Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday, 2nd February, is the feast day of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple. In the Traditional Calendar the same feast is called the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Candlemas. This is the day when candles are traditionally blessed for use at Mass or for personal prayer and devotions. The feast will be celebrated in the parish with the usual Mass times of 7:00am [EF] and 9:00am [OF]. After both Masses, the priest will bless any candles brought by parishioners for use during the year for personal or family prayer and devotions.

The Traditional Latin Mass that morning at 7:00am will be a Missa Cantata. We aim to conclude the Mass before 8:00am for those who need to set off for work after Mass. A more detailed description of this feast day follows as the reflection for this week.

Now that everyone is back from holidays, I would like to bring to your attention a few parish "housekeeping" matters:

- If you wish to borrow something belonging to the parish you are ordinarily most welcome to do so, as everything we have belongs to all of us together who support the parish with their "time, talent and treasure". The parish priest is of course the custodian and guardian of the parish patrimony so please ask me first if you wish to borrow something from the Parish. Thank you for your co-operation and courtesy in this.

- Please do not leave prayers, pamphlets, advertisements, etc. at the back of the Church without first checking with me either after Mass or through the parish office. Parishioners are entitled to know that what is displayed in the Church has the backing and approval of the Parish and the Brisbane Oratory in Formation. Materials left in the Church without approval will ordinarily be removed.

- At Communion time please do not close the side doors of Mary Immaculate Church, adjacent to where Communion is being distributed. If the priest believes any breeze could adversely affect the reception of Communion he himself will ask for the doors to be closed.

- Finally, when confession is available during Mass there should naturally be a pause in going into the confessional during the time of the consecration. After the consecration confessions may resume. Also, it is customary to always make the sign of the cross upon ourselves as we receive absolution from the priest at confession. This is a sign of our personal desire and receptivity to God’s forgiveness given in the sacrament through our Lord’s sacrifice of the Cross for us.

From the Parish Priest

Candlemas Reflection: This is the festival on which the Church in the traditional calendar venerates the humility and obedience of Mary after giving birth to Jesus who, though not subject to the law of Moses, which required purification and presentation in the temple, subjected herself to it. From this comes the name Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the modern calendar it is known as The Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Baby Jesus was brought into the temple of Jerusalem that He might be offered to God, who had commanded the Jews to offer their first-born sons to Him in grateful commemoration of the destroying angel having spared their first-born at the departure from Egypt, when all the firstborn of the Egyptians were slain. (Exodus XII. 12.) These children had to be redeemed afterwards by certain gifts. (Exodus XIII. 13.). Note that "firstborn" means "the male child that opens the womb," not "the first of a series of children born." Therefore, the Protestant objections to Mary’s eternal virginity based on references to Jesus as "firstborn" are totally without foundation.

The feast is also called Candlemas, because before Mass on this day the candles used in divine service may be blessed and carried in procession. Candles are blessed in remembrance of the presentation of Jesus to His Heavenly Father on this day, when the aged Simeon called Him: "A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of the people of Israel". (Luke II. 32.) and to remind us that, like the five wise virgins, we should go to meet Christ with the light of faith and good works.
Monday 1st February  
Verso L’Alto resumes with Mass at 7:00pm at Mary Immaculate Church. Please see notice below.

Tuesday 2nd February  
Sacramental Program Parent Information Session at 7:30pm at the Christ Centre, St Elizabeth’s Primary School, Tarragindi. Please see notice below.

Wednesday 3rd February  
Sacramental Program Preparation Session for Children at 4:00pm at the Christ Centre, St Elizabeth’s Primary School. Please see notice below.

Wednesday 3rd February  
Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7:30pm at the Parish Office.

Wednesday 3rd February  
RCIA meetings resume at the Parish Office (downstairs) at 7:00pm.

Thursday 4th February  
Liturgy Committee meets a the Parish Office at 11:00am.

Monday 8th February  
Josephites Associates Meeting at 10:00am at St Fabian’s Hall, Yeronga. Contact Jay on 3848 8923 or Claire on 3848 3998.

Tuesday 9th February  
Parish Finance Council meets at the Parish Office at 7:30pm.

Thursday 11th February  
All Night Adoration resumes at St Elizabeth’s Chapel at 6:00pm.

Saturday 20th February  
Baptism Preparation for Parents at 9:00am at MI Primary School Library.

Tuesday 8th March  
Anointing Mass at MI Church at 10.00am. Morning tea follows in Marymac Centre.

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**Faith 16 Year of Mercy:** Pope Francis (2015) in announcing the extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy reminded us that we need to “contemplate the mystery of mercy” as mercy is a source of peace, joy and serenity that our salvation relies on and is revealed in the Most Holy Trinity. Pope Francis continues telling us that mercy is God’s ultimate and supreme act in which God comes to meet us, it is the fundamental law that dwells in each heart and it connects God and man as hearts are opened by the hope of everlasting love despite our sinfulness.

