings

2nd Sunday Ordinary: First Reading *Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6* I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1: 1-3* The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

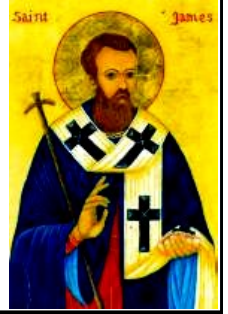
Gospel Reading *John 1: 29-34* This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).

**EPIPHANY
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8 JANUARY**

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**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**

January 8, 2023 • Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12

Little Epiphanies

The story of the Magi is a familiar one. Wise men from the East follow a star, believing it will lead them to the newborn King of the Jews. They make their way to Bethlehem, the place prophets have said the Messiah would be born. Once there, they find the infant Jesus and humble themselves before him. They offer gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The wise men headed for Jerusalem, the capital city, on their quest for the newborn King. Imagine their surprise when they are sent to the small town of Bethlehem, to a tiny little house where they find a poor woman holding her child.

I'm sure they must have been a pause before they experienced their epiphany. Then they finally had their "aha" moment and understood. This child was indeed destined for greatness, but he would not follow the usual path to kingship.

The word *epiphany* means a sudden flash of insight. If we pay attention, life can be filled with these sudden flashes. I remember one particular flash that happened to me several months after I was married. It too involved the search for a king, well perhaps only a Prince Charming. When I married Roger I was pretty naive. I bestowed on him all sorts of impossible qualities. Once the wedding dress was packed away and we were comfortably settled into our apartment, I began to face reality. There were no insights yet, only dirty socks, grumpy mornings and a man who looked rather thin without his armor and white horse. What happened to my prince?

The answer came not in one grand insightful moment like the arrival of the wise men. My epiphanies were smaller, and spread over time. I remember Roger's worried face as he stroked my hair when

our first son was born. I can see him rushing into action when our son James fell off his skateboard and lost his peripheral vision, and when his brother Phillip fell twelve feet from a neighbor's tree. I remember the look on his face when he saw our first grandchild.

After forty-three years of marriage and a thousand small epiphanies, I can only thank God for the gallant young prince I married who has followed his own path to greatness.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask each family member to talk about a time when he or she was expecting one thing but was surprised by another.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What are some of the epiphany moments in your own life? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

Mass Times **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.
Sunday 7am, 9am.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am

WEEKDAY: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 3rd February 2023 @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 3rd February 2023.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: recommences **Sunday 29th January 2023 @ 9am.**

