

NEWSLETTER

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The Nativity of the Lord



A very Happy Christmas to all parishioners, 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. I would like to extend on your behalf Christmas good wishes to those people who throughout the year minister to us in so many different ways. Ministers to the sick, St Vincent de Paul Conference Members, Communion ministers, and those who serve a variety of ministries at Mass each week and many others - Thank you.

A special thank you to all who participated and assisted with the Sausage Sizzle, Carols and Nativity Play. What a memorable night!

God bless and have a safe and peace filled 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 Sr Benedicta Hui Michiko SGS, Michael Aprile, Beppo Pagliaro, Pina Thomas, Dulcie O'Connell, Christian, Misty and Lily Kath **recently deceased and also for** Mal Thomson, Dennis Duncan, Nola, John and Gary Fletcher, Clare and Pat Dugger, Bill Hanley, Robyn Illett, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of Begley-Bourke family, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Giuseppe Saffioti, Francesca Saffioti, Ross Saffioti, the Jarrett Family, Patricia O'Connell, Noel Nicholson, Kitty Aherne (Ireland), John Stapleton, Margaretha Atta Widodo, Norm & Katie Timmins, Norman, Patricia & Daniel Timmins, Patrick & Pat Boyle, Karen Baker and Mike West.



Please remember the sick in your prayers - Margaret Linnett, Stephen Konyen, Harold O'Connell, Cooper Price, Bernard Larkin.

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2021

Parish Office Closed

26 - 30 December

Sunday 22 January

Baptisms

Tuesday 24 January

Carer's group meet 10am

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 26 Dec 2022 - 1 Jan 2023

Monday	-	St Stephen	-
Tuesday	-	St John	-
Wednesday	7:00pm	The Holy Innocents	-
Thursday	-		-
Friday	8:00am	The Holy Family	Mass + Adoration+ Benediction
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
SUNDAY	5:30pm (Saturday) 8:00am, 5:30pm	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	
	Readings - Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21		
Reconciliation	Available by appointment		
Rosary	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

COVID REQUIREMENTS – Please continue with routine precautions minimising the risk of transmission -

- *Stay home when you are sick*
- *Maintain good hand hygiene*
- *Maintain social distancing (1.5m) particularly when queuing for Holy Communion and when entering/exiting the Church.*
- *Wear a mask when in close contact with others.*

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)**

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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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MARY'S BOY CHILD

Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible says
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ, was born on Christmas Day.

Chorus

*Hark now hear the angels sing, a new King born today
And man will live forever more because of Christmas Day
Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say
That man will live forever more because of Christmas Day.*

While shepherds watched their flocks by night they see a bright
new shining star, and they hear a choir sing, the music
seemed to come from afar.

Now Joseph and his wife Mary came to Bethlehem that night
They found no place to birth her child not a single room was in
sight.

By and by they find a nook in a stable all forlorn
And in a manger cold and dark Mary's little boy was born.

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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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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 me 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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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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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

Today is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord Jesus, your birth is our peace.

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

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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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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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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