Pope Francis calls us to recognise and live the season of Lent in this Jubilee year with greater intensity and to treat the season as a time to celebrate and experience God’s mercy. The Brisbane South Deanery in listening to this call will pilgrimage to Parishes in the Deanery every Thursday evening during the season of Lent 2016. Details for this program are below. Faith16: Merciful Like the Father

Brisbane South Deanery: Pilgrimage through Lent

**Week 1.** Mercy in God: Rev Dr John Chalmers  
11 February 2016, 7 - 8.30 pm  
St Agnes Church, Mt Gravatt

**Week 2.** Mercy in Luke: Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
18 February 2016, 7 - 8.30 pm  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunnybank

**Week 3.** Mercy in Family Life: Mrs Gail Godfrey  
25 February 2016, 7 - 8.30 pm  
Marymac Community Centre, Annerley

**Week 4.** Mercy in Prayer: Sr Mary Franzmann pbvm & Sr Ursula O’Rourke sgs  
3 March 2016, 7 - 8.30 pm  
St Bernard’s Church Upper Mt Gravatt

**Week 5.** Mercy in Community: Mr Rick Sheehan & guest speakers  
10 March 2016, 7-8.30 pm  
St Pius X Hall Salisbury

**Week 6.** Chritsm Mass  
17 March 2016, 7. 00 pm  
Cathedral of St Stephen

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**ART UNION 2016 PRIZE DRAWS:**

1 March — EARLY BIRD DRAW—$300  
5 April—$200, 3 May - $200, 7 June - $200, 5 July- $200, 2 August—$200, 6 September—$200, 4 October—$200. JACKPOT DRAW, 1 November—$1000. Only 150 tickets to be sold! Great odds!

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**“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”**  
St. Francis

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**FROM THE SACRAMENTAL TEAM**

**Sacramental Program:** The Parent Information session for the Sacramental Program will take place on TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY AT 7:30PM in the CHRISTI CENTRE at St Elizabeth’s Primary School.

The first of five preparation sessions for the Sacrament of Penance for the children will be held on Wednesday 3rd February AT 4PM in the CHRISTI CENTRE at St Elizabeth’s school.

We look forward to the Sacramental journey ahead!

**RCIA:** The RCIA and Adult Faith formation group will resume the weekly meetings on Wednesday 3rd February at 7pm in the Parish office. Anyone is welcome to attend the sessions. For more information contact Ria in the parish office by email at: sacramental_annek@bne.catholic.net.au

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies. From February 10th to March 20th, our community will join hundreds of other cities participating in 40 Days for Life.

Some of our Flores Teresianes young women will be taking part. For more information, contact Catherine: 0431 117139. Go to www.40daysforlife.com/brisbane or 40dfl.net

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**WE PRAY FOR**

Those who are recently deceased: Patrick GAYNOR, Stephen DICK, Sr Teresa WOOD, Linda TRIASMONO, Pam WISE and Amy ROBERTSON, Those who are sick: Esther ADENEY, Theresa BAGLEY, Z BASSETT, Gabrielle BENTLEY, Neil BETTS, Baby BIRKETT, Stewart BOYD, Antoinette BRENNEN, Jeremy CARROLL, Robyn CLEMENTS, Jim CLIFFORD, Hilary COLLINS, Rina COOK, Rochelle COWARD, Marietta CRUZADO, Diane ELLIS, Rowena ENNIS, Jane FARRELL, Madge FARRELL, Joan FLEW, Mary FORRESTER, Anne FRANETTOVICH, John FRANK, , Gwen GAIR, Helen GIAQUINTA, Dulcey HARVEY (Ingham), John HASTINGS, Sr Patricia HAYES RSM, Jan HEGARTY, Peter HEGARTY, Keith HOGG, Patricia JACOBS, Marlene JOHNSTON, Dominic KENNEDY, Robyn KINNES, Ryan MACGARY-WALSH, Cherril MALONEY, Eileen MATTHEWS, Bernard MCLARY, John MITCHELL, Marie MITCHELL, Harry MOHR, Kathryn MORRIS, Robyn O’DWYER, Valerie & Kevin ORTON, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Julie ROWEN (Mackay), Linda TRIASMONO, Pam WISE and Amy ROBERTSON, Those who are sick: Esther ADENEY, Theresa BAGLEY, Z BASSETT, Gabrielle BENTLEY, Neil BETTS, Baby BIRKETT, Stewart BOYD, Antoinette BRENNEN, Jeremy CARROLL, Robyn CLEMENTS, Jim CLIFFORD, Hilary COLLINS, Rina COOK, Rochelle COWARD, Marietta CRUZADO, Diane ELLIS, Rowena ENNIS, Jane FARRELL, Madge FARRELL, Joan FLEW, Mary FORRESTER, Anne FRANETTOVICH, John FRANK, , Gwen GAIR, Helen GIAQUINTA, Dulcey HARVEY (Ingham), John HASTINGS, Sr Patricia HAYES RSM, Jan HEGARTY, Peter HEGARTY, Keith HOGG, Patricia JACOBS, Marlene JOHNSTON, Dominic KENNEDY, Robyn KINNES, Ryan MACGARY-WALSH, Cherril MALONEY, Eileen MATTHEWS, Bernard MCLARY, John MITCHELL, Marie MITCHELL, Harry MOHR, Kathryn MORRIS, Robyn O’DWYER, Valerie & Kevin ORTON, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Julie ROWEN (Mackay), Dorothy RYAN, Nick SHANAHAN (Jnr), Florence SNELL, Mary STUART, Heather TERRILL, Charlie WINTER, Gary WYLIE, Josephine & Bill WRIGHT and Matthew ZEMEK.

