

NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Advent

As we approach Christmas once again we try not to let "all that I have to do" get in the way of what God is trying to do and what Advent invites us to do. As we know, the season is about waiting, not in idle ignorance, but rather it is an active, joyful waiting. As the Word of God reminds us, this type of waiting places trust in God while we do all we can to accomplish the task. St James draws a comparison with the farmer who sows seed in the ground then lets nature, in all its wonder, take its course. The Gospel offers the perfect example of waiting in John the Baptist whose whole life was spent in active waiting for the promised Messiah. The struggles John faced are seen in the fact that his uncompromising determination now sees him languishing in Herod's prison. However, his darkest challenge came from within. John has some doubts. He is hearing of a very different Jesus than he expected. His words and presentation are nothing like John's and there is no sign at all that Jesus is the powerful figure who will set Israel free from the Roman oppressors.

That is why John's disciples are sent to Jesus to confirm if he is the one. As Jesus describes his mission in the words of Isaiah, Jesus challenges John's idea of the Messiah. A true reading of scripture looked forward to a Messiah who would touch people's lives, heal them spiritually and physically and restore them to a true relationship with God. Jesus is saying that his actions show who he is.

As Christians, we lead our lives like John the Baptist, waiting patiently while actively striving to prepare a way for Christ into our lives and into the lives of others.

This Wednesday the 14th December there will be a Mass for Reconciliation. This celebration is a powerful way to heed the call to repent as we prepare the way of the Lord. Mass is at 7.00pm and all are welcome.

The Carols night and Nativity Play will be held at the Good Samaritan Hall at Sts Peter and Paul's parish school on Monday 19th December –

5.30 Sausage Sizzle,

6.30 Nativity Play and Carols.

God bless and enjoy your week,

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 Michael Aprile, Beppo Pagliaro, Pina Thomas and Dulcie O'Connell **recently deceased and also for** Mal Thomson, Dennis Duncan, Nola, John and Gary Fletcher, Rev Bryan Lee, Clare and Pat Dugger, Bill Hanley, Robyn Illett, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of Begley-Bourke family, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Giuseppe Saffioti, Francesca Saffioti, Ross Saffioti, the Jarrett Family, Frank Kiley, Patricia O'Connell, Noel Nicholson and Kitty Aherne (Ireland).



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Margaret Linnett, Stephen Konyen, Harold O'Connell, Cooper Price.

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 12 – 18 December 2022

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| Monday | - | - |
| Tuesday | - | St Lucy |
| Wednesday | 7:00pm | St John of the Cross |
| Thursday | - | - |
| Friday | 8:00am | Mass + Adoration |
| Saturday | 9:00am | Mass |
| Sunday | 5:30pm (Saturday), 8:00am, 5:30pm | |
| | Readings – Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24 | |
| Reconciliation | Available by appointment | |
| Rosary and Angelus | Saturday before the 9:00am Mass | |
| Meditation | Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne. | |

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2022

Thursday 15 December

Carols Nativity rehearsal

4pm in the school hall

Musicians rehearsal for Carols-

4.30pm in the church

Saturday 17 December

Carols Nativity rehearsal

10am in the school hall

Musicians rehearsal for Carols

10am in the church

Monday 19 December

Christmas Carols 6pm

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

COVID REQUIREMENTS – Please continue with routine precautions minimising the risk of transmission -

- Stay home when you are sick
- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Maintain social distancing (1.5m) particularly when queuing for Holy Communion and when entering/exiting the Church.
- Wear a mask when in close contact with others.

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>



SAVE THE DATE: COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS will take place Monday, 19 December, at 5.30pm (for 6:30pm start) in the Good Samaritan Hall at the school. Come along, bring the family and friends, a rug to sit on, grab a sausage and join in the fun! All welcome.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2023 and **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** (December edition) – now available for purchase from the back and side doors of the church. Please place the money in the poor boxes. Thank you for your support.

