BRISBANE ORATORY IN FORMATION
PARISH OF ANNERLEY EKIBIN

Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Year A [OF] & [EF]
(Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord)
31st December, 2016/1st January, 2017

Readings for next Sunday
8th/9th January, 2017

1st: *Isaiah 60: 1-6*
2nd: *Ephesians 3: 2-3*
Gospel: *Matthew 2: 1-12*

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From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

I hope everyone is enjoying the days of Christmas with family and friends. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to the wonderful celebration of Christmas in the Parish and all those who have shown such kind generosity to our Oratory community during these holy days. **Along with Fr Sharp, Fr Armstrong and the Brothers I would like to wish everyone a truly blessed, holy and prosperous New Year for 2017.**

In the traditional liturgical calendar next Friday, 6th January, is the feast day of the Epiphany when the wise men are guided by the star to the baby Jesus. An Extraordinary Form *Missa cantata* will be offered in Mary Immaculate church at 7:30pm. **Consequently please note there will be no 9:00am [EF] Mass on Friday 6th January, however, confessions will be available that day as usual at the normal times between 9:40am and 10:00am at Mary Immaculate.** In the Ordinary Form liturgical calendar the Epiphany is celebrated next Sunday 8th January.

Today is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. A very clear and succinct reflection now follows explaining this most exalted title that we give in honour to the Blessed Virgin Mary and affirming the divinity of her new born Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ the Lord.

Fr Andrew Wise

The mother of the messiah has been called many things in the last 2000 years –the Virgin Mary, Our Lady, the Blessed Mother. But call her "the Mother of God," and you'll see some Christians squirm.

This is nothing new. One day in the early fifth century, a priest preached a stirring sermon in the presence of the patriarch of Constantinople. His subject was the holy mother of Jesus. The preacher continually referred to Mary as the "Theotokos" meaning "God-bearer" or mother of God. This was no innovation–Christians had invoked Mary under this title for at least two hundred years. Nevertheless, at the close of the sermon, the patriarch ascended the steps of the pulpit to correct the preacher. We should call Mary the Mother of Christ, said Patriarch Nestorius, not the Mother of God. She was the mother of his human nature, not the mother of his divinity.

His comment sparked a riot. And the dispute rocked not only the congregation, but the entire empire. Cyril, patriarch of Alexandria, Egypt, immediately recognized that Nestorius' Marian theology was a symptom of a much deeper problem, a problem with the incarnation itself. For to deny Mary the title "Mother of God" makes of Jesus a dichotomy, a split personality. It would mean that God had not really embraced our humanity so as to become human. Rather, the humanity of Christ is hermetically sealed off from the divinity, as if Jesus were two persons, as if human nature was so distasteful that God, in Christ, had to keep it at arm's distance. It is OK, according to Nestorius, to say that in Jesus, God raised Lazarus, or multiplied the loaves, or walked on water. But it is not OK to say that in Jesus God is born or that God died.

Cyril, aware that this was a challenge to the heart of our faith, demanded that an ecumenical council be called to settle the matter. So in 431, the Council of Ephesus met, under Cyril's leadership, and solemnly proclaimed that Mary is indeed rightly to be honored as the Theotokos, the Mother of God. It proclaimed that from the moment of his conception, God truly became man. Of course Mary is a creature and could never be the origin of the eternal Trinity, God without beginning or end. But the second person of the blessed Trinity chose to truly become man. He did not just come and borrow a human body and drive it around for awhile, ascend back to heaven, and discard it like an old car. No, at the moment of his conception in the womb of Mary, an amazing thing happened. God the Son united himself with a human nature forever. Humanity and divinity were so closely bound together in Jesus, son of Mary, that they could never be separated again. Everything that would be done by the son of Mary would be the act both of God and of man.

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PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

Friday 27th January	**Elizabethan Social Club Australia Day Function & AGM.** Pies, peas, etc., from 10:00am. $7.00. Bookings: Joan on 3848 3251 or Philomena on 3349 2809.
Monday 13th February	**Josephites Association Meeting.** Mass at 10:00am at St Fabian's, Yeerongpilly, followed by meeting and morning tea. Please contact Jay on 3848 8923 or Claire on 3848 3998.

