



**St Vincent de Paul**  
SVdP Regional President - John O'Donohue

Woody Point / Margate Conference  
(Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal)  
&  
Redcliffe Conference  
(Our Lady Help of Christians)

SVdP has a very active presence here on the Redcliffe Peninsula with two Conferences (the Woody Point/Margate Conference and the Redcliffe Conference) working to help the needy in the community.

If you are interested in joining SVdP to be a steward for our community or would just like to find out more about us please contact:

**Woody Point/Margate Conference**  
Family Support Centre  
251 Oxley Ave, Margate  
Ph: 3284 3889

The Woody Point/Margate Conference meets on Monday evening, 7.30pm for prayer and reflection followed by any business at the Parish Hall Meeting Room, Woody Point.

or

**Redcliffe Conference**  
Family Support Centre  
198 Anzac Ave, Kippa Ring  
Ph: 3889 4815

The Redcliffe Conference meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 12pm at the Support Centre, Kippa Ring.

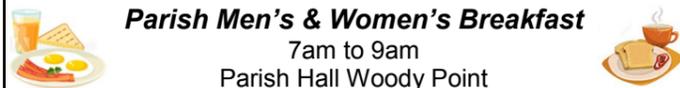
**Holy Cross Parish Fundraiser**  
**TRIVIA NIGHTS**



WHEN: **Friday 13 March & Friday 7 August**  
WHERE: **Parish Hall, Woody Point**

Holy Cross Parish holds a Trivia Night twice a year to raise much needed funds for the Parish. These evenings are a great social event. Watch the newsletter early 2020 for details and booking information for the March Trivia Night!

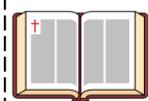
**Parish Men's & Women's Breakfast**



7am to 9am

Parish Hall Woody Point

During the year Holy Cross Parish offers the opportunity for Men and Women to come together to share a cooked breakfast and fellowship. Please watch the Newsletter for dates and details as they become available.



**READINGS 5/1:** Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ps: 7:1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

**READINGS 12/1:** Isaiah 60:1-642:1-4, 6-7  
Ps: 28:1-4,9-10  
Acts 10:34-38  
Matthew 3:13-17



**Catholic Women's League**

Redcliffe Branch

- Our aim is to promote the spiritual, cultural, social, physical and intellectual interests of women and children.
- Encourage Catholic and Christian women to participate in the moral and civil welfare of the community.
- Be active participants in the Church and its charitable works.

New members are very welcome. If you are new to the Holy Cross Parish or feeling a little lonely and would enjoy the company of like-minded women just come along to our Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

**Time:** 10am  
**Venue:** Parish Hall, Woody Point, Meeting Room

If you would like any further information please contact Helen Dowling (CWL - Redcliffe Branch - President) on 0401 218 462.

**Leaving a LEGACY: A gift to the Holy Cross Catholic Parish, Redcliffe City in your Will is a simple yet powerful way to impact future generations.**



Are you wondering how you can make a lasting Gift/Bequest to the Holy Cross Parish? By naming the Parish in your will, after taking care of your loved ones, you can make a meaningful and profound gift to your Parish. You can also donate to the Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund.

By learning more about these, you can create a legacy to your Parish Community.

Please contact the Parish Office on 3293 0800 for further information.

**PARISH OFFICE**

**Please be aware the Holy Cross Parish Office will be CLOSED from midday, Tuesday 24 December 2019 reopening Monday 6 January 2020**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Week beginning 6/01/2020

Monday	9am Mass	HCC
Tuesday	9am Mass	HCC
Wednesday	9am Mass	MQP
Thursday	9am Mass	MQP
Friday	<b>No Mass</b>	

**CHURCHES**

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH (HCC)**

ANZAC AVE, KIPPA-RING  
SAT - 6PM, SUN - 9AM & 5PM  
\*PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS IN RECESS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH (MQP)**

VICTORIA AVE, WOODY POINT  
SUN - 7.30AM

**EMERGENCY CONTACT - 3293 0777**

**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**PRIEST IN CHARGE:** FR BOB HARWOOD  
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**ASSISTANT SG OFFICER:** CATHY HICKEY

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**FINANCE:** HELEN MANGANO

**FACILITIES:** MAX KUNDE

**HOLY CROSS FUNERALS: PH - 07 3293 0555**  
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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** SHARNIE GEORGEY  
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**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:** COR DE REGT

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:**  
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**YOUTH COORDINATOR:**  
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**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** SR JANETTE  
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**Holy Cross Parish**  
**Redcliffe City**

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**Phone:** 3293 0800 **Fax:** 3293 0811  
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**CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR - INFORMATION SHEET (Yr A)**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Recently some Christian scientists got to work trying to explain the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem. They came up with a complicated, and no doubt plausible, astronomical theory about how a certain brilliant star may have appeared around the time of the birth of Jesus. Though I was intrigued by their methods, I wondered why they bothered. Matthew's wandering star is not about astronomy. It's religious shorthand for describing how the heavens preside over and guide the events of the world. The image of a star is used in similar ways in the Books of Deuteronomy, Numbers, Isaiah and the Psalms. This entire feast is all about symbols, not science. Reported by Hippolytus as early as the third century, it is celebrated twelve days after Christmas, the number itself echoing God's goodness in creating and recreating us.