All the faithful departed, especially Anthony D’CUNHA

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**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND**

First: $1,016.70  Second: $3,438.00  Thank you from a grateful Parish

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**St Gregory’s Latin Mass Community**

Sexagésima Sunday: Wilston, at 7:30am

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**PARISH DATE CLAIMERS**

ART UNION 2016

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Rosters for next week

MINISTERS OF THE WORD
- Sat (SJF) 6:00pm: Kay Holmes, Madonna Fogarty
- Sun (MI) 7:30am: Michael Cooper, Sol Dobinson
- Sun (SJF) 9:00am: Deidre Vokes, Dianne Shanahan
- Sun (MI) 5:00pm: Maggie Soares, Ken Meissner

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: Liam Herbert, Peter Menagh, Christine Murphy, Tony Murphy, Deidre Vokes

COUNTERS
- Monday, 1st February, 2016
  - Nick Jabore, Bernie O’Hara

CHURCH CARE
- Sacristy (SEC) Maria Monro
- Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI) Mabel Saah, Alicia Cooke
- Church Cleaning (MI) Noel Everding

Laundry (SJF)
- Laundry (MI) Mabel Saah
- Laundry (SE) Mira Tedjo, Kate Ahern

Verso L’Alto
On Monday evening, 1st February, Verso L’Alto, hosted by the Frassati Fraternity, resumes for 2016. The evening begins with Mass at 7:00pm at Mary Immaculate Church and is followed by supper and catechesis/faith formation talks. Verso L’Alto is open to young adults from 18 years of age.

Frassati Youth recommences Friday 12th February
Inspiring holiness and virtue in high school aged youth
- Every Friday in Term 1 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- At Marymac Centre, 616 Ipswich Road, Annerley
- Free dinner each week, social activities or games, and authentic catechesis
- Under the patronage of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
- Families can join us at the end of the night to pray the Rosary in the church
Contact Catherine McDowall on 0431 117 139 or email catherinemcdowall@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, 30th January, 6:00pm Vigil at SJF:
- For the People of the Parish: Pro populo

Sunday, 31st January, 7:30am Mass at MI:
- For Jackie Murphy, Sick

Sunday, 31st January, 9:00am Mass at MI:
- For the Holy Souls

Monday, 1st February, 7:00am Mass at SE:
- For the Holy Souls

Tuesday, 2nd February, 6:00am Mass at SE:
- For the Seminarians of the Brisbane Oratory and for Vocations

7:00am Mass at MI:
- For Sr Teresa Wood, Recently Deceased

Wednesday, 3rd February, 7:00am Mass at SJF:
- For a Special Intention

9:00am Mass at MI: For a Special Intention

Parish Diary & Mass Times: 1st - 7th February 2016

Monday 1st February
- 7:00am Mass [OF] SE
- 7:00pm Mass [EF] MI

Tuesday 2nd February
- 6:00am Mass [OF+] SE
- 7:00am Mass [EF] MI Missa Cantata
- 9:00am Mass [OF+] MI

Wednesday 3rd February
- 7:00am Mass [OF] SJF
- 9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Thursday 4th February
- 6:00am Mass [OF+] SE
- 7:00am Mass [OF+] MI
- 9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Friday 5th February
- 7:00am Mass [OF] SE
- 9:00am Mass [EF] MI
- 7:30pm Holy Hour MI

Saturday 6th February
- 8:00am Mass [EF] MI

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 5:30pm Vigil [OF+] MI
- 6:00pm Vigil [OF] SJF

Sunday 7th February
- 7:30am Mass [OF] MI
- 9:00am Mass [EF] MI
- 9:00am Mass [OF] SJF
- 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:
- Monday 6:45pm (MI)
- Wednesday 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)
- Thursday 7:30am - 8:00am (MI)
- Thursday 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)
- Friday 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)
- Friday 7:30pm - 8:30pm (MI) During Holy Hour
- Saturday 7:15am - 8:00am (MI)
- Saturday 4:45pm - 5:15pm (MI)
- Saturday 5:45pm by request (SJF)
- Sunday 8:30am (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

(Currently suspended. Resumes February 11th)

Usually 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 - 7:45am at Mary Immaculate Church.

Thursday, 4th February, 6:00am Mass at SE:
- For a Special Intention
- 9:00am Mass at MI: For Zang Yoon Ching, RIP
- 7:00am Mass at MI: For Savio & Shamitha D’Souza, Fifteenth Wedding Anniversary
- 5:30pm Vigil at MI: For the Intention of the Donor
- 7:30am Mass at MI: For the Holy Souls
Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen." And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son, surely?" But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, 'We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill of the town and built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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.

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
Address
Phone Mobile
E-mail