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# NEWSLETTER

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## Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Gospel from John takes us back to last week's Gospel from Mark where we were introduced to John the Baptist. Once again, we find ourselves at the beginning of a Gospel. Unlike Mark's straightforward telling of the Baptist's ministry, this Gospel, written much later than Mark, presents the Baptist somewhat more mysteriously. He is one who came "to testify to the light." He does prepare for one much greater than himself who while not named is Jesus.

In the joy and excitement of these days of celebration we never forget to make room for those who experience this time of year especially full of grief. Those who live alone, those who are estranged from family and those who have lost a loved one. We are very aware of those places in the world who are face terrible suffering due to war and conflict. The light to which John the Baptist refers is a gift to all people and we pray that the darkness which can overwhelm people will be eased by the light who is Jesus Christ.

Don't forget the Carols Night at the Good Samaritan Hall on Tuesday evening the 19th. There is a sausage sizzle available from 5:30pm and the Carols commence at 6:30pm. During the Carols children will lead us in the Nativity Story.

On Wednesday the 20th at 7:00pm there is a Mass for Reconciliation. For many people this is a significant way to prepare spiritually for the Christmas season by acknowledging our need for God's mercy and, with God's help, bring the Good News born among us to others.

Thank you to all ministers who have offered to assist at Christmas Masses. There are still a few ministers required and copies of rosters are in the Church this weekend. If you provide your name, consider yourself 'locked in Eddy'.

God bless and I hope this last week of Advent brings some time of truly preparing,  
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, Janet Simon, Mick Ball, Camella Moretti, Joaquin Jesus Bustillo Calderon, Hoseph Dungca recently deceased and also for Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, John and Joan Momot, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Ross, Giuseppe and Francesca Saffiotti, Jarrett Family, John Smith, Mal Thomson, Stan Grzegorzolka, 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 and Ray Moresi.

### DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2023

**Sunday 17 December**  
**Bulimba Churches Christmas Service @ 1:30pm** Regis Bulimba

**Tuesday 19 December**  
**Christmas Carols and Nativity @ 6:30pm** school Good Samaritan Hall

### Liturgy and Prayers this Week 18 December – 24 December 2023

Monday	-	-
Tuesday	-	-
Wednesday	7:00pm	Mass of Reconciliation
Thursday	-	-
Friday	8:00am	Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
	Readings – 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	
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.	

# 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 this week **Tuesday 19 December**, at 6:00pm for 6.30pm start 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.



**CHRISTMAS ON A MONDAY!** Normally it is quite easy to determine what feast we celebrate on any given day. The higher-ranking feast take precedence over a lower-ranking commemoration. That gets quite tricky when Christmas falls on a Monday. Both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day have the same ranking and both are what we call days of obligation. The Sunday will therefore be celebrated on the evening of Saturday 23 and the morning of Sunday 24, followed by Christmas on the evening of Sunday 24 and the morning of Monday 25.

*Tom Elich, Liturgy Brisbane*

## IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



**A VOCATION VIEW:** There was a man sent by God who came as a witness to testify to the Light so that through this person all people might believe. Is your name in the Gospel today? Scan the QR code to find out more, or call 1300 133 544 or visit [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com) Follow us on @vocationbrisbane



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

**CULTURAL IMMERSION OPPORTUNITY** - Trip to Cherbourg Ration Shed in 2024. In light of Archbishop Mark's powerful call to action and the outcome of the recent referendum, we need now, more than ever to be the voice of change and help parishes, communities and church agencies to continue to develop and strengthen respectful relationships with first nations peoples. Opportunities are available in April (9, 10, 17), May (8, 14, 15), June (11, 12), July (16, 17, 23, 24), September (17, 24, 25) but these are not exhaustive and other dates can be pursued. Please contact Ravina Waldren (Murri Ministry) email [waldrenr@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:waldrenr@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 3891 1931 or mobile 0408 707 101 or Joni McCourt (Evangelisation Brisbane) email [mccourtj@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:mccourtj@bne.catholic.net.au) or mobiles 0417 352 240 / 0406 032 668 to enquire, for bookings or further details.



**This week's goal:**  
**Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyle**

During the hot Christmas period, consider using the air conditioning on a moderate temperature, while taking steps to reduce your carbon footprint

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL** - The response this year was outstanding. **THANK YOU** for your wonderful and generous support to enable us to help those in need in our community.

**CHRISTMAS ROSTERS** - we are seeking volunteers to assist with Ministry (Readers, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, Collectors) across all the Christmas Masses. Please let us know if you are available to help and at which Mass? We would be very grateful for your assistance.

**ALL BULIMBA CHURCHES CHRISTMAS SERVICE** will be celebrated this Sunday at 1.30pm at Regis Aged Care, Bulimba. Everyone is invited to celebrate with the residents.

**MASS OF RECONCILIATION** will be celebrated for Advent next Wednesday 20 December at 7pm.

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



# MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

## GATHERING HYMN

### O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel*

O come, O key of David,  
Come and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel*

O come, O day-spring,  
Come and cheer our spirits by your advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to you, 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

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

## COMMUNION HYMN

### YOU ARE MINE

I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice,  
Be still and know I am here.

Do not be afraid, I am with you,  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light,  
Come and rest in me.

I am strength for all the despairing,  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,  
And all will know my name.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom.  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,  
Stand up, now walk, and live!

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### COME, O LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come, O long expected Jesus,  
Born to set your people free,  
From our fears and sins release us,  
In your heart our rest shall be.

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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