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NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Advent

The blessing of the 125th anniversary plaque marking the site of the first church of Sts Peter and Paul was a beautiful celebration and for several reasons. We can never thank God enough for the blessings we have received and especially when they are given through the generosity and faith of previous generations. In a decade of economic and natural disasters a community built a beautiful and substantial wooden church in 1896.

The celebrations last Sunday brought people together including past and present parishioners. The plaque was unveiled by the young who are our future and a senior parishioner, Elma Wilkinson, whose brother and sister held their wedding receptions in the church converted to a parish hall. Importantly, these slowly re-emerging social events remind us how integral it is to our faith to gather together. I find it impossible to reconcile the unending stories of emotional family reunions after forced separation with all the digital services available with parishes, suggesting that online information and streaming services celebrate and develops faith. It is nonsense. Thank you to all who participated and made last Sunday's celebrations possible and especially for the delightful morning tea.

Next Sunday, 19th December at 1.30pm, Regis Aged Care Residence will host an Ecumenical Carols Service. The parish visits Regis on a regular basis and this will be an opportunity to share this important ministry with fellow Christians from other churches. This is not a Concert but a time to sit with residents and sing in faith together. Being an Aged Care Residence it is necessary for those attending to have received both vaccinations and to give your name to the Parish Office by Tuesday of this week.

God bless
Fr Kevin

We, the community of Sts Peter and Paul Catholic parish, acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation of Australia. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands – the Jagera and Turrbal People – on which our parish is located and where we conduct our mission and ministry. We pay our respects to their ancestors and acknowledge their Elders, past, present and emerging. As a local community of faith within the Church of Brisbane, we are committed to honouring the unique cultural and spiritual 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 Sr Glenda Bourke SGS, Sr Dorothy Everton SGS and Bernardo Oloquin Jr, recently deceased and also for Francisca See, Ross Saffioti, Jarrett Family, Karen Baker, Zamora, Mike West, Lino Zamora, Felino Zamora, Isagani Copiaco, John and Gary Fletcher, Bill Hanley, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of the Foss family, Begley and Bourke families, Gloria Saunders, Cecily McKeon, James and Margurite McAlister, Patricia Vieyra.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Noah Riley, Harold O'Connell, Beryl Allam, Imelda Lewis, Nola Fletcher, Beppo Pagliaro and Farideh Ghanei

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 13 – 19 December 2021

Monday	-	St Lucy	-
Tuesday	-	St John of the Cross	-
Wednesday	7:00pm		Mass
Thursday	9:00am		Mass
Friday	8:00am		Mass+Adoration+Benediction
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
SUNDAY	6:00pm(Saturday) 8:00am 5:30pm		Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent
	Readings – Micah 5:1-4 Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Luke 1:39-44		
Reconciliation	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:15pm		
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.		

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2021

Saturday 11 December

Christmas Dinner (parish hall) 7pm

Wednesday 15 December

Mass with Reconciliation 7pm

Sunday 19 December

Baptisms at 9.30am

Wednesday 22 December

Community Christmas Carols 6pm

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS - 'Check in QLD app' is mandatory for Places of Worship. Everyone needs to be checked in via the app. Scan the QR code shown on the flyers at the church doors. Once this is completed, please show this to the marshal on the door. *For those who do not have a smart phone, please check in with the Marshal at Mass or ask someone to check you in on their phone as a guest.* **THANK YOU**

Everyone is welcome to attend a Mass or liturgy regardless of their vaccination status. Places of Worship are not subject to vaccination restrictions. This remains the same once the borders open.



THOUGHT OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC? KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT LIKE TO?

If you would like to participate in the RCIA Program or if you know someone who is considering becoming a Catholic, why not come and see us. Please contact Gerry (Pastoral Associate) at the Parish Office.

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>



COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS are on sale at the church doors for \$10. Please place money in the SVDP poor box.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIFTING TREE – Thank you to everyone who contributed gift cards to give to those families suffering hardship at Christmas. If you would still like to contribute, please make your cash donation as follows-

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT!

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



SAVE THE DATE: COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS!

After having to cancel this annual event last year due to COVID restrictions, our Community Carols is on again on **Wednesday, 22 December at 6pm (for 6:30pm start)** in the Good Samaritan Hall at the school. Come along, bring the family and friends, a rug to sit on, and join in the fun.



Community Christmas Carols Nativity Play - Calling all Angels and Shepherds! We're looking for performers for this year's Nativity play:

1st rehearsal - 3pm Sunday 19 Dec, Parish hall

2nd tech rehearsal - 5pm Wed 22 Dec, Good Samaritan hall (Performance time approximately 6.30pm)

Please email Angie at stspp.christmasplay@gmail.com if your child would like to take part in this event.

VOTIVE CANDLES - small candles are located at the rear of the church on the right side and are intended to be lit as an offering of prayer. **Parents PLEASE supervise your children** as these candles are only to be used for this purpose. Please place your gold coin donation in the money box attached to the wall.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended last Sunday's 8am Mass commencing with the blessing of the plaque to commemorate 125 years since the first church was built on the site. We were blessed to have Bishop Ken Howell in attendance. We also said a sad farewell to Caesar and Amali Fernando, who after 17 years in the parish, have returned to Sri Lanka. Our blessings go with them!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS – once again it is now time to start planning our Christmas celebrations. We will need marshals and ushers at each Mass, as well as the usual Mass ministries of Readers, Sacristans, Communion Ministers, Altar servers and Collectors at the door (holding the donation boxes). Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist. **THIS WILL BE A BIG JOB, PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS. THANK YOU.**



Friday Christmas Eve (24 December 2021)

6pm (SCHOOL HALL) and 8pm (CHURCH)

Saturday Christmas Day (25 December 2021) 9am Mass

*Come and worship
Christ the New-Born King*



IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

VOCATION VIEW: Have you ever asked: "What ought I do?" Simply, tell the good news to people. Nothing else matters. Who today, is willing to make ready the way of the Lord to clear him a straight path? Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation please contact Vocation Brisbane on Ph- 1300 133 544 or 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](#).

