

# NEWSLETTER

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## Second Sunday of Advent

It was a wonderful gathering on Saturday evening at the Parish Hall. The 5.30 Mass Community hosted an Advent Wine and Cheese evening. The food was excellent, the company even better and a few very nice wines were enjoyed. I particularly want to thank those from the other Mass communities who were able to attend. To come together is a both a joy and a very basic truth of the Christian faith. We call it being in communion. The challenge is to open ourselves to the fact that to whom we belong is an ever-growing group of people and includes all of humanity. The coming of Jesus and being his followers draws us into that truth in our journey of faith. And finally, a sincere thank you to Ciara and Judith for their hard work and kindness in co-ordinating.

As is the custom during the Advent Season there will be the celebration of Mass for Reconciliation on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. This is an opportunity to reflect as a community of faith on our need for God's forgiveness especially as we prepare for to celebrate his birth.

### Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

*Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Land is once again struck by violence, hatred, and death. Lord, look with mercy upon the land that was your earthly home. Receive the deceased into your presence. Comfort those who mourn, are wounded, or forced to flee. Be close to all who are full of fear and despair. You are our peace and the light of the nations, put an end to the spiral of terror and suffering in the Holy Land and in the whole Middle East. Let peace and justice flourish at the holy sites. You are our refuge. Let the people be safe in your Love. Have mercy on us and on our time.*

God bless,  
Fr Kevin

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



**Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially** Peter Piccone, Marie Rosbrook, Mick Ball, Camella Moretti, Raffaele Seminara and Joaquin Jesus Bustillo Calderon, Hoseph Dungca **recently deceased and also for** Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, John and Joan Momot, Patrick and Clare Dugger, deceased members of Begley and Bourke families, Ross, Giuseppe and Francesca Saffiotti, Jarrett Family, John Smith, Mal Thomson, Stan Grzegorzolka, Ricardo Cabrera, Noel Nicholson, Les and Ruby Richards.



**Please remember the sick in your prayers** – Hazel Langthorne, Joy Ashworth, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Angela Krista, Anita Xavier, Michael (Mick) Shelton, Elaine Howard.

### Liturgy and Prayers this Week 11 December – 17 December 2023

Monday	-		-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	7:00pm	St Lucy	Mass
Thursday	-	St John of the Cross	-
Friday	8:00am		Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
	Readings – Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28		
Reconciliation	Saturday 9:30am and 5:00pm		
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.		

### DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2023

#### Sunday 17 December

**Baptisms @ 9:30am**

**Bulimba Churches Christmas Service @ 1:30pm** Regis Bulimba

#### Tuesday 19 December

**Christmas Carols and Nativity @ 6:30pm** school Good Samaritan Hall

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- **Collection Boxes at the church doors** - cash donations
- **Tap and Go device** – pre-set to \$10 donation at the door
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - please call the parish office or find the form on the website (Quick Links)
- **Direct deposit donation to our bank account** - **BSB 064 786 A/C 100016732 (Ref: surname)**

Another easy way to support the Parish is by using the Parish Giving App: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER** will move to an individual subscription distribution model in 2024. Please see subscription envelopes at the Church doors.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS** – our **Community Carols and Nativity Play** is on again **Tuesday 19 December, at 6:30pm** in the Good Samaritan Hall at the school. Come along, bring the family and friends, a rug or chair to sit on, grab a sausage (from 5:30pm) and join in the fun!

**COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS** are on the way and should be received shortly. On sale for \$15 each.

The parish will celebrate the life of Peter Piccone (Judith Vickers' father), a parishioner of many years, with a funeral service on Friday 15 September at 10am. May he rest in peace.





**This week's goal:**  
**The Cry of the Earth**

Consider purchasing or making your own cloth serviettes to use at the Christmas table.

## It's time for the VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL!

This is our main appeal for the year and based on your generous record of giving, it will provide resources for our planned Christmas hampers and support our activities into 2024. As we did last year, please consider donating grocery gift cards (*Coles or Woolworths*) or deposit to our bank account.



**St Vincent de Paul, Bulimba**  
**BSB 064-786**  
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Instead of physical gifts for children, we propose to give store giftcards (*Big W, Kmart, Target*). Our thinking is to offer gifts which enables the families we are assisting to have a choice as to how to use the giftcards in a manner which best suits their needs at this time. We believe this approach is preferable to gifting food items and toys which may not be suitable for families needs in these challenging times. The customary gifting tree is set up at the back of the church. Please take a red tag and return your gift to the tree this weekend. You are welcome to drop your gift to the Parish Office by Monday 11 December when hampers will be finalised.

*We acknowledge that it has been a difficult year financially for many families, but hope that we can still rely on your generosity and support once more to assist us to help those in need this Christmas.*

**THANK YOU** for your wonderful and generous support.

***A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.***  
What song did they sing at Frosty the Snowman's birthday party?  
Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow

## IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



**A VOCATION VIEW:** The people's cry: 'Lord, let us see your kindness'. Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today?

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**TWO MINUTE HOMILY** by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily [here](#).

**THE QUEENSLAND CHOIR** presents Sounds of the Season – a premier chorus of choral celebration of the Christmas season. Saturday 16 December at 7:30pm Concert Hall, Old Museum Building, 480 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills. Tickets available from [www.oldmuseumevent](http://www.oldmuseumevent) or call 3257 4089. For more details: [www.qldchor.com/events](http://www.qldchor.com/events)

With Christmas just around the corner, **CATHOLIC MISSIONS** have asked us to share this "Prayer for Peace" with the community.

*Loving God, we earnestly pray for peace and stability in Myanmar amidst the ongoing internal conflict. Our hearts grieve for the children and families enduring displacement, fighting with hunger and poverty. Hear the prayer of these children and families and respond with the support they desperately need. May your love and warmth reach those who are most in need. In your mercy, grant peace and perseverance to the internally displaced children and families, providing them with the necessary resources for survival. We pray for the restoration of community and an end to conflict, allowing children and families to feel secure once again. Grant families the strength and perseverance they need as they travel through these challenging times. May your guiding light lead them towards hope and a brighter future.*

Amen

# MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

## GATHERING HYMN

### O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law,  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou rod of Jesse's stem,  
From every foe deliver them  
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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## PENITENTIAL ACT

*Have mercy on Us, O Lord*

All: For we have sinned against you

*Show us, O Lord your mercy*

All: And grant us your salvation

Kyrie Eleison  
Christe Eleison  
Kyrie Eleison



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, *(all bow)*  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right  
hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will  
come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in  
the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayers



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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### STRONG and CONSTANT

I will be your God who walks with you!  
You will be always within my hand!  
Take your heart and give it all to me!  
Strong and constant is my love! *(repeat)*

Should you wander far away from me,  
I will search for you in every land!  
Should you call then you will truly know:  
Strong and constant is my love! *(repeat)*

When you know sorrow within your life,  
I will come! I will embrace your heart!  
Through your pain you will discover Me!  
Strong and constant is my love! *(repeat)*

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### COME, O LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope to all you shall impart;  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born, our people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now your gracious kingdom bring.

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