TRAFFIC CHANGE REMINDER - there is no longer vehicle access from Alexandra Street. Access to the Church and Parish Office is from Main Avenue. The lane is an entry and exit, so please drive carefully.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.



*Why did the koala buy his Christmas gifts from Bunnings?
Because he couldn't find anything on Gumtree!*



Goal Six
Ecological Spirituality

Take a walk in the bush, along the river or on the beach and give thanks for the gift of God's creation.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIFTING TREE –

Thank you for your continuing support of this appeal. We would be grateful for grocery gift card donations again this year to include as the hamper item. Our aim is still to support those in our community suffering hardship. You are welcome to return donations direct to the parish office at the latest Tuesday 13 December.



If you would prefer to make a cash donation, please send direct to the following bank account-

Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Bulimba
BSB: 064 786
Account: 100026603

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS – the roster for the Christmas Masses is currently being prepared. We are looking to fill the Ministries of Reading, Communion Ministers, Sacristan, Altar Server and Collectors for each of the three Christmas Masses. If you are available to volunteer, please contact the office parish with your offer to assist. Thank you!



Christmas Masses

Saturday Christmas Eve (24 December 2022)

5pm Mass and 8pm Mass

Sunday Christmas Day (25 December 2022)

8am Mass

*Come and worship
Christ the New-Born King*



IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



VOCATION VIEW: “As your models in suffering hardships and in patience, friend, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:10) A vocation is responding to the call of God. Please pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation please contact the Vocation Brisbane office on 1300 133 544 or email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

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

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday 18 December 2022 commencing at 5pm. Tickets available at the door or via www.trybooking.com/CDVWH. The Cathedral carpark will be available for parking.

ST JAMES COLLEGE, SPRING HILL is pleased to announce a Catholic Co-Educational middle school option for students in Years 5 and 6 from 2023. As a progressive multicultural college in the tradition of Edmund Rice, families can now enjoy Catholic primary school learning with high school opportunities in inner-city Brisbane. Expressions of interest to Maria Young, Enrolment Officer MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au or visit www.ita.link/SJC56

NATIVITY DISPLAYS AT LOCAL SHOPPING CENTRES – Westfield Carindale and Kmart Plaza, Cannon Hall have Nativity displays in their centres. Parishioners may like to contact Centre Management to thank them for the displays and to encourage them to continue with the practice.

FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCES OF OCEANIA - The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, along with the Bishops Conferences of the Pacific, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands gather for an Assembly every four years. The next meeting will be held in Suva in February 2023. The primary focus will be on care for the oceans, which is an important part of caring for our common home, as set by Pope Francis in *Laudat Si*. For further information please visit <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/XVI-Ordinary-General-Assembly-of-the-Synod-of-Bishops>.

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

GATHERING HYMN

COME LORD JESUS

*Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus. Maranatha! God with us.
Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus. Come Emmanuel, come
Emmanuel.*

You are light within our darkness: *Maranatha! God with us.*
You are light throughout your kingdom: *Come Emmanuel,
come Emmanuel.*

As we gather at your table: *Maranatha! God with us.*
Bless the ones who call upon you: *Come Emmanuel, come
Emmanuel.*

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PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie Eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)
Christe Eleison (*Christ, have mercy*)
Kyrie Eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, come and save us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
*at the words that follow, up to and including
and became man', all bow.*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, make our hearts ready.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.

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

WE COME TO YOUR FEAST

We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white,
The weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives;
The dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,
The promise of our future, our needing and our nurture
Lie here before our eyes.

*We come to your feast, we come to your feast,
The young and the old, the frightened, the bold,
The greatest and the least.
We come to your feast, we come to your feast,
With the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands
We come to your feast.*

We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread,
The gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;
We come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,
To strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,
To love in word and deed.

We place upon your table a simple cup of wine,
The fruit of human labour, the gift of sun and vine;
We come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord.
His dying and his living, his leading and his giving,
His love in cup outpoured.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people.
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

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