ST STEPHEN'S ADVENT CONCERT SERIES – Enjoy the music of this special season performed by the talented Cathedral Music Department. <https://www.trybooking.com/BVTNS>



MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

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

Fr Kevin: Have mercy on /us, O /Lord.

All: For we have / sinned a- / gainst you.

Fr Kevin: Show us, O / Lord, your / mercy.

All: And grant us / your sal- / vation.

Fr Kevin: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

Kyrie Eleison (*Lord have mercy*)

Christe Eleison (*Christ have mercy*)

Kyrie Eleison (*Lord have mercy*)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cry out with joy and gladness for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of Healing, Alleluia.

Heal our sorrow, Maranatha!

Word of Comfort, Alleluia.

Bring us hope now, Maranatha!

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.

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

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

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.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

LET HEAVEN REJOICE

CHORUS

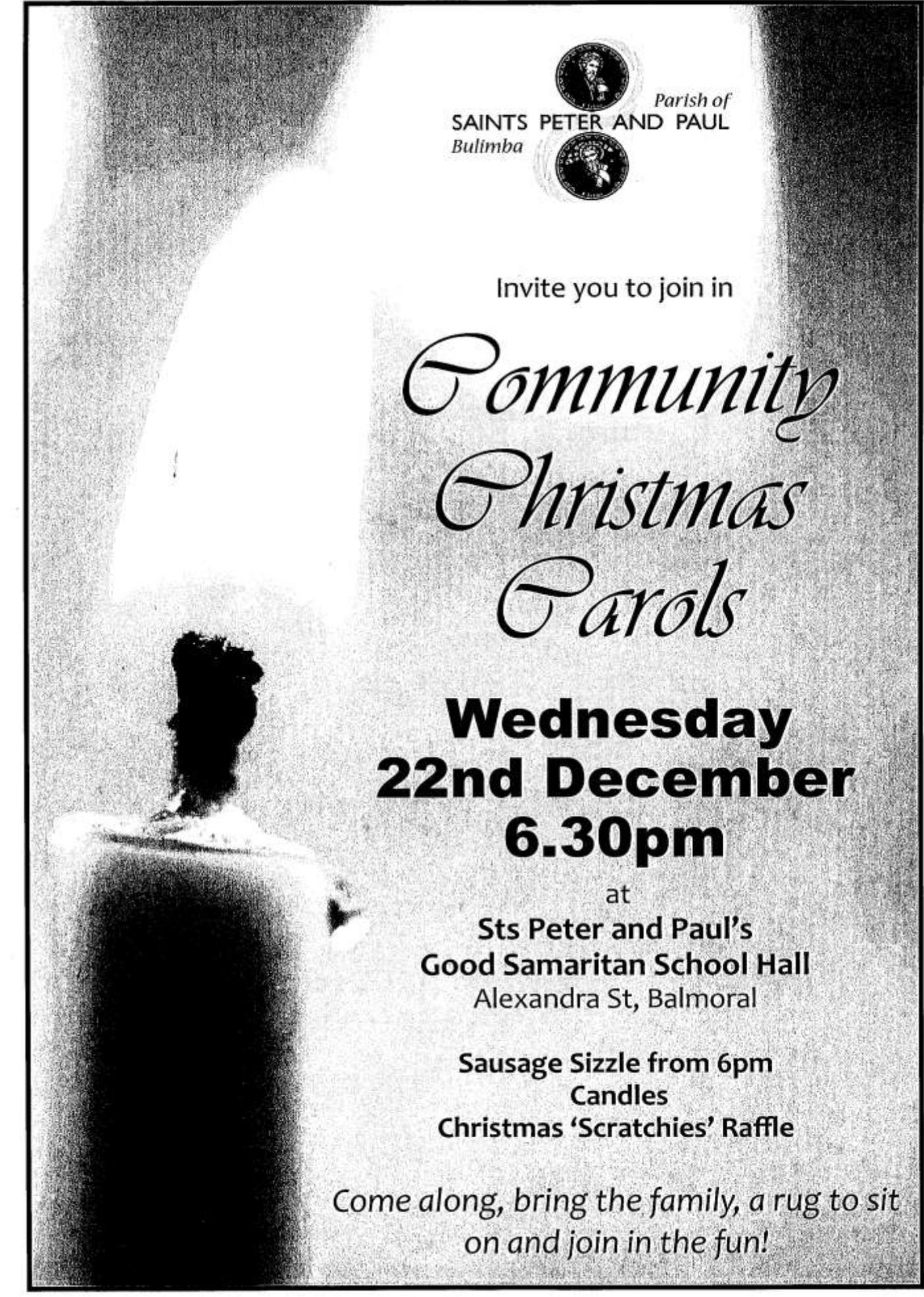
*Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
Let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim through every land:
"Hosanna to our king."*

Sound the trumpet into the night;
The day of the Lord is near.
Wake his people, lift your voice,
Proclaim it to the world.

Rise in splendour; shake off your sleep;
Put on your robes of joy.
And in the morning you shall see
the glory of the Lord.

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Bulimba

Invite you to join in

*Community
Christmas
Carols*

**Wednesday
22nd December
6.30pm**

at

**Sts Peter and Paul's
Good Samaritan School Hall
Alexandra St, Balmoral**

**Sausage Sizzle from 6pm
Candles**

Christmas 'Scratchies' Raffle

*Come along, bring the family, a rug to sit
on and join in the fun!*

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