From Page 1: So indeed it would be right to say that a man raised Lazarus from the dead and commanded the wind and waves, that God was born that first Christmas day and that, on Good Friday, God died.
The Council of Ephesus, once confirmed by the Pope, became the third ecumenical council of the Catholic Church, and its teaching in this matter is dogma, truth revealed by God which all are bound to accept.

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So why does the Roman liturgy celebrate the Octave of Christmas as the Feast of Mary the Mother of God? Because this paradoxical phrase strikes at the very heart of Christmas. The songs we sing and the cards we write extol the babe of Bethlehem as Emmanuel, God-with-us. He is so with us that after Gabriel's visit to the Virgin of Nazareth, the Divine Word can never again be divided from our humanity. What God has joined, let no man separate.
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Mary Immaculate School Centenary

Mary Immaculate School, Annerley is about to turn 100! On April 30th, 2017, the school will officially commemorate its 100th birthday, and we will also remember the centenary of Annerley Parish as well. We are inviting all past students, parents, and staff to join with us in celebrating this momentous event. Save the dates of **Saturday, April 29th and Sunday 30th April, 2017.**

We would love for as many as possible to join us in celebrating on this weekend with an "Under the Stars" late afternoon/evening event on **Saturday 29th April** with guest of honour, Mr Hugh Lunn. On **Sunday 30th April,** Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass in honour of our Centenary.

We are also asking if you have any memorabilia: photos, newsletters, etc., please email me, Leanne Delaney at ldelaney@bne.catholic.edu.au or call the school on 07 3848 8965.

Consider a Bequest. Preparing a Will is the best way to ensure that the people you care about are properly provided for. When preparing your Will, your heart and mind turns first to your family and loved ones. Please also prayerfully consider including a gift to our Annerley Ekibin Parish Endowment Fund or the Brisbane Oratory in Formation Endowment Fund in your Will. Your bequest, of any amount, will help us carry forward the gospel message to future generations. To find out more contact the parish office or go to www.catholicfoundation.org.au

To find out how to support the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish well into the future please contact the parish office or go to: https**://catholicfoundation.org.au/articles/donate-perpetual-fund/**, choose 'designation' and select Annerley Ekibin Parish and/or Brisbane Oratory in Formation.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: $5,104.20
ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS AVE. FOR WEEK $2,113.55
Thank you from a grateful Parish

THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT was founded in 1968 under the umbrella of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. It provides an opportunity for persons with disability to access a social life, gatherings, and activities to help overcome loneliness and for them to enjoy the advantages of today's world in company, education and acceptance in a friendly atmosphere, all based on Christian values.

LITTLE KING'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2017

A special emphasis is placed on helping parents as well as the disabled with their personal, spiritual and social lives.

Although based on Catholic beliefs, the Little King's Movement is ecumenical and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed.

The members of the Little King's Movement commit themselves to bringing to people with disabilities a sense of worth, a sense of being valued and a sense of being loved.

There are no Government subsidies, and most activities are voluntary. ALL ACTIVITIES FOR OUR DISABLED FRIENDS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

This appeal is our major fundraiser for the year. In previous years Annerley Ekibin Parishioners have been very generous, even in the most difficult financial times, for which the Movement is most grateful.

The Little King's Movement Annual Appeal will be held in our Parish on the weekend of 28th/29th January, 2017. Please give generously, either through the envelopes provided or by phoning 3391 1432 and using your credit card (Visa/Mastercard). *Thank you!*