The wise men's star is on a par with the other images Matthew uses. At the centre of each of the first three chapters of his Gospel there is an extraordinary event. In chapter one Joseph hears the message of an angel in a dream. In chapter two the wise men find Jesus by following a star. And by chapter three the heavens open and God speaks at the baptism of the Lord. By any standards that's quite an opening to a biography! It's all about the manifestation, or epiphany, of God's glory in the world.

And let's look carefully at where and for whom this glory is revealed. The first instance is to Joseph while he's in bed asleep. The second is to gentile astrologers who, by reporting their news to Herod, set up an immediate threat to Jesus. The third instance is to all those Jews who were coming to hear John the Baptist. Within three chapters of Matthew's Gospel the circles of God's glory revealed in Jesus become more public and change lives. The lives of Joseph, the star gazers, John the Baptist and those who heard Jesus preach will never be the same again.

The Feast of the Epiphany is not an ancient version of Halley's comet. It is about how God's glory changes human hearts. T.S. Eliot got this point in his poem 'The journey of the Magi'.

*'Birth or death? There was a Birth, certainly, we had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death, but had thought they were different; this Birth was hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death. We returned to our places, these Kingdoms, but no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation, with an alien people clutching their gods. I should be glad of another death.'*

And so may this feast change our hearts and enable us to die to self so as to be born to God's glory that can and does shine through us. And may we remember that this epiphany is not meant for us alone, but that we are called to go public with it and demonstrate our belief in today's feast by the way we live, the world we help create, and the one we strive to recreate.

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**Pre-arrangements & Funeral Bonds**  
*An Outreach of the Catholic Church*



**Phone: 07 3293 0555**

**www.holycrossfunerals.com**



**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY**

*...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.*  
(Mark 10:14)

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.*

*They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.*

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

**This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.**

In order to support this policy it is mandatory that all Parishes and Agencies of the Archdiocese engage in the following four strategies:

1. Safe recruitment and selection practices - helping prevent those who pose a risk to children from holding positions of trust;
2. Adhering to the code of ethical behaviour - having clear guidelines that set out what is and is not acceptable behaviour as an essential part of keeping children safe;
3. Operating safe activities for children - can help ensure a safe environment for children;
4. Mandatory reporting of harm or suspected harm.

The Archdiocese is committed to safeguarding children through vigilant prevention and protection practices as prescribed by the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference and legislation.

**Holy Cross Parish, Redcliffe City - Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We, Holy Cross Parish, are committed to undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.**

To read the full policy visit: <http://archbne.org/safeguard>

The Holy Cross Catholic Parish Safeguarding Officer is Leanne Menyweather.

You can contact Leanne at the Parish Office on 3293 0800 or via email at [admin.redcliffe@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:admin.redcliffe@bne.catholic.net.au)

Please help us ensure the safety of all our most vulnerable!

**STOPline - Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**

STOPline is an external service provided for the Archdiocese to receive confidential disclosures. Disclosures can be made anonymously.

**P: 1300 304 550 / E: [AOb@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOb@stopline.com.au)**

**Office for Safeguarding Services:**

**P: 07 3324 3752**

**E: [safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au)**

**A: PO Box 282, Brisbane QLD 4001**

**HOLY CROSS PARISH 2020 Sacramental Dates**



**PENANCE (Confession):**

For those children in year 5 or 6 who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Enrolment Information Sessions:

*Holy Cross Church, Kippa Ring  
Sunday 1 March, 10.15am or  
Tuesday 3 March, 6.30pm*

Enrolments close - Wednesday 11 March

Rite of Enrolment - 15 March, 9am Mass at HCC followed by Parent Session & Sacramental Children Session

Penance - Sunday 29 March, 9am Mass at HCC followed by Retreat.

Penance at end of Retreat.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

For those children in year 4 and up to/including year 6 who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Enrolment Information Sessions:

*Holy Cross Church, Kippa Ring  
Saturday 28 March, 10.30am or  
Wednesday 1 April 6.30pm April*

Enrolments close - Thursday 14 May

Rite of Enrolment - 24 May, 9am Mass at HCC followed by Parent Session & Sacramental Children Session

Retreat Day - Sunday 14 June following 9am Mass  
First Holy Communion - Weekend of 20/21 June



**CONFIRMATION:**

For those children currently in year 3 and up to/including year 6.

