



Epiphany of the Lord

6th January 2008

COME AND SEE !

Upon Jesus' answer to his question, "Rabbi, where do you stay?" (John 1:28), Andrew followed Jesus and saw the unfolding plan of salvation. He then ran to his brother Simon and urged him to come and see for himself.

This is the basis for any effort of bringing our relatives, friends and colleagues to know Jesus. Come and see !

Come to the Community, come to Church and see...

See how we meet with our saviour in the Word and in the sharing of the sacred meal... See the effect this has on us ! We love and respect each other, practising compassion and pardon. We are involved in developing the World as God dreams it, a world of justice and peace. Come and see for yourself !

Quite a Challenge !
Happy New Year !



This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

Catechism resumes on Saturday the 26th for CCD 1-4 and on Sunday the 27th for CCD 5-8. JCJ, follow your Catechist's instructions.

Compulsory Meeting of all Faith Sharers next Saturday at 10am.

Meeting of the PPC Executive next Sunday after mass.

Weekend masses: SATURDAY 5 pm and SUNDAY 10.30 am
Confessions: SATURDAY 4.30 pm or by appointment
Weekday masses: TUESDAY 9 am and WEDNESDAY 7.30 pm
First Friday of the month: ADORATION 6.15 pm and MASS 7.30 pm

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For Mass intentions and appointment with Father, please contact Shantha by phone at the office on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9.30 to 12.30
OR leave a message on the mailbox OR send an email.
For Sick calls, please contact
Clive Padayachee on 011.854.5060 or 072.493.4773
For Funerals, please contact Vivian Patel on 011.854.8523 or Cynthia Thomas on 011.854.5490
In case of emergency only, Fr. Philippe's cell is 082.729.3758

Join in the following activities...

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP : every Monday 7.30 pm in the Hall.
Contact Edgar 011 852 4960
INTERCESSION PRAYER GROUP: every Friday 10 am - 24 Opaal Street - Extension 5. Contact Vivian 011 854 6523
PRAYER GROUP: every Saturday 3.30 pm in the Hall.
STOP: every Wednesday @ 7.30pm in the Hall. Contact: Sebastian 078.111.9991 or Gregory 082.902.6721

What's in the rubbish bin? (2)

Following my thoughts on those of us so eager to dig out the latest gossip to be spread, I discovered how much one can sometimes miss an opportunity to sanctify the community, and by doing so, miss the opportunity of sanctifying oneself. Jealousy and envy motivate us, I suppose, unless the poor image we have of ourselves makes it so difficult to barely acknowledge the positive ones of others. Instead of thanking God for the gifts of our brothers and sisters, we fall short of recognising God's touch in them and... throw them in the dustbin, mixing them up with the common rubbish !

While emptying the collection boxes the two last weeks, we discovered two anonymous letters addressed to two parishioners particularly devoted to the building up of God's Kingdom. The content of those letters was so offensive that laughter first, and then pity for the person who wrote them, were the only appropriate reactions.

Yet, such practise is absolutely unacceptable in a Christian community. It is a **serious sin** against the Community of Christ and therefore **the person who plays that game is unfit to receive Holy Communion** until he/she comes to the Parish Priest for reconciliation.

If any one of us feels uncomfortable in front of a brother or a sister who performs faithfully his/her duty, let it be for that member an occasion of praising God and taking up the challenge of humbly and faithfully serving the community according to his/her own gifts.

Thank you God for all those who serve the Community of your Son in St. Thomas'. Thank you for their dedication to bring about your Kingdom. Continue to protect them from the attacks of the evil one, whose only aim is to destroy the community.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 9th : Bradley, Justin, Shade', Kylin, Janine J.
Sat 12th : Kyle, Mitchell, Adrian, Tesania, Nathanie
Sun 13th : Tiffany, Steven, Shadé, Kewan, Jason,
Bongani

Flower List

Dorothy Francis, Varghese & Mary George, Khan Cynthia, Ronnie & Liz Govender.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 5th : For all parishioners
Sun 6th : Pagia James RIP
Tue 8th : Thanksgiving for blessings received
Wed 9th : For healing

Next week, after the Sunday Mass, a drink will be served in honour of Uncle Bill for his many years of service as Care taker and to wish him well in his retirement.

Infants Baptism

The parents who would like to have their child baptised are invited to collect a form from the office or the website, to fill it and surrender it to Shanta to Father. The child must strictly be less than 6 years.

Registration Catechism

This year, registration for Catechism is done through the office. Alternatively, you can download the appropriate form from the website, fill it up and drop it in the office with the fee. Registration closes on the 26th January.

Candidates for RCIA ?

Please introduce yourself to Father.

Ronnie and Liz Govender would like thank Fr. Philippe and all the parishioners for their prayers during the time of Ronnie's illness. It was certainly heard by the Lord and he is now on the road to recovery. May God bless you all for your kindness towards us.