WE PRAY FOR: Those who are recently deceased: Catherine MILLER Joan FINCH, Tony DRUERY, Vincent BLISS, Corazon SALAO and Rina COOK.
Those who are sick: Esther ADENEY, Luke ADENEY, Theresa BAGLEY, Gabrielle BENTLEY, Monique BENTLEY Neil BETTS, Ksenia BORODIN, Rex BOWEN, Stewart BOYD, Joan BRAMMER, Noelene BURGESS, Jeremy CARROLL, Robyn CLEMENTS, Jim CLIFFORD, Hilary COLLINS, Rochelle COWARD, Marietta CRUZADO, Diane ELLIS, Rowena ENNIS, David FARRELL, Jane FARRELL, Madge FARRELL, Tereza FERENC, Joan FLEW, Mary FORRESTER, Anne FRANETTOVICH, John FRANK, Gwen GAIR, Helen GIAQUINTA, Dulcey HARVEY (Ingham), Jan HEGARTY, Peter HEGARTY, Keith HOGG, Marlene JOHNSTON, Dominic KENNEDY, Robyn KINNES, Ryan MacGARY-WALSH, Cherril MALONEY, Bernard McALARY, **Jean McMAHON**, Marie McMAHON SGS, Marie MITCHELL, Harry MOHR, Kathryn MORRIS, Robyn O'DWYER, Valerie & Kevin ORTON, Brian QUARRY, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Dorothy RYAN, Nick SHANAHAN (Jnr), Florence SNELL, Mary STUART, Heather TERRILL, Charlie WINTER, Fr John WORTHINGTON SM, Gary WYLIE, Josephine & Bill WRIGHT and Matthew ZEMEK .
All the faithful departed, especially **Colin BASSETT**

Rosters for next week

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat (SJF) 5:30pm Christine Nitz, Barbara Nicolaides
Sun (MI) 7.30am Ann Fell
Sun (SJF)9.00am Peter Menagh
Sun (MI) 5.00pm Pat Rickard, Andrew Carney

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat (SJF) 6:00pm: Bert Jacobs, John Lesina, Prem Nair, Kevin Rowen, Valmai Winter
Sun (MI) 7:30am: Bertha Clark, Joan Coghlan, Paul Coghlan, Ester Evangelista, Charles Grugan, Kathleen Grugan
Sun (SJF) 9:00am: Peter Menagh
Sun (MI) 5:00pm: Liam Herbert (also available as a reserve. Please phone 0417 727 480)

COUNTERS

Tuesday, 3rd January , 2016
Clem Poncini, Bernie O'Hara

CHURCH CARE

Sacristy (SJF)
Sacristy (SEC) Maria Monro
Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI) Mabel Saah
Church Cleaning (MI)
Laundry (SJF) Rebecca Birkett
Laundry (MI) Mabel Saah

SUNG VESPERS on SUNDAYS: Every second and fourth Sunday of the month Vespers, the evening portion of the Divine Office, is sung in MI church at 4pm in the Extraordinary Form.

PLEASE NOTE:
Weekday Mass Omitted For This Week:
Monday, 2nd January, 6:00am Mass at SE
Tuesday, 3rd January, 6:00am Mass at SE
Thursday, 5th January, 6:00am Mass at SE
Friday, 6th January, 9:00am Mass at MI

St Gregory's Latin Mass Community:
Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Wilston 7:30am

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 31st December, Private:
For the Intentions of the Donor
5:30pm Vigil at MI: For the People of the Parish: *Pro populo*
Midnight at MI: For the Holy Souls
Sunday, 1st January, 7:30am Mass at MI:
For the Seminarians of the Brisbane Oratory and for Vocations
8:30am Mass at SJF: For the Holy Souls
9:00am Mass at MI: For a Special Intention
Monday, 2nd January, 7:00pm Mass at MI:
For a Special Intention
Tuesday, 3rd January, 7:00am Mass at MI:
For a Special Intention
Wednesday, 4th January, 6:30am Mass at SJF:
For a Special Intention
9:00am Mass at MI:
For Colin Bassett, Anniversary (31st December)
Thursday, 5th January, 7:00am Mass at MI:
For the Holy Souls
9:00am Mass at MI:
For Dan Holeczy, RIP August 2016, Hungarian War Hero & Fighter Pilot

