

NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

With Christmas Day falling on Monday, the fourth week of Advent is merely hours long. The season of Advent very quickly this year reaches its climax in the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus and followed by the Season of Christmas. Please ensure that we do all we can to invite others to the Christmas celebrations. All are indeed welcome, so please pass on Mass times to those who may wish to know them.

To Parishioners who may be away for Christmas may you enjoy a safe and peaceful celebration with those you love and be blessed by the nearness of our God

A very Happy Christmas to all visitors and friends of Sts Peter and Paul, Bulimba.

In whatever way you celebrate and with whomever you may gather, I hope these days bring the peace, joy and hope that God desires for you by being born among us

In the Scriptures and in many of the most beautiful Carols the birth of Jesus is described as divine light now born among us to dispel all earthly darkness.

Once again, many people are experiencing at this most joyous time the darkness of unbearable and unnecessary suffering, and the needless killing of innocent women and children.

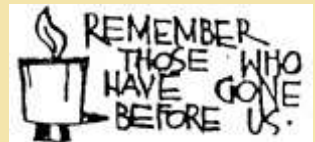
May Christ, who is light be born in the hearts of all people and touch your hearts with renewed strength, hope and peace.

A blessed and merry Christmas,

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 and John Loftus recently deceased and also for Pagliaro, Kauter, Ryan, Backstrom, Tarte and Noonan families, Fr Bryan Lee, Dolores Reyes, 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.

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 25 December – 31 December 2023

Monday	8:30am	Christmas Day	Mass
Tuesday	-	St Stephen	-
Wednesday	7:00pm	St John	Mass
Thursday	-	The Holy Innocents	-
Friday	8:00am		Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
	Readings – Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40		
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

27-28 December 2023

Parish Office CLOSED

Monday 1 January 2024

Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Mass at 9:00am

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.

Pastoral Ministries – Thank you to all those who have contributed in our parish in 2023.....

Visitation/Communion to the sick and elderly

Hospitality helpers; for supporting morning teas and various parish functions.

Casserole Bank organisers and cooks who donate casseroles.

Bereavement Ministry; providing support and hospitality for families with funerals.

Playgroup; bringing parents/carers together for social contact

St Vincent de Paul; offering practical help to those in need all through the year and especially at Christmas.

Parish Finance Council; overseeing parish expenditure.

Liturgical Ministers; preparing and participating in all liturgical celebrations in the parish: Readers, Servers, Communion Ministers, Musicians and Singers and Sacristans.

Sacramental Preparation Team; children and adults celebrating sacraments for the first time.

Baptism Preparation; helping parents with children for Baptism

Social Justice Group; developing awareness of the social dimensions of the gospel message.

Christmas Carols Committee; planning and organising.

Sts Peter and Paul's Primary School; staff, parents and friends providing education for children from Prep to Year 6.





This week's goal:
Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyle

Save and recycle Christmas greeting cards and gift wrapping paper

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS are now available at the rear of the church for \$15 each. Please place the money in the poor boxes located next to the doors.

MINISTRY– Now is the time to consider how you will take part in the life of the parish in the coming New Year. Please contact the parish office to volunteer if you would like to be involved.

**Helping Hands
Wanted**



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.



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

A little help from Joseph - One Sunday during our children's liturgy, I was telling the children about how the angel came to Mary to tell her about how she would help bring Jesus into the world. One little girl seemed puzzled about this scene. Then another child asked what I thought the first thing Mary would have asked for after the angel left her. Instantly this little girl chimed in with "I'll bet she asked for a little help from Joseph!"

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



A VOCATION VIEW: Every person who has ever bore a child and who has freely vowed away this honour helps in some mysterious way to bring Jesus Christ into this world again. Can you say: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord?" Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find out more, or call 1300 133 544 or visit 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 or phone 3891 1931 or mobile 0408 707 101 or Joni McCourt (Evangelisation Brisbane) email mccourtj@bne.catholic.net.au or mobiles 0417 352 240 / 0406 032 668 to enquire, for bookings or further details.

ST STEPHEN CATHEDRAL Evening of Music and Reflection to launch the Mass of the Ascension. 6pm Wednesday 8 May 2024. This evening brings together a new composition of the Eucharist entitled Mass of the Ascension with other songs and pieces of music which seek to do just this: to name God in song in ways that help us to pray; to voice God in ways the generations of the future might resonate with. For more information contact xaviercentre@acu.edu.au

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

GATHERING HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

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

BREAD OF LIFE

Chorus

Bread of life, hope of the world,

Jesus Christ, our brother:

Feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life,
we remember your promise to return again.

The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain
Just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:
Sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;
That the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,
Broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

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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.

By your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By your all sufficient merit
Raise us to your glorious throne.

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