Enrolment Information Sessions:

*Holy Cross Church, Kippa Ring  
Saturday 18 July, 10.30am or  
Tuesday 21 July, 6.30pm*

Enrolments close - Tuesday 4 August

Rite of Enrolment - 16 August, 9am Mass at HCC followed by Parent Session & Sacramental Children Session

Retreat Day - Sunday 13 September following 9am Mass  
Confirmation - Wednesday 16 September, 7pm at HCC

**ENROLMENT PACKS for ALL Sacraments will ONLY be available at the Enrolment Information Meeting.**



**Parish Pastoral Council**

Our Parish Pastoral Council here at Holy Cross Parish, Redcliffe City are committed to enriching the quality of our parish life. Our Council Members are eager to help where they can.

If you have a question or a suggestion; if you are a new parishioner or just visiting the parish; if you would like to get involved in the parish just look for a Parishioner wearing an ORANGE badge (they are PCC Members).

Our PCC also welcomes contact via email at: [ppc.redcliffe@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ppc.redcliffe@bne.catholic.net.au)

or

drop a note in the available "Parish Correspondence Box"

**Holy Cross Parish Ministries!**

*"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."  
St Catherine of Siena*

God has blessed us with gifts and talents to set this world alight with his love. It is not due to our own cleverness that we become successful people; success comes from the fruits of the talents we have received from God.

How do you use your talents to build up the Kingdom of God?

Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to become involved through ministry!

- ◇ Visit the sick and elderly in our Parish
- ◇ Become a member of the Parish Pastoral Council
- ◇ Become a member of the Parish Finance Council
- ◇ Contribute to the liturgy by reading or being an Extraordinary Minister of Communion
- ◇ Play an instrument at Mass or sing in the Choir
- ◇ Join in the charitable works of St Vincent de Paul
- ◇ Have a heart for youth or Children's Ministry
- ◇ Become a part of the Hospitality and Welcoming Team

These are just a few possibilities.

You can be an active member of the Holy Cross Parish community, please prayerfully discern where you are able to share your gifts.

For information or if you would like to join any of our Ministries please contact the Parish Office on 3293 0800.

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.*

Please be aware there are requirements to be met by any volunteer. Contact the Parish Office for details.

**Holy Cross Parish PLANNED GIVING**

Planned Giving enables a parish to assess its financial resources and to plan for the future with the wisdom of being good stewards. A parish with Planned Giving lives by faith – the faith of her people. Money doesn't fall from heaven – it comes into a parish through the generous and committed actions of good stewardship by faithful people. Meaningful giving is something that is significantly felt. A gift which means little to the giver will not be a cause of blessing either to the giver or the receiver.

Three ways of Planned Giving are generally practiced in the Church:

- ◇ Direct Debiting or Credit Card (Electronic banking is more reflective of the world in which the Church now lives and operates, as it also is for her members)
- ◇ Envelope system
- ◇ Loose Offering

**Direct Debit or Credit Card (preferred option)** payments are available for Planned Giving contributions. Please contact the Parish Office for further information. Direct Debit Forms and Credit Card payment Forms are available from the Parish Office or at the Church noticeboards.



**Holy Rollers Club**

The Holy Rollers Club is a continuing venture to support the Holy Cross Parish.

Your Number goes into a Weekly Draw for a **\$100 Gift Card** from either Woolworths or Coles and the Major Draw of:

- 1st Prize: \$4000 cash**
- 2nd Prize: \$1000 cash**
- 3rd Prize: \$500 Woolworths or Coles voucher**

\$260 for whole year/ \$65 quarterly  
(\$5 per week)

Numbers are still available! Forms for joining are available at all Masses and the Parish Office (during office hours). Completed forms and money must be returned to the Parish Office **ASAP**.

**Sign up now to secure your place in the Draw and support this Parish initiative.**

- ◇ The draw takes place by numbered marble drawn from a wire bingo barrel.
- ◇ The draw takes place on a Monday and the winner is notified by phone and published in the Parish Bulletin.

*Congratulations to Naeleen Van Twist (Ticket No:19) who was the lucky winner of this week's draw.*

**CARDS & GAMES SOCIAL MORNING**

Held the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month



9.30am at HCC Meeting Room  
(access via Parish Office)



**Resuming on Thursday 23 January 2020**

*This is a wonderful opportunity to meet like minded people and make new friends.*

*All welcome! Contact the Parish Office for any enquiries.*

**HOLY CROSS PARISH - ALTAR SERVERS**

Children who have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion are encouraged to come forward to join the important ministry of Altar Serving.



*This ministry is a wonderful way for our children to build on their love of Mass through the privilege of serving at the Altar of God.*



**Southern Cross Catholic College**

**Principal: Brett Horton**

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**Woody Point Campus - 3883 1988**

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