

NEWSLETTER

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The Nativity of the Lord



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.

At every baptism ceremony Christians make the claim that water, which we know is that essential ingredient for life, also becomes a sign of divine life. God in water! The baptised person, already consisting of and needing water, now consists of and needs divinity. God in a human!

The mystery of the Incarnation, God with us as one like us, is a constant encounter and is always an exchange. The gift of Jesus, Son of God and born among us is an encounter because it is the gift of God reaching out to us in the depths of our humanity. This unique birth is a holy exchange because the divine became human so that humans could become divine.

While there is a beauty in Christmas this feast should leave us in awe.

To all parishioners and your family and friends I pray that you are moved by the awesome mystery of this birth and may the beauty of these days bring peace where there is conflict, hope wherever there is despair and joy to every heart.

A blessed and happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year,

Fr Kevin



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** Karen Baker, Zamora, Mike West, Lino Zamora, Felino Zamora, Isagani Copiaco, John and Gary Fletcher, Bill Hanley, Robyn Illett, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of the Foss, Begley and Bourke families, James and Margurite McAlister, Patricia Vieyra, Norman and Katie Timmins, Norman, Patricia & Daniel Timmins, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Patrick and Clare Dugger.



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 27 Dec 2021 – 2 Jan 2022

Monday	-	Saint John	-
Tuesday	-	The Holy Innocents	-
Wednesday	7:00pm		-
Thursday	-		-
Friday	8:00am		Mass + Adoration+ Benediction
Saturday	9:00am	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Mass for New Year's Day
SUNDAY	6:00pm (Saturday) 8:00am 5:30pm		Mass: The Epiphany of the Lord
	Readings – Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12		
Reconciliation	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:15pm		
Rosary	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.		

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2021

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.

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.

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>



To all parishioners, families and visitors.

CHRISTMAS is a time of special joy, a celebration and feasting with family and friends.

It is also a time to recognise God's love breaking into our lives. We give thanks for all the blessings we have received this year.

WISHING YOU ALL JOY AND HAPPINESS FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned, all in white shall wait around.

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ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plain;
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains;
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strain prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see, him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king!
Let every heart – prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing! And heav'n and nature sing;
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy;
Repeat the sounding joy; repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love and
wonders of his love
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger no crib for a bed the little Lord Jesus laid
down his sweet head,
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay the little Lord
Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing the baby awakes but little Lord Jesus no
crying he makes,
I love you Lord Jesus look down from on high and stay by my side
until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask you to stay close by be forever
and love me I pray,
Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven to
live with you there.

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O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O Little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy darkness shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given.
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel
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MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

GATHERING HYMN

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels:
O come let us adore him.....Christ the Lord.

A virgin his Mother; God of God she beareth,
Beareth the light who doth from light proceed.
True, uncreated, from all time begotten.
O come let us adore him.....Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, in the highest.
O come let us adore him.....Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning.
Jesus to thee be glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
O come let us adore him.....Christ the Lord.

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GLORIA *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.*

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Good news and great joy to all the world;
Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
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, 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.

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 death 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

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

What child is this, who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary*

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass were feeding,
Good Christians fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of Kings, salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

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SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, Holy night, all is calm, all is bright,
Round 'yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiance beams from thy Holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at they birth.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark the herald angels sing; "glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark the herald angels sing, "glory to the new-born King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail the incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark the herald angels sing, "glory to the new-born King."

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth,
Hark the herald angels sing, "glory to the new-born King."

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