Parish Diary & Mass Times: 2nd - 8th January

Monday 2nd January			
6:00am	**NO MASS**	SE	
7:00pm	**Mass** [OF+]	MI	
Tuesday 3rd January			
6:00am	**NO MASS**	SE	
7:00am	**Mass** [EF]	MI	
9:00am	**Mass** [OF+]	MI	
Wednesday 4th January			
6:30am	**Mass** [OF]	SJF	
9:00am	**Mass** [EF]	MI	
Thursday 5th January			
6:00am	**NO MASS**	SE	
7:00am	**Mass** [OF+]	MI	
9:00am	**Mass** [EF]	MI	
Friday 6th January			
6:30am	**Mass** [OF]	SE	
9:00am	**NO MASS**	MI	*Confessions available 9:40am*
7:30pm	**Mass [EF]**	**MI**	*Missa cantata*
Saturday 7th January			
8:15am	**Mass** [EF]	MI	
The Epiphany of the Lord			
5:30pm	**Vigil** [OF]	SJF	
5:30pm	**Vigil** [OF+]	MI	
Sunday 8th January			
7:30am	**Mass** [OF]	MI	
9:00am	**Mass** [EF]	MI	
5:00pm	**Mass** [OF+]	MI	

OF = Ordinary Form | OF+ = *Ad orientem* | EF = Extraordinary Form]
MI = Mary Immaculate SE = St Elizabeth's SJF = St John Fisher

CONFESSION TIMES:

Mon	**6:45pm (MI)**
Wed	**9:40am - 10:00am (MI)**
Thu	**9:40am - 10:00am (MI**
Fri	**9:40am - 10:00am (MI)**
Fri	**7:30pm - 8:30pm (During Holy Hour)**
Sat	**7:15am - 8:00am (MI)**
Sat	**4:45pm - 5:15pm (MI)**
Sat	**5:15pm by request (SJF)**
Sun	**During 9:00am Mass where possible (MI)**

The Angelus and the Rosary are prayed half an hour before the early Masses, Monday to Friday, at SE & SJF.

* All night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Thursday at St Elizabeth's Chapel beginning at 6:00pm and ending at 6:45am on Fridays.
* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturdays from 7:15am - 8:00am at Mary Immaculate Church.

St Elizabeth's Chapel Adoration will resume on Thursday, February 2nd 2017.

Holy Hour at Mary Immaculate Church will resume on Friday 3rd February 2017.

Friday, 6th January, 6:30am Mass at SE:
For Special Graces for Kevin & Gail's five adult children
7:30pm Mass at MI: For the Intentions of the Donor
Saturday, 7th January, Private:
For the Intentions of the Donor
8:15am Mass at MI: In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for blasphemies & offences
5:30pm Vigil at SJF: For the People of the Parish: *Pro populo*
Sunday, 8th January, 7:30am Mass at MI: For the Holy Souls
8:30am Mass at SJF:
For the Intentions of the Donor

MASS READINGS

First Reading: *Numbers 6: 22-27*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face and bring you peace."
This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *95*

(Said by all)

God, be gracious and bless us
And let Your face shed its light upon us.
So will Your ways be known upon earth
And all nations learn Your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
For You rule the world with justice.
With fairness You rule the peoples.
You guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.
May God still give us His blessing
'Til the ends of the earth revere Him.

Second Reading: *Galatians 4:4-7*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now He speaks to us through His Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 2:16-21*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say.

As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shephers went back to glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Memorial Acclamation: *Number One*

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Christmas Offering envelopes may still be given on any collection plate or through the Parish Office. If you would like to make an offering, but do not have a printed envelope, please clearly mark a plain envelope and return as above. Offerings will be finalised after next Sunday when the Christmas season concludes.

Thank you again to all who have been so generous in their offerings and gifts to the Oratory community and to the Parish.

Brisbane Oratory Music: *Please contact Ronan if you would like to audition for the mixed choir, the schola or the children's choir (5yrs - 15yrs). Lessons in sacred music are also offered.*

'May it ... come about that the Christian people begin even on this earth to sing that song of praise it will sing forever in heaven: "To Him who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb, blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever".' (Musicæ Sacræ Disciplina, Pope Pius XII, 1955)

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ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?
OR ARE YOU FROM ELSEWHERE IN BRISBANE BUT REGULARLY ATTEND MASS HERE AND WOULD LIKE TO BE REGISTERED AS A FRIEND OF THE BRISBANE ORATORY? If so, please fill in the form below and place it on the collection plate or mail to our Parish Office: P.O. Box 3131, Tarragindi. 4121.

□ **I am a new parishioner**

□ **I am from elsewhere but would like to be registered as a friend of the Brisbane Oratory**

Name……

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