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NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

As the Church's celebration of Christ's coming in history draws near, our Scriptures once again speak in the voice of a prophet, who speaks God Word. The prophet and his message are especially appropriate in relation to Luke whose account of the Good News will be proclaimed during this liturgical year.

Luke, a Greek, wrote for a Gentile Christian community. In the Old Testament Gentiles from the nations were considered to lie outside the realm of God's saving activity. This Gentile Evangelist Luke, therefore, presents Christ as Saviour for all people, especially those normally viewed and treated as marginalized or outcast including the poor and the sick, women, sinners and Gentiles.

Not surprisingly Luke presents the insignificant in society's eyes to fulfil the divine plan of salvation. His two major figures this week are women, who enjoyed little power or status in their patriarchal culture. Even more unlikely, a young woman pregnant by far-from-normal means meets an old woman pregnant in similarly "impossible" fashion due to her old age. Yet both rejoice in God's Spirit at work in them for the salvation of all.

In all your preparations and planning for the beautiful celebrations and gatherings at Christmas leave a little space for God to do the near impossible with our well intentioned efforts.

For those who will be away next weekend please have a most peaceful and joyous Christmas. Know deeply the blessings of this feast and return safely to family and friends.

God bless,

Fr Kevin

Please note that there is no Wednesday evening Mass this week, the 22nd, due to Community Carols.

The Thursday morning Mass will resume in February 2022. My thanks to all who attend the Thursday Mass and particularly to those who minister. During January I would advise consulting the Parish Calendar each week for Mass and prayer times.

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, Sr Joan Miles SGS and Sr Pauline Fitz-Walter SGS **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, 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, Farideh Ghanei and John Stapleton.

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 20 – 26 December 2021

Monday	-		-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	-		-
Thursday	-		-
Friday	8:00am 6:00pm 8:00pm	Christmas Eve	Mass + Adoration+ Benediction Mass (School Hall) Mass
Saturday	9:00am	The Nativity of the Lord	Mass
Sunday	8:00am and 5:30pm		Mass: The HOLY FAMILY
Readings – 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Psalm 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 Luke 2:41-52			

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2021

Wednesday 22 December

Community Christmas Carols 6pm

Monday 27 January 2022

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday 28 January 2022

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday 10 February 2022

Sacrament of Penance

Parent Information Session 7.30pm

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.

COVID AND CHRISTMAS MASSES – PLEASE TAKE NOTE

In light of Government restrictions and the unexpected number of people who will attend each Christmas Mass, all who attend MUST register via the Check in QLD QR code on arrival, hand sanitise, WEAR A MASK and socially distance as much as possible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



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
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT!

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

A man sent his friend a cryptic Christmas card. It said:
A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z.

The recipient puzzled over it for weeks, finally gave up and wrote asking for an explanation. In July he received the explanation on a postcard: "No L"

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 this **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.

A sausage sizzle will be available from 5.30pm – please bring gold coins!



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 December – PARISH HALL
2nd tech rehearsal - 5pm Wednesday 22 December – SCHOOL 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.

REFLECTIONS ON HOPE AND RESILIENCE - Australian Catholic University has just released a beautiful publication entitled *Reflections on Hope and Resilience*. It is a collection of interfaith prayers, readings and reflections from 25 faith and community leaders representing the major Christian and non-Christian religions of the world. While the contributions reflect the particular faith tradition, they are written to provide a sense of optimism as Australia emerges out of the shadow of the pandemic. You can download a pdf version of the publication at: www.acu.edu.au/interfaith Hard copies are also available by contacting by email interfaith@acu.edu.au

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: Can you honestly pray: "I have come to do your will, O God?" Blessed are you who trusts that the Lord's words to you will be fulfilled. 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](#).

THE CATHOLIC LEADER CHRISTMAS 2021 ISSUE - Yours to take home for \$4. Available at the church doors. Articles include – Room at the inn for all this Christmas – Emmanuel City Mission throw open doors for extended hours, Pope reading signs of the times – education, work and dialogue between generations, family of 11 escapes house fire 'by the grace of God', Christmas messages from all Queensland Bishops.

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: Micah 5:1-4 Psalms 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Luke 1:39-44

GATHERING HYMN

COME LORD JESUS

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus.

Maranatha! God with us.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus.

Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel.

Give your hope to all the nations: *Maranatha! God with us.*

Give your joy to all who love you:

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

Lord make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of Gladness, Alleluia.

Fill our hearts now, Maranatha!

Word of Wisdom, Alleluia.

Come renew us, 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

FAITH HOPE AND LOVE

*Faith, hope and love, these three shall remain,
But the greatest of all is love.*

Christ has gathered us together, filled our hearts with joy and
gladness.

Let us love our God sincerely, loving one another likewise.
God is truly love.

Therefore, when we are assembled, banished be all sad
divisions,

Let all bitterness be ended, strife and quarrels be forgotten,
For the Lord is here.

Grant us, loving Lord, hereafter, sight of your eternal glory,
Joy with all the saints in heaven, peace and happiness
unbounded,

As we sing your